



Cranbrook and District Angling Club

CADAC Mission Statement

- *to continue to provide facilities for and promote participation in the pleasure sport of angling on the waters under its control and elsewhere;*
- *the acquisition (by purchase, lease or other suitable arrangement) of waters for the purposes of angling;*
- *the preservation and improvement of the waters under its control including the fish environment and fish stocks;*
- *the creation where reasonably practical of new facilities for and the development and training of disabled anglers and young anglers – male and female;*
- *the promotion of a responsible and temperate approach to angling and respect for and conservation of the environment;*
- *the promotion and organisation of educational, sporting and social events;*
- *the promotion of the interests of angling and anglers;*
- *doing all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.*

RULE BOOK

Equality Statement

CADAC is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no member, volunteer or coach, receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, social status, sexual orientation or political belief.

CADAC will ensure that everyone who wishes has an equal opportunity to participate in all disciplines of the sport of angling at all levels and in all roles, whether as a participant, coach, volunteer or official, in or outside the club.



SECTION 1

Constitutional Rules

1. Club Identity and Purpose

1. The Club is called Cranbrook and District Angling Club, and its aim shall be to promote angling and fish preservation in an equitable manner.
 2. The club shall ensure the Mission Statement and Equality Statement are adhered to at every opportunity through the implementation of the Equality Policy and Development Plan.
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2. Membership

3. The maximum number of members will be decided at the discretion of the Committee.
 4. An Environment Agency licence must be held before applying for or renewing membership.
 5. Membership cards are the property of the Club and must not be transferred to any other person. If lost, a replacement card can be issued upon notification and a £5 fee (via cheque, postal order, or BACS).
 6. No day tickets.
 7. Members must carry their membership card and EA rod licence when fishing and produce them on request by water owners, bailiffs, other members, or the police.
 8. Members wishing to make any rule changes or alterations must notify the Chairperson at least four weeks before the AGM to be added to the agenda.
 9. Members are not allowed to discuss the club's business with water owners unless approved by the committee.
 10. Members are expected to see that all the rules are understood and adhered to. Any queries should be clarified with the Secretary.
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3. Guests and Visitors

11. Adult members only may take a guest on club waters.
 - A guest ticket must be purchased in advance from the Membership Officer.
 - Applications must include dates, guest's name and address, and fee (by cheque, postal order, or BACS).
 - Guest tickets may be issued via text, email, or letter.
 - Members are responsible for any damage, injury, or trespass caused by their guest.
 12. Members taking children or visitors are personally responsible for any damage, injury, or trespass. Non-fishing visitors must be a reasonable number, and all visitors must be properly supervised and abide by all club rules.
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4. Committee and Governance

13. The officers of the club are:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer/Membership Officer
- Publicity Officer

Additional Committee Members:

- Vice Chairperson
- Competition Secretary
- Junior Membership Officer
- Ten other members

14. A quorum for committee meetings shall be six members (excluding the Chairperson). All committee members may vote in person or virtually; the Chairperson has the casting vote in a tie.
 15. Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The AGM date will be announced via the Club Newsletter.
 16. A special meeting may be called upon written request to the Secretary, signed by six members.
 17. Committee members serve for three years before being eligible for officer roles.
 18. New Committee members are vetted via an application process by the existing Committee.
 19. The Committee reserves the right to co-opt members if needed during the season.
 20. Any full member wishing to serve on the Committee should notify the Secretary in writing one month prior to the AGM.
 21. A serving officer or committee member of the Club may not hold office in another angling club or association.
 22. The Committee may reject any application for membership or expel any member for conduct prejudicial to the Club's interests.
 23. The Committee can elect honorary members with full member benefits.
 24. The Committee may make bye-laws as necessary; these must be verified at the next AGM.
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5. Financial and Asset Management

25. All subscription renewals must be sent using the online portal or via post to the Membership Officer with the application form and S.A.E.
26. Changes to subscriptions are decided at the AGM and communicated to members.
27. Club accounts must be properly maintained and examined annually by accountants appointed at the AGM.
28. No major asset shall be sold without prior discussion with the membership at the AGM or an EGM.
29. All equipment purchased by the Club will be considered assets, recorded in an asset register managed by the Secretary or Chairperson.
30. Freehold property will be managed by CADAC Burnt Wood Ltd, a guarantee limited company. Directors must be committee members and are indemnified by the Club.
31. The Committee shall have the authority, subject to the conditions outlined below, to borrow money on behalf of the Club from any bank or financial institution for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Club.
32. All borrowings must be on terms that the Committee deems reasonable and in the best interests of the Club. This includes (but is not limited to) interest rates, repayment schedules, security, and duration of the loan.
33. The Committee must report any borrowing activity, including details of the amount, purpose, and repayment terms, to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting following the decision.
34. No individual member of the Committee or the Club shall be personally liable for any debt properly incurred on behalf of the Club in accordance with this rule.

6. Conduct and Liability

35. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to members or guests on club or RFA waters.
36. Members and guests must conduct themselves in a manner that does not harm the Club's interests.
37. No firearms, weapons, or illegal items are permitted at club waters.
38. Venue-specific rules are detailed in the addendum following these rules.
39. If a member is expelled, suspended, or otherwise banned from the Club in accordance with the Club's disciplinary procedures, their membership shall be deemed terminated from the date of the decision.
40. A member who is expelled, suspended, or banned from the Club shall not be entitled to any refund, rebate, or repayment of any membership fees, levies, or other contributions paid to the Club prior to the termination of membership.
41. By joining or renewing membership with the Club, each member acknowledges and agrees to this condition as a binding part of the Club's Constitution.

7. Club Events and Trophies

42. Club trophies are competed for annually. Winners must return them cleaned and in good condition to the Competition Secretary or any Committee Member one month prior to the AGM.
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8. Club Dissolution

43. The Club shall not dissolve as long as seven members are willing to continue.
 44. Upon dissolution, any money or property shall be transferred to approved sporting or charitable purposes (e.g., a registered charity or governing body).
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9. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

45. Admittance to the AGM requires a current Club membership card.
 46. Rule changes for discussion must be submitted four weeks in advance (see Rule 8 above).
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10. Media, Photography & Drone Use

47. Non-professional photography and video are permitted.
48. For **commercial use** (including on social media or sponsored content):
 - Venue names must not be disclosed; refer to "a Cranbrook and District Angling Club water."
 - **Committee approval** must be obtained **in advance**, with a proposed remuneration if appropriate.
 - Material for commercial use must be reviewed and approved **before publication**.
 - Unauthorized use may result in an invoice for a value deemed appropriate by the Committee.
 - **Drone use** must also be approved by the Committee in advance.

1. Environmental Responsibility & Site Conduct

1. All members must ensure club waters remain litter-free:
 - All litter, including bait and cigarette butts, must be removed — even if not your own.
 - Litter must not remain in your swim during fishing and must be cleared before leaving.
 - Human waste must be removed from sites without toilet facilities.
 - **Breach of this rule will result in expulsion.**
 2. No open fires or barbecues. Only shielded stoves may be used with extreme care.
 3. No dogs are allowed.
 4. No fruit or mushrooms to be picked without landowner consent.
 5. Access club waters only via authorised footpaths.
 6. Parking is allowed only in designated CADAC parking areas.
 7. Cars are parked at owners' risk. CADAC accepts no liability for damage or incidents on access tracks.
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2. Eligibility & Permissions

8. Only CADAC members, their authorised guests, and water owners (plus their guests) may fish club waters.
 9. No organisation other than CADAC is permitted to run competitions on club waters.
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3. Fishing Conduct & Water Use

10. No fish are to be removed from club waters.
 11. Members must not overcast or encroach another angler's adjacent swim or cast more than halfway to an occupied swim (including opposite bank fishing). A member must reel in and fish a different area if the unoccupied swim adjacent or opposite becomes occupied even if that area has been baited.
 12. Night fishing is allowed (where permitted) in shelters such as bivvies or umbrellas. No camping permitted.
 13. No unattended baited rods at any time (in line with EA rules). Bailiffs may enforce this.
 14. No boats, bait boats, inflatables, or floatation devices are permitted.
 15. Number of rods permitted is set by the Committee and listed in specific water rules.
 - Spod and marker rods are excluded from this limit.
 - Extra rods must be well away from the water's edge.
 16. All members must comply with **Environment Agency** regulations.
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4. Bait & Species-Specific Rules

17. **Live baiting is strictly prohibited** on all CADAC waters.
18. **Dead baits must not be brought from other venues.** Only fast-frozen dead baits (from tackle shops) are permitted to avoid cross-contamination.
19. A suitable-sized landing net is required for each angler:
 - Match/Pleasure Fishing: **18" x 2ft (45cm x 60cm)**
 - Specimen Fishing: **Minimum 2ft x 3.3ft (60cm x 100cm)**
 - Use of an unhooking mat or cradle is mandatory on all waters.

5. Pike Fishing Rules

20. Pike fishing is allowed **from 1st October to 14th March** only.
21. When pike fishing, the following are required:
- Minimum **15lb mono** or **40lb braid**
 - Minimum **18-inch wire trace**
 - **Appropriate-sized landing net**
 - **Large unhooking mat**
 - **Forceps/unhooking tools**
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6. Junior, Intermediate & Senior Member Guidelines

22. A **Junior** is under 16 years old before **June 1st** of the current season.
23. Upon turning 16 (before June 1st), Juniors become **Intermediate Members** until age 18:
- Reduced membership fee, but full adult rights.
24. Adults aged 65+ before June 1st become **Senior Citizen Members**:
- Reduced membership fee, full adult rights.
25. Juniors under 12 must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.
26. Juniors wishing to fish at night must be accompanied by a **parent or nominated guardian over 18**.
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7. Venue Closures & Work Parties

27. No closed season on still waters.
- Waters will close temporarily during spawning, as notified at venue entrances.
 - EA close season (March 16 – June 15) applies to rivers and dykes.
28. Venues may be closed for **CADAC matches** and **work parties**:
- Members must vacate water **2 hours before match draw** (or **3 hours before start**).
 - Match and work party dates are listed in the annual club data book and club website.
29. **Work Party Levy**:
- £10 levy is **credited or refunded** if a work party is attended.
 - Applies to adult members only.
 - Junior, Intermediate, Senior Citizen, and Disabled members are exempt, but encouraged to attend.
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8. Media & Social Sharing

30. Members may post photos/videos/catch reports in media and social platforms:
- Must credit: "**Caught on Cranbrook and District Angling Club water**".
 - By doing so, members give **implied consent** for club promotional use of submitted material.
 - For juniors, express consent will be obtained from parents/guardians at organised club events (e.g. matches, family days).

SECTION 3

Competition Rules

1. Competitions will normally be pegged.
2. A distance of not less than 15 yards should separate each competitor.
3. 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the match, landing and keepnets must be laid out behind each peg, to ensure that the nets are dry. Wet nets will not be permitted.
4. Competitors must not fish from more than one yard either side of the peg drawn.
5. Competitors will start and finish on a whistle signal.
6. Latecomers must contact match steward to draw peg etc., before starting to fish, at steward discretion.
7. Pegs will be drawn 1 hour prior to the published starting time. Pegs once drawn cannot be changed except at the discretion of the match steward in exceptional circumstances.
8. No transport can be used to convey tackle of members to any swims unless sanctioned by match steward (with the exception of tackle trolleys).
9. One rod only to be used and not more than one hook (additional rods may be set up).
10. No breaking of the water before the start signal except to position a keepnet and to plumb the depth.
11. No game fish, Pike or sea fish to be included.
12. All fish to be weighed in alive.
13. Competitor's fish will be weighed at their peg.
14. With the exception of very large fish, no fish will be weighed before noon. Large fish may be weighed in during match.
15. No competitor to neither interfere in any way with any other competitors swim, nor assist any competitor to net fish, unless requested to do so.
16. Venue will be closed to non-competitors until the end of the match.
17. Any member who intends to take part in a competition shall not fish the place of competition on the previous day.
18. All swims to be left in a clean condition.
19. All competitions to count towards points in aggregate and pairs, except juniors and ladies, fur and feather.
20. All members wishing to enter the fur and feather must enter six competitions prior, to qualify, entry fee payable prior to fishing competition.
21. Any member bringing dead fish to the scales will forfeit one point per fish.
22. When fishing against other clubs, we abide by their rules on their waters.

Freshwater specimen weights minimum -

Adults: Roach 2lb, Perch 2lb, Bream 10lb, Tench 10lb, Pike 20lb, Rudd 1lb, Chub 5lb, Carp 25lb.

Juniors: Roach 1lb, Perch 1lb, Bream 5lb, Tench 5lb, Pike 10lb, Rudd 12oz, Chub 2lb, Carp 10lb.

Any of the above specimens caught outside of competitions qualify for other prizes listed elsewhere, provided they are caught from club or RFA waters. These must be sent to any of the competition committee members within one week, with the signature of the club member who witnessed the fish, together with details of species, weight, where caught and date.

Trophies for specimens

Best Bream
Best Tench
Best Chub

Most specimens

Best Carp
Best Specimen and Species
Junior best specimen

4.1 Rosemary Lakes

1. Two rod limit on this water.
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. Park only in dedicated CADAC car park at the top of the field.
 4. Close all field gates behind you, please protect livestock.
 5. Keep to field edges or marked paths. Do not trespass into adjacent fields or climb fences.
 6. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters.
 7. Report any rule breaking or poaching to a bailiff or committee member **IMMEDIATELY**.
 8. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.2 Burnt Wood

1. Two rods between 1 April and 31 October. Three rods permitted from 1 November to 31 March, providing there is no more than 3 members present.
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. Park on the road lay-by and do not obstruct farm field gates.
 4. Access swims by marked paths and stiles only.
 5. Portaloo is provided April to November – Make sure you use it and leave it in a state you would wish to find it!
 6. Proper Bivvies or Fishing Umbrellas only. No tents or camper vans.
 7. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.3 Park Farm

1. Two rod limit on this water.
 2. No night fishing.
 3. Parking is in the Grandshore Lane car park and keep to the marked paths.
 4. Access to the whole facility, including the car park, is strictly **4am - 10pm** except Thursdays when the limit is **4:30** pm when vermin control takes place
 5. Do not pick fruit or trespass into fields or orchards.
 6. No Bivvies. Day fishing shelters only.
 7. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.4 Pattenden Lane Reservoir

1. Two rod limit on this water.
2. Night fishing is permitted.
3. Parking is strictly in the designated hard standing parking area. Parking on the road is permissible, providing the access to the units are not obstructed.
4. Lock access gates behind
5. Keep to the marked paths. Do not trespass into farm buildings or fields or climb fences.
6. Portaloo is provided April to November - Make sure you use and leave it in a state you would wish to find it!
7. Guest tickets are available for this water.

4.5 New Dowells and Old Dowells

1. Two rod limit on this water
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. Closed Season dates apply to rivers and dykes.
 4. Close all field gates behind you. Take care around overgrown ditches or over old ditch footbridges. Proceed at your own risk.
 5. Keep to field edges or marked paths. Do not trespass into farm fields or climb fences.
 6. Proper bivvies or fishing umbrellas to be used. No tents or camper vans.
 7. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters.
 8. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.6 Brookland

1. Three rod limit at this water.
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. Cars must be parked in the signed area only – **no driving around the lake, if you do so, you will be banned.**
 4. This is a farm property. Please close all gates. Do not touch crops.
 5. Members of the local community are allowed to fish provided they have a valid permit.
 6. Portaloo is provided April to November – Make sure you make use of it and leave it in a state you would wish to find it!
 7. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.7 Windsurf Lake Lydd

1. Three rod limit at this water
 2. Night fishing is permitted
 3. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no driving around the lake even for dropping off tackle.
 4. Please note this is a shared site. Campers are allowed to fish one small length of bank via a Permit issued by the owner. CADAC members can fish these areas but must give priority to any Camping Guests wishing to fish. Weddings take place at the venue. Members should not interfere and keep clear of photographs. sessions.
 5. No parking on the road - even for unloading.
 6. Do no obstruct gates.
 7. No parking to unload in Dengemarsch Road lay-bys.
 8. A Portaloo is provided April to November – make sure you make use of it and leave it in a state you would wish to find it!
 9. No boats of any kind.
 10. No cutting of trees.
 11. Take all litter home. Keep the car parks clean.
 12. No access to Herons Park camp site is permitted under any circumstances.
 13. **Guest tickets are only available for this water, from 1st October to 31st March**
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4.8 Saw Lodge Farm Lakes

1. Two rod limits at this water.
 2. No night fishing. Access is dawn to dusk.
 3. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no parking next to Duck Lake.
 2. Duck Lake and Stock Pond will be closed on certain dates during the shooting season – notice will be given, and signs will be put up.
 3. Gates must be kept closed as there are farm animals present.
 4. Drive slowly through the yards – children and animals present.
 5. This is a working farm – be careful of farm vehicles and don't stray off of tracks
 6. Be polite and courteous to the owner and his family.
 7. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.9 River Medway, Wateringbury

1. Two rod limit at this water.
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive.
 2. When cars are not parked at swims, they must be parked in the signed areas only. Gates must be closed after use.
 3. Cars can be parked at swims. Do not obstruct other anglers' access. **Proceed with caution if wet.**
 4. Take care in overgrown bank-side areas. Proceed at your own risk.
 5. Keep to field edges or marked paths. No Dogs
 6. Proper bivvies or fishing umbrellas to be used. No tents or camper vans.
 7. Keep swims tidy and do not obstruct paths with shelters
 10. Do not harass moored boats or boat owners with inconsiderate casting. Be courteous to the owner.
 11. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.10 Runham Lake Harrietsham

1. Two rods limits at this water.
 2. Night fishing is permitted.
 3. Park in the designated CADAC car park ONLY.
 2. Close all field gates behind you. Please protect livestock.
 3. Do not trespass into adjacent fields or climb fences.
 4. The venue may be closed for a CADAC coaching dates. These dates and start times are published annually and also listed on the club website.
 5. Portaloo is provided April to November – Make sure you make use of it and leave it in a state you would wish to find it!
 6. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.11 The White Kemp Sewer (Brookland)

1. Two rod limit at this water.
 2. Night fishing is not permitted. Dawn to dusk only.
 3. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive.
 4. Members of the local community are allowed to fish, provided they have a valid permit
 5. Park in the designated CADAC car park ONLY. No cars to be driven to swims, even for tackle drop off. Cars will not be recovered, and you may be banned.
 6. This is a farm property. Please close all gates. Do not touch crops or livestock.
 7. Stick to the edges of fields, do not walk across crops
 8. Swim cutting (reeds etc) is permitted
 9. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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4.12 River Teise Spelmonden

1. Two rod limit on this water.
 2. Night fishing is not permitted.
 3. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive.
 4. Fishing is permitted to the Northern bank only (Spelmonden Estate).
 5. Do not climb the weir equipment. Do not damage farmers crops.
 6. Parking in the designated parking area – maximum of 10 cars permitted.
 7. A maximum of 10 anglers at any one time.
 8. Heed directions from any farm personnel.
 9. Take care if pigeon shooting is taking place – keep well away.
 10. No trout to be taken.
 11. Spelmonden Estate Co Ltd reserve the right to suspend fishing.
 12. No fishing the area marked in red on the map. Walk through this field to the next section. This area is not owned by Spelmonden Estates and there are no fishing rights. If challenged by the owner, be polite and move to the next section. Show Membership Card and ID to identify you as a CADAC member.
 13. There is shared access with the Environment Agency (EA) with a separate padlock system in operation. Members shall ensure that padlocks are secured to allow access for both EA and CADAC.
 14. In the interests of fish welfare, members shall carefully consider how they will land a fish when selecting a swim.
 15. Guest tickets are available for this water.
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For Rother Fishery Association (RFA) specific rules

CADAC general club water rules apply to members fishing RFA waters.

1. Members must carry their club card water and environment agency licence
 2. The CADAC membership card must show an RFA affiliation logo
 3. RFA general rules also apply, as published.
 4. **No night fishing.** Access is dawn until dusk.
 5. Closed Season dates apply to all RFA controlled Rivers and Canals Fishing is only allowed from 16 June to 15 March inclusive.
 6. No CADAC guest tickets
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Club Waters

River Teise Spelmonden
Saw Lodge Farm
Burnt Wood
Pattenden Lane Reservoir
River Medway, Wateringbury
White Kemp Sewer

Windsurf Pit
Park Farm
Rosemary Lakes
Runham Lake Harrietsham
Brookland Reservoir
Old & New Dowells, Appledore

Rother Fishery Association -

River Rother, Blackwall, Potmans, Bodiam, Newenden
Royal Military Canal, Iden Lock

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Twitter	http://www.twitter.com/CADAC Fishing
Youtube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUJVPISEMI-jli-SMLGtg4g

Environment Agency Emergency Hotline - **0800 80 70 60**