



Cranbrook and District Angling Club



Terms and Conditions of Membership

Effective: February 2026

By applying for, renewing, or holding membership with Cranbrook and District Angling Club (CADAC), you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by the following Terms and Conditions:

1. Club Membership & Conduct

- Membership is at the discretion of the Committee and may be refused or revoked without refund for conduct prejudicial to the Club's interests.
- All members must hold a valid Environment Agency licence before fishing.
- Membership cards remain the property of the Club and must be carried at all times when fishing. Lost cards may be replaced for a £5 fee.
- Members must not discuss club matters with water owners unless authorised by the Committee.
- Members are responsible for understanding and following all club rules. Questions should be referred to the Club Secretary.
- By accepting membership, you agree to adhere to the Club's Mission Statement, Equality Policy, Drugs and Alcohol policy and Development Plan.

2. Guest Policy

- Only adult and Senior Citizen members may bring a guest to fish, with a valid guest ticket obtained in advance.
- Members are fully responsible for their guests' conduct, actions, and any resulting damage or trespass.

3. Behaviour & Safety

- No firearms, weapons, or illegal items are permitted on club waters.
- Members must behave respectfully towards others and the environment, maintaining good fishing etiquette at all times.
- No dogs, open fires, or barbecues are allowed. Shielded stoves may be used with care.
- All litter, including bait packaging and cigarette butts, must be removed—even if not your own.
- Human waste must be removed from venues without toilet facilities.
- Access to venues must be via authorised paths only. Parking is allowed only in designated areas and at the owner's risk.

4. Fishing Rules

- Fishing is restricted to CADAC members, authorised guests, and water owners.
- No fish may be removed from any water. No live baiting is permitted.
- Rods must never be left unattended. No bait boats, inflatable devices, or camping.

- Suitable landing nets and unhooking mats/cradles must be used at all times.
- Specific rules for bait, rods, species (e.g. pike), and number of rods apply and vary by venue.
- Members must comply with all Environment Agency regulations.

5. Membership Categories

- **Juniors:** Under 16 on June 1st. Must be accompanied by an adult if under 12 or fishing at night.
 - **Intermediates:** Aged 16–17 (if 16 before June 1st).
 - **Senior Citizens:** Aged 65+ before June 1st.
 - **Adult Members:** Aged 18 - 65
- All above categories receive full adult rights unless stated otherwise.

6. Work Parties & Match Days

- Waters may close for spawning, EA close season (rivers), matches, or maintenance.
- Members must vacate waters in advance of CADAC matches or work parties as posted on signs or club communications.
- Adult members are subject to a £10 Work Party Levy, refundable or credited upon attendance at an official work party.

7. Subscriptions & Payments

- Membership subscriptions must be submitted online or by post with the application form.
- Changes to subscription rates will be communicated annually.
- Payment methods include cheque, postal order, BACS, and online payment portals (if available).
- No refunds will be given in cases of suspension or expulsion.

8. Media, Photography & Drones

- Members may share personal fishing content on social media but must reference "a Cranbrook and District Angling Club water."
- Commercial use (including sponsored posts) requires prior Committee approval.
- Drone use is prohibited without prior written permission from the Committee.
- Breaches may result in penalties or termination of membership.

9. Acceptance of Rules and Terms

- By submitting an application or renewal form (online or by post), and checking the agreement box (if online), you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and the Club's full set of Rules (available on the Club website or by request).
- The Club reserves the right to update these Terms and Conditions. Members will be notified of changes via official Club communications.

Failure to adhere to these Terms & Conditions may result in disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.