

# Barrow Angling Association – Rules

## 1. Fishing Season

- All waters are open all year round (any brown trout caught out of season must be safely returned).
- Brown Trout open season: **15th March – 30th September**.
- Both Ireleth waters are **catch and release only** from the October stocking until the first stocking of the following year.

## 2. Signing In and Out

- Members and Day Ticket holders must record details in the books at the entrances to Poaka Beck, Pennington, Harlock, Knotallow & Ireleth reservoirs **before fishing**.
- Catch returns, including nil returns, must be entered when leaving.
- Anglers must sign out when leaving the water.
- Any member defacing the books will be dealt with by the Committee.

## 3. Car Parking

- Cars **must** be parked in designated areas only.
- Do **not** park on pitching, roadways, or reservoir entrances.
- Vehicles are parked at members' own risk.
- Gates must be kept clear for access.
- Members/guests are **not permitted** to take cars on the road connecting Poaka Beck with Harlock.

## 4. Daily and Weekly Bag Limits

- Maximum **2 fish per day** from all Association waters combined.
- No more than **1 fish per day** may be taken from Harlock and Knotallow.
- Maximum **6 fish per week**, with no more than **3 from Harlock and Knotallow**.
- The week begins on Sunday.
- After reaching daily or weekly limits, anglers must practise **catch and release**.

## 5. Fishing Conditions

The following apply to all members, and day tickets:

### 5.1

A current Environment Agency licence is required before fishing.

## **5.2**

Members and guests are responsible for their own safety and fish at their own risk.

## **5.3**

One rod and line only.

## **5.4**

Ground baiting is strictly prohibited.

## **5.5**

The line must be cast by rod, not by hand.

## **5.6**

No member shall leave their rod unattended.

## **5.7**

Single barbless or de-barbed hooks only. No trebles, doubles, or tandem hooks.

## **5.8 Allowed Fishing Methods**

### **Harlock**

- Fly only.

### **Poaka Beck & Pennington Reservoirs**

- Fly / bubble & fly
- Spinner and spun natural minnow (single hook)

### **Ireleth Reservoirs**

- Fly / bubble & fly

### **Cavendish Dock**

- Fly / bubble & fly
- Spinner and spun natural minnow (single hook)
- Worm

### **Knotallow**

- Fly only

## 5.9

Bubble floats must be spherical and max **40mm** diameter.

## 5.10

Maximum spinner weight: **12g**.

Light Lure fishing is allowed on Poaka and Pennington. Light Lure size limit to be no longer than **38mm** (or 1.5 inches) and to weigh no more than **5g**. Single barbless hook only.

## 5.11

Boats are not permitted on any Association waters.

## 5.12

Access to waters is permitted up to Wellington boot top height.

## 5.13

Members may bring one non-fishing companion, who becomes their responsibility.

## 5.14

Dogs are not allowed on any Association waters.

## 5.15

Members must produce their Clubmate membership or ID cards when requested by **Association members**, Water Authority employees, or Environment Agency officers.

## 5.16

Minimum kill size for trout: **10 inches** (nose to fork of tail).

## 5.17

Fish clearly over **2lb** must be safely returned.

## 5.18

Returned fish must be handled with care. Beaching fish is **not allowed**.

## 5.19

Fish taken from Association waters must not be sold.

## 5.20

Fishing from the dam at Poaka Beck or Knotallow is not permitted. Access across the dam is restricted to the pathway along the top; anglers must not fish from this pathway.

## 6. Day Tickets

- Available to non-members (not juniors) via Clubmate.
- Members are responsible for guest or companion conduct and safety.
- All club rules apply to Day Tickets.
- Tickets available from Clubmate or Barrow Angling Association web page.
- Everyone on the water including birdwatchers and companions must record their name in the signing-in book on entry and sign out on leaving.

## 7. Restriction / Closure

- Fishing is not allowed on stocking days. A list of stocking days is on the website.
- The Committee may close any waters or parts of waters at its discretion.

## 8. General Notes

Anglers must not:

- Foul the water
- Interfere with valves, weirs, or other works
- Damage fences, plantations, banks, or walls
- Discard litter or nylon

**Always leave the gates closed and locked**

## 9. Correspondence and Communications

### 9.1

Members must not contact councils, authorities, companies, associations, or individuals regarding Association matters. All external communication must go through the Executive Committee.

### 9.2

Members must not use written or electronic communication (including press and social media) in any way that may bring the club into disrepute. This includes publicising or commenting on the club, its representatives, or members without Committee permission.

### 9.3

All correspondence to the club must be via email:  
[secretary@barrowanglingassociation.co.uk](mailto:secretary@barrowanglingassociation.co.uk) or via Clubmate.

### 9.4

Cameras may not be used to transmit, post, or record moving pictures for any media other than BAA-sponsored sites. This includes TV programmes, videos, live streaming, YouTube, or any social media.

## 10. Enforcement

All members are bound by the Rules of the Association. Breaches will be dealt with by the Committee, which may suspend or expel members in accordance with the Constitution.

Members are responsible for familiarising themselves with the Rules and ensuring compliance.

## Additional Notes

- You must have a valid Environment Agency Licence before fishing.
- Poaka Beck, Pennington, and Harlock are the same gate combination. If you forget the combination then contact the club via Clubmate or the Club web page and it will be sent to you.
- **Always leave the gates locked.**