



# 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. The Club is called Cranbrook and District Angling Club, and its aim shall be to promote angling and fish preservation, in an equitable manner. The club shall ensure the Mission Statement and Equality Statement (see front page) are adhered to at every opportunity through the implementation of the Equality Policy, and Development Plan.
2. Maximum number of members will be decided at the discretion of the Committee.
3. The committee has the power to reject any application for membership, also to expel any member for conduct prejudicial to the club's interest.
4. The committee can elect honorary members, these having the same benefits as full paying members.
5. A special meeting may be called by submitting in writing a request to the secretary, signed by six members.
6. An Environment Agency licence must be held before applying for membership or renewing membership.
7. The officers of the club shall comprise of: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Officer and Publicity Officer. Additional committee members to comprise of: Vice Chairperson, Competition Secretary, Junior Membership Officer and along with ten other members. Six Committee members, excluding the Chairperson to form a quorum. All Committee members will be entitled to vote at any meetings, either in person or virtually, in the event of a tie the Chairperson to have the casting vote.
8. All renewal subscriptions to be sent to the membership officer with an application form and s.a.e. Changes to subscriptions to be decided at the AGM and membership notified accordingly.
9. Members taking children and/or visitors on club waters will be personally responsible for any damage, injury or trespass which may occur.
10. Adult members only may take a guest on club waters, providing they have a guest ticket purchased from the membership officer. Application for this must be made to the membership officer IN ADVANCE giving dates required, name and address of the guest, with the guest ticket fee may be paid by cheque or postal order to the club's address or by bank transfer to CADAC Sort Code 30-92-36 Account No.00033581. The guest ticket will be issued in any of the following forms text, email or letter. Permission will be given on the understanding that the club member will be responsible for any damage, injury or trespass that may occur. Guest ticket Fees to be decided annually at A.G.M. Guest Tickets are not available for the Windsurf Lake Lydd
11. Accounts are to be kept in proper order, and independently examined annually by accountants appointed by the AGM
12. Membership cards are the property of the Club and must not be transferred to any other person. If cards are lost a new one will be issued providing the Membership Officer is notified immediately. A postal order or cheque, value £5 to cover cost and postage must be included, alternatively the payment may be made by BACS transfer to CADAC Sort Code 30-92-36 Account No.00033581.
13. No day tickets.
14. Members must carry membership card, and EA rod licence when fishing, and produce the same if requested by water owners (or their representatives), bailiffs, any other club member or the police.
15. Any full member wishing to serve as a committee member should notify the secretary in writing one month prior to the AGM; existing officers and committee members seeking re-election will notify this via committee meetings. The committee reserves the right to co-opt members by invitation should the numbers of the committee become depleted in a season, without recourse to the membership. Any Committee member should serve on the Committee for three years before being eligible for any Officer Role e.g. Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Officer. New Committee members will be vetted by the existing Committee including a proper application process in the best interests of the club and membership.
16. The committee have the power to make such bye laws as any, from time to time, be necessary for the proper working of the club, any such bye laws to be verified or otherwise at the next available AGM.
17. A serving officer or committee member of the club may not be an officer or committee member of another angling club or association.

## SECTION 1

## Constitutional Rules (continued)

18. The club trophies are competed for annually, therefore winners are to return them in good condition and cleaned, to the competition secretary or any committee member, one month prior to the AGM.
19. Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The AGM date is to be notified to members via the Club Newsletters.
20. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage by or to members or guests whilst on club or RFA waters.
21. Rules specific to individual venues are identified in the addendums following these Constitutional club rules.
22. The club shall not dissolve so long as seven members are willing to continue it.
23. Any money or property that arises for distribution following closure, dissolution or sale of the club shall be applied to approved sporting or charitable purposes, i.e. transferred to a registered charity or the sport's governing body.
24. No major asset of CADAC shall be sold, without prior consultation/discussion with the membership at the AGM or an EGM.
25. All equipment purchased by the club will be defined as an asset and will be the responsibility of the committee. An asset register will be maintained by the Secretary or Chairperson. All freehold property (major asset) owned by the club will be under the jurisdiction of a guarantee limited company known as CADAC Burnt Wood Ltd. Directors of this company will be appointed by the committee to ensure that the interests of Cranbrook and District Angling Club, are protected. For the purposes of simplifying the administration the Directors must be current committee members and shall continue to hold office until death, resignation or removal by normal committee procedures. All Directors shall be indemnified by the club against risk or expense incurred by them. The number of Directors shall be appointed by the company in accordance with club committee's recommendations.
26. Admittance to AGM by current club membership card.
27. Members are expected to see that all the aforementioned rules are thoroughly understood and adhered to; any queries should be clarified by the Secretary.
28. Members wishing to make any rule changes or alterations must notify the Chairperson at least four weeks before AGM to be added to the agenda.
29. Members are not allowed to discuss the club's business with water owners, unless approved by the committee.
30. Non-professional photography and video recording is permitted.

All images and videos for commercial use includes all social media channels such as (but not limited to) YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram to name a few.

Commercial use also includes catch reports to associated companies / sponsors for publishing.

Venue names/location are not to be disclosed but must be stated as 'on a Cranbrook and District Angling Club water'.

Permission must be sought from the Committee for Drone use.

Approval for Commercial photography and video recording (static cameras and drones) shall be obtained from the Committee, in advance with a proposed remuneration to the club, which must be commensurate with the commercial value to the applicant.

Any material for commercial use must be viewed and approved by the Committee BEFORE publication.

Failure to comply will result in an invoice being raised to the individual member to the value the committee deems appropriate.

## SECTION 2

### General Rules for all Club Waters

1. All members have the responsibility to maintain club waters litter free, including picking up the litter of other club members or the General public. All litter (including bait and cigarette butts) to be removed immediately from the swim and venue even if the member was not responsible. Members should pick up any litter immediately they see it and litter must not remain in the swim whilst the member is fishing. The swim must be left clear of litter upon departure. If there is no toilet provision, human waste must also be removed. Any member breaking this rule will be expelled from the club.
2. No persons, other than members, their authorised guests, water owners and their authorised guests, are permitted to fish club waters.
3. No fish to be taken away from club waters.
4. No fruit or mushrooms to be picked without owners' consent.
5. Members to approach club waters by authorised footpaths only.
6. Parking is strictly in the designated CADAC parking areas.
7. No dogs
8. No open fires or barbeques. Shielded stoves must be used with care to avoid fire risk.
9. No guns (this includes air guns) or any other means of trapping game to be in members' possession.
10. No camping allowed on club waters. Night fishing (where permitted) in proper fishing shelters, umbrellas, or bivvies only.
11. All members must abide by Environment Agency regulations.
12. Members are permitted to post catch reports photos or videos entered for newspaper articles or competitions or on social media but must be stated as "caught on Cranbrook and District Angling Club water", and by doing so they give implied consent for the club to use any reports, images and videos for its own publicity purposes. This includes catches by Juniors. The club will continue to seek express permission from parents/guardians at club organised events such as Junior matches, family or open days.
13. The number of rods at individual waters will be set by the Committee. Refer to Water Rules for the number of rods permitted. More rods can be set up than the limit but must be well away from the water's edge. The limit excludes spod and marker rods.
14. NO live baits to be used on any waters controlled by or fished by CADAC members or guests. No dead baits to be brought to any venue, to prevent cross contamination of fish stocks and or wildlife, except the commercially accepted "fast frozen" dead baits readily available from tackle shops etc
15. No baited rod to be left unattended at any time (as per EA Rules) and at Club Bailiff's discretion.
16. No organisation other than CADAC shall run competitions on club waters.
17. No angler may use boats of any description, (including bait boats), or any inflatable device for any purpose.
18. Junior means under the age of 16 years before June 1st. in the current season.
19. Any junior upon reaching 16 years of age shall become an intermediate member, until his/her 18th Birthday (18 before June 1<sup>st</sup> in the current season). He/she will have a reduced membership subscription (cost), but the rights of an adult.
20. An Adult member will become a Senior Citizen member on reaching 65 years of age before the June 1<sup>st</sup> in the current season. He/she will have a reduced membership subscription (cost), but the rights of an adult.
21. Whilst the tactic of fishing to the opposite bank, is permitted, any angler doing so must reel in and re-cast to not more than halfway across the lake, should the opposite bank or swim become occupied, irrespective of any amount of prior baiting, position of baits, duration of the baits in place and/or fish feeding. Likewise, this rule applies to adjacent swims to where any angler is fishing, whereby any angler shall not cast more than half the distance to an occupied adjacent swim. On no account shall any angler overcast another angler's swim. Likewise, this rule applies to adjacent swims to where any angler is fishing, whereby any angler shall not cast more than half the distance to an occupied adjacent swim. On no account shall any angler overcast another angler's swim.

## SECTION 2

### General Rules for all Club Waters (continued)

22. There is no closed season on CADAC still-waters, however waters will be closed when larger fish are seen to be spawning by bailiffs, a notice to this effect will be posted at the entrance. For rivers and dykes the EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive..
23. Venues may be closed for work parties and CADAC matches. You must vacate the water at least 2 hours before the match draw (3 hrs before the match start). Match dates and start times are published annually on the reverse of the membership card and also listed on the club website, as are the work party dates.
24. A £10 Work Party Levy will be credited towards membership subscription upon renewal the following year, if a Work Party is attended, or refunded, upon request, if member decides not to renew their membership. (Levy does not apply to senior citizen, disabled persons, intermediates, and junior members), although attendance by others will be credited.
25. Landing nets of an appropriate size for targeted species, must be set up for each individual angler. Members shall also use a suitable unhooking mat or cradle on all CADAC waters. Sizes that should be used are - small 18" x 2ft for match/pleasure fishing and large 2ft x 4ft min if targeting specimen fish.
26. Any junior member under the age of 12 years, must accompanied by a responsible person, at all times.
27. Any junior wishing to fish at night must be accompanied by a parent or a nominated guardian, over the age of 18.
28. Cars are parked at all venues, at the owner's risk. Some access is via farm tracks and care should be taken when using them, as CADAC will accept no liability for damage to vehicles when visiting our waters.

#### **29. Pike fishing specific rules**

1. A suitable sized made-up landing net to be used at all times.
2. Pike fishing only to be allowed on all waters between 1st October and 14th March
3. A set of basic rules for when pike fishing
  - a) a minimum 15lb mono or 40lb braid
  - b) minimum 18-inch wire trace
  - c) barbless/semi barbed trebles
  - d) forceps/unhooking equipment
  - e) A landing net of an appropriate size to be used for targeted species and a large unhooking mat

## SECTION 3

### Competition Rules

1. Competitions will normally be pegged.
2. A distance of not less than 15 yards should separate each competitor.
3. Competitors must not fish from more than one yard either side of the peg drawn.
4. Competitors will start and finish on a whistle signal.
5. Latecomers must contact match steward to draw peg etc., before starting to fish, at steward discretion.
6. 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.
7. No transport can be used to convey tackle of members to any swims unless sanctioned by match steward (with the exception of tackle trolleys).
8. One rod only to be used and not more than one hook (additional rods may be set up).
9. No breaking of the water before the start signal except to position a keepnet and to plumb the depth.
10. No game fish, Pike or sea fish to be included.
11. All fish to be weighed in alive.
12. Competitor's fish will be weighed at their peg.
13. With the exception of very large fish, no fish will be weighed before noon. Large fish may be weighed in during match.
14. 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.
15. No auto-strikes to be allowed.
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. The competition committee has the power to amend any of the competition rules, and is in sole charge of any competition and members compete on the understanding that the competition committee can disqualify anyone if in their opinion any of the rules have been broken.
21. All members wishing to enter the fur and feather must enter six competitions prior, to qualify, entry fee payable prior to fishing competition.
22. Any member bringing dead fish to the scales will forfeit one point per fish.
23. 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

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4.2 **Rosemary Lakes**

1. All three pools can be **night fished**.
2. Entry to site is via marked access way only.
3. Park only in dedicated CADAC car park
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. Two rod limit on this water
8. Report any rule breaking or poaching to a bailiff or committee member **IMMEDIATELY**.

4.3 **Burnt Wood**

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

4.4 **Park Farm**

1. 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
2. Parking is in the Grandshore Lane car park only and keep to the marked paths.
3. **No night fishing.**
4. Do not pick fruit or trespass into fields or orchards.
5. No Bivvies. Day fishing shelters only.
6. Two rod limit on this water

#### **4.5 Pattenden Lane Reservoir**

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

#### **4.6**

#### **4.7 New Dowells and Old Dowells**

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

#### **4.8 Brookland**

1. Cars must be parked in the signed area only – **no** driving around the lake, **if you do so, you will be banned.**
2. **Night fishing is permitted.**
3. 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!
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. Three (3) rods are permitted at this venue.



#### 4.9 Windsurf Lake Lydd

1. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no driving around the lake even for dropping off tackle.
2. No parking on the road - even for unloading.
3. Do not obstruct gates.
4. No parking to unload in Dengemarsh Road lay-bys.
5. **Night fishing is permitted.**
6. 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.
7. Three (3) rods are permitted at this venue.
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.
10. No cutting of trees.
11. Take all litter home. Keep the car parks clean.
12. **Guest tickets are NOT available for this water**

#### 4.10 Saw Lodge Farm Lakes

1. Cars must be parked in the signed areas only – no parking next to Duck Lake.
  2. **No night fishing.** Access is dawn until dusk.
  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. Two rod limit on this water
  8. 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
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#### **4.11 River Medway, Wateringbury**

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

#### **4.12 Runham Lake Harrietsham**

1. Park in the designated CADAC car park ONLY.
2. **Night fishing is permitted.**
3. Close all field gates behind you. Please protect livestock.
4. Do not trespass into adjacent fields or climb fences.
5. The venue may be closed for a CADAC match or coaching dates. These dates and start times are published annually and also listed on the club website.
6. Two rod limit on this water
7. 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!

#### **4.13 The White Kemp Sewer (Brookland)**

1. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive.
2. Members of the local community are allowed to fish, provided they have a valid permit
3. **Fishing is dawn until dusk only**
4. Swim cutting (reeds etc) is permitted
5. Stick to the edges of fields, do not walk across crops
6. 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.
7. This is a farm property. Please close all gates. Do not touch crops or livestock
8. Two rod limit on this water

#### 4.14 Five Watering Sewer (Fairfield)

1. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive..
2. Members of the local community are allowed to fish, provided they have a valid permit.
3. Fishing is dawn until dusk only. **No night fishing.**
4. Swim cutting (reeds etc) is permitted.
5. Stick to the edges of fields, do not walk across crops.
6. Park in the area around the farm buildings on the right-hand side or the left but do not obstruct driveways, tracks or building entrance. Park unobtrusively as possible. No cars to be driven past the farm buildings, even to the pump house. The track is uneven, and your car will be damaged. Vehicles will not be recovered, and you may be banned for ignoring this water rule.
7. This is a farm property. Please close all gates. Do not touch crops or livestock.
8. If locked, the key to the gate can be found attached to the back of the left-hand gate post. Place it back when finished. Always lock the gate, even if found open.
9. Fish as far along the sewer to the first field edge and to the railway
10. You may fish both sides of the sewers.
11. Two rod limit on this water

#### 4.15 River Teise Spelmonden

1. The EA Close season operates between 16th March to 15th June inclusive.
2. Fishing is permitted to the Northern bank only (Spelmonden Estate).
3. **No night fishing.** Access is dawn until dusk.
4. Two rods maximum.
5. Do not climb the weir equipment.
6. Parking in the designated parking area – maximum of 10 cars permitted.
7. A maximum of 10 anglers at any one time.
8. Do not damage farmers crops.
9. Heed directions from any farm personnel.
10. Take care if pigeon shooting is taking place – keep well away.
11. No litter.
12. No trout to be taken.
13. No dogs
14. Spelmonden Estate Co Ltd reserve the right to suspend fishing.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. In the interests of fish welfare, members shall carefully consider how they will land a fish when selecting a swim.
18. Two rod limit on this water

## 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.
11. Closed Season dates apply to all RFA controlled Rivers and Canals Fishing is only allowed from 16 June to 15 March inclusive.
5. No CADAC guest tickets

## Club Waters

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

Windsurf Pit  
Park Farm  
Rosemary Lakes  
Runham Lake Harrietsham  
Brookland Reservoir  
Five Waterings Sewer (Fairfield)  
Old & New Dowells, Appledore

### **Rother Fishery Association -**

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

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## Media

<b>Club Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk">www.cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk</a>
<b>Members only Facebook Group</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/230698621445765">https://www.facebook.com/groups/230698621445765</a>
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Environment Agency Emergency Hotline - **0800 80 70 60**