

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

As stated in the Association Rule Book, payment of the appropriate subscription entitles the subscriber to Membership of the Association and to the privileges described therein. It should be noted that all reservoirs, rivers, canals and streams are dangerous places and the Association cannot be held responsible for any member availing themselves of the privileges gained by membership of the Association.

It is a condition of membership that each member agrees to indemnify the Association and its officials, servants, agents or members against all actions, claims, costs or demands in respect of injury to himself/herself arising out of or in connection with any of the Association's activities And notwithstanding that the same may have been caused by or contributed to by the negligence of the Association or its offices, agents, servants or members.

The Association does not provide any special places, platforms or other installations to fish from and does not accept any responsibility for any person or persons on any of their fishing waters.

Accordingly, membership is only offered on the understanding that members using the privileges do so entirely at their own risk.

If you cannot accept the above conditions, please return the Rule Book and all other documents and a full refund of subscription will be granted.

## SKIPTON AA GOVERNING DOCUMENTS & RULES

1. This Club shall be designated: "THE SKIPTON ANGLING ASSOCIATION" The main purposes of the club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation, in the amateur sport of freshwater angling in the neighbourhood of Skipton, North Yorkshire and to promote the protection of fish from netting, poisoning, habitat loss, etc.

2. This Club shall be governed by a President, Vice- President, General Secretary, Treasurer, other duly appointed Officers and a Committee of twelve members, all of whom shall hold office for three years, but are eligible for re-election.

The Committee at its first meeting shall elect a Chair- man for the year from its own number, and that he be supported by a Vice-Chairman who will be Chairman- elect for the following year, the system to be perpetuated by the annual election of a vice-chairman.

Five to form a quorum at any meeting of the Committee. The Chairman of any meeting and the General Secretary shall both have a deliberative vote, and in the case of equality of vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote in addition. Any member of the Committee absenting himself from three consecutive Committee Meetings without satisfactory reason for his absence, shall be no longer in office.

An Honorarium shall be paid each year to the Secretaries, Treasurer, and Welfare Officer. The amount shall be determined by a vote at the Associations AGM.

3. There shall not be more than four Trustees of the Association. The Trustees shall be appointed by the committee and the property of the Association (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them from time to time as the Committee shall direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Association property.

The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or lapse of membership or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove a Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee.

In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his place, and shall as soon as possible there-after take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such nomination.

For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the General Secretary for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

**4.** The financial year shall end on the 30th November in each year, and the Annual General Meeting of Members of the Association be convened in January at a venue, time & date to be confirmed the previous month. At this meeting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be presented, and the Officers and Committee elected for the ensuing year. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

**5.** A Special General Meeting may be held to consider any matter of special urgency which the Committee may consider necessary or upon a written request to the Secretary signed by not less than ten members, clearly stating the purpose of the desired meeting.

**6.** All alterations to Rules decided at a Special General Meeting shall be subject to confirmation at the following Annual General Meeting, though in the event of a unanimous vote such alterations may become operative forthwith.

**7.** All propositions for the General Meeting must be given to the Secretary no later than 30th NOVEMBER.

**8.** (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of angling on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may however be limited according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

(b) Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating

(c) The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of membership may be made to the members.

(d) Persons shall be admitted as members on payment of the relevant annual subscription which shall entitle the member to the privileges of the Association as follows:

Adults and juniors (aged 13 to 16) may fish all the

Association's waters they are in possession of membership or hold a day ticket for.

Juveniles (12 and under) may fish all the Association's waters (without the need to be a member or possess a day ticket) but MUST be accompanied by an adult who need not be a member of the Association. In the interests of safety it is recommended that juniors and juveniles are accompanied by an adult at all times and venues.

**9.** Tickets of membership to terminate on the 27th February each year. All renewal subscriptions are to be paid by the 1st October. Failure to do so will result in the charge for new member being applied.

**10.** Every angler holding a ticket from the Association shall, on request, show the same to any owner or occupier of land or servant of the same upon which the Association's members have fishing rights; to any bailiff or member of the Association.

**11.** Members must not leave refuse or litter of any kind on the banks of the rivers or reservoirs. Anyone found doing so is liable to expulsion from the Association.

Members must take all discarded fishing line home in order to prevent unnecessary suffering to birds and wildlife, thus avoiding adverse publicity falling on the Association and the Angling Fraternity in general.

**12.** If any member holding an Association's ticket be known to wilfully or carelessly do any damage to property of any occupier of land on the Association's pre-serves, or be the cause of the same, he shall be required to pay to the person whose property is damaged an amount equivalent to the damage done or caused to be done.

Any member contravening Association Rules will receive not less than one month's suspension. Also at any meeting, the Committee shall have discretionary power of expelling any member, subject to the provisions of rule 8(c) if it is thought desirable for the good character of the Association; the member thus expelled to forfeit all monies paid by him or her to the Association. This rule shall also apply in the case of any member being found guilty of trespassing on other preserves.

**13.** No member shall take fish out of the Association's waters under the lengths and in greater number than shown in Fishing Rights section. All undersized fish to be liberated, and no attempt made to disgorge the hook when same has been swallowed, but the line must be cut close to the fish's mouth and the fish returned to the water as gently and quickly as possible, and with the least injury practicable. Forceps are recommended for unhooking lip hooked fish. All members MUST carry a measure to accurately ascertain the length of fish.

**14.** No member shall be allowed to attend Committee meetings except through permission of the Committee.

**15.** Members must enter the waters by the recognised entrance and must not cross fields except down wall or hedge sides.

**16.** No official of another Association or Club can hold an official position in the Association.

**17.** Anglers must not leave any rod and line with its hook and bait in the water unattended, on any of the Association waters.

**18.** No member may put any boat or floatation tube on any of the reservoirs nor may he fish from a boat owned by a member of the Sailing Club.

**19.** Fishing is not allowed on the reservoirs between dusk and dawn. Fishing on the Leeds Liverpool Canal and River Aire is permitted from 1 hour before dawn until 1 hour after dusk. Night fishing outside these hours is not permitted.

**20.** Members are strictly forbidden in any way to pollute or throw any substance in the water in the reservoirs or streams running into them, or damage any of the fences, walls or other works of Yorkshire Water. Any member found so doing will be immediately expelled from the Association and will be required to pay the cost of reinstating damage.

**21.** No ground bait or loose feed of any description shall be put by members into Embsay Reservoir or streams running into it.

**22.** No vehicles are allowed inside the reservoir enclosures, except for the designated parking bay at Whinny Gill, nor are allowed to remain on the car parks overnight.

**23.** Dogs are not permitted on any of the Association's waters, whilst fishing.

**24.** Members may only fish with one rod and line at any one time. A second rod and line may be partially but not fully assembled ready for use.

(Amendment 12/01/22, when fishing for trout, members may only fish with one rod & line. Members fishing the river Aire or Whinny Gill for coarse fish may use two rods. Both rods must be fished within 10 feet of the angler).

**25.** The use of a net other than a landing net is strictly prohibited. Keep nets may be used for Fish when the Environment Agency rules allow.

**26.** Members shall neither cause nor permit -

(a) Any litter, fragments of food or other refuse, matter or things to be left within the curtilage of the Reservoirs.

(b) Any fires to be lit or any other act whereby damage by fire may be caused.

(c) The use of any noisy instrument or loudspeaker.

(d) Any tent or caravan to be brought on to the car parks or within the curtilage of the Reservoirs or upon any adjoining lands of Yorkshire Water, nor any person to remain overnight on any of the lands of the Yorkshire Water Authority at or adjoining the Reservoirs.

**27.** Members must use non-toxic split shot in accordance with the Environment Agency Bylaws 4f. This prohibits the use of lead weights attached directly or indirectly to fishing Lines of between 0.06 gms. [split shot No.8] and 28.35 gms [oz.]

**28.** Members must be in possession of an Environment Agencies rod license prior to starting fishing on any of the clubs waters & may be asked to produce proof of, upon request of club bailiffs.

**29.** In order to help the Committee decide the re-stocking policy each year, all members must send in their returns form when renewing their membership.

Fish returns should be done using the online forms to be found at [www.skiptonangling.com/fish-returns](http://www.skiptonangling.com/fish-returns)

**30.** Adult members are allowed to take a maximum of two juniors (between 13 and 16 years old) non-member fishing and the junior(s) may fish with the adult member's rod provided that:

(a) The junior is accompanied at all times;

(b) That no more than one rod is assembled;

(c) That all the Association Rules are carefully observed;

(d) That the juniors fishing are in possession of an Environment Agency rod license.

(e) A juvenile (up to and including the age of 12) may fish without the need of a permit but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Should an adult be fishing alongside a junior then both must be in possession of membership or a day ticket. Members infringing this rule will be severely dealt with by the Committee.

**31.** Any pollution or dead or dying fish must be reported to both the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 and the Clubs' General Secretary ASAP.

**32.** All members must familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, all guidelines as laid out in the risk assessments available for download at:  
[www.skiptonangling.com](http://www.skiptonangling.com)  
(Hard copies are available upon request from the General Secretary). In addition, members must follow any health and safety advice offered by warning signs or club officials."

### **33. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:**

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

### **34. PRIORITY:**

Interpretation of all the above rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).

### **35. REVISION HISTORY:**

This Constitution was formerly adopted at the AGM held on 17:01:2017 and replaces the club's original Constitution used since its formation in 08:11:1950.

## **AGE GROUP CLASSIFICATION**

Juvenile - Up to and including 12 years old

Junior - From and including those 13 to 17 years old

Adult - From and including those aged 18 to 65

O.A.P. - Those over and including 66 years old

These categories apply at the age of joining from 25th March onward.

Example: If someone becomes 13 on 1st April would be classified as 12 if joining on 25th March but 13 if joining 1st April.

## **FISHING RIGHTS**

### **EMBSAY RESERVOIR**

Moor Road, Embsay, near Skipton.

Allowed baits: Fly, worm, minnow and spinning. Ground baiting or loose feeding is strictly prohibited.

No fishing is allowed from the dam wall or from the sailing boat compound.

Closed season for brown trout is from the 1st October to the 24th March inclusive.

Fishing for rainbow, blue, spartic and tiger trout is allowed all year with the exception of a closed period from 28th February to the 24th March inclusive.

There is to be no entry to the reservoir through the sailing boat compound.

Rainbow trout only may be retained by members to the following sizes and maximum bag limits.

Rainbow Trout over 28cm (11 inches), No Rainbow Trout over 3lb to be retained. 2 fish per day.

Wading is permitted but restricted to a maximum of 'thigh depth' in accordance with terms set by Yorkshire Water.

The use of treble hooks is not allowed.

### **WHINNY GILL RESERVOIR**

Situated to the right of Shortbank Road in Greatwood Estate, Skipton. A Key for the gates at Whinny Gill upon payment of a small deposit. Please contact the Membership Secretary for a key. (Please note keys cannot be sent through the post).

Allowed baits: All legal baits and lures.

All species (including Trout) must be safely returned.

Note: Yorkshire Water request that ground bait is only used in reasonable quantities to prevent water pollution.

There is no closed season.

## THE RIVER AIRE: (Skipton Lengths)

Skipton side: From the Carleton Stone Bridge down to the limit sign below the Snaygill Railway Bridge including parts of Eller Beck up to the Cemetery on the road side. (Approximately 1 ½ miles).

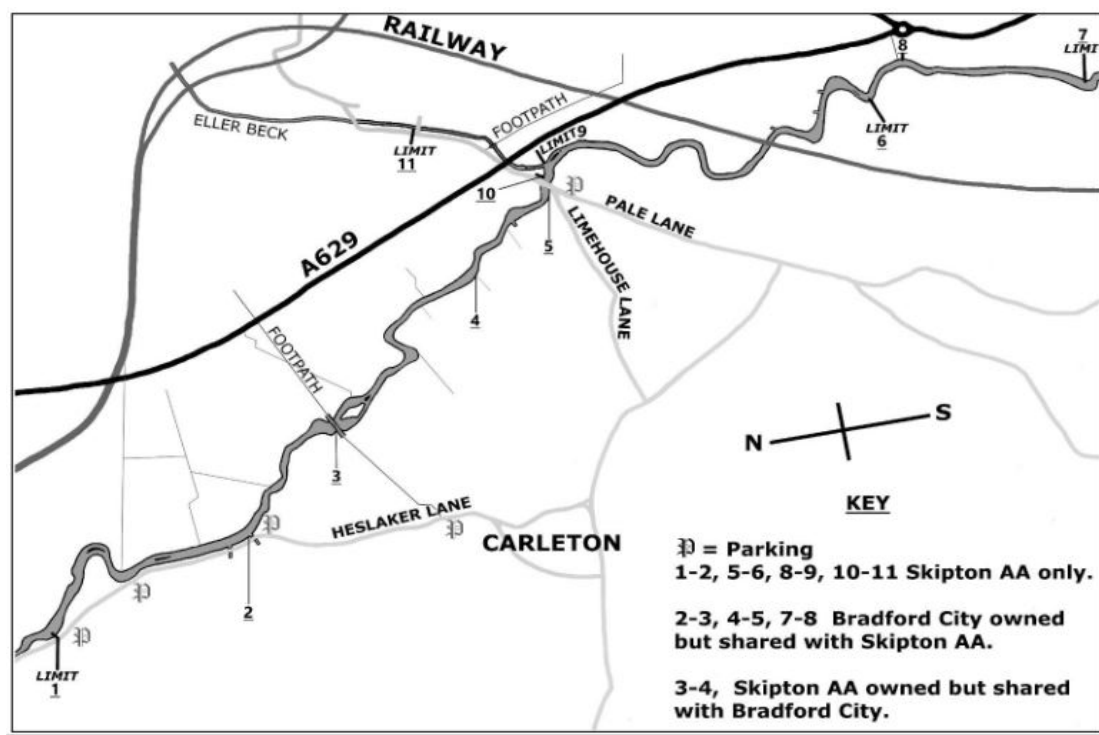
Allowed baits: Fly, worm, minnow, and artificial lure from the 25th of March until the 15th of June. All legal baits and lures from the 16th of June until the 14th of March.

Carleton side: From the field over which the former railway line crossed on Heselaker Lane down to the first field below the Snaygill Railway Bridge (2 ½ miles approx.).

All species to be returned (including pike)

Please note that some fields are shared with Bradford City AA.

No tickets from the 15th February to the 24th March inclusive.



## LEEDS LIVERPOOL CANAL

Catch and release only (including pike), the only exception being the retention of small fish for the sole purpose of live/dead baiting for pike, in line with local bylaws.

From Belmont Bridge (bridge no.178) in Skipton town centre, to Lock 41 at Bank Newton. It includes the entire Springs branch in Skipton town centre which runs up to the back of Skipton Castle.

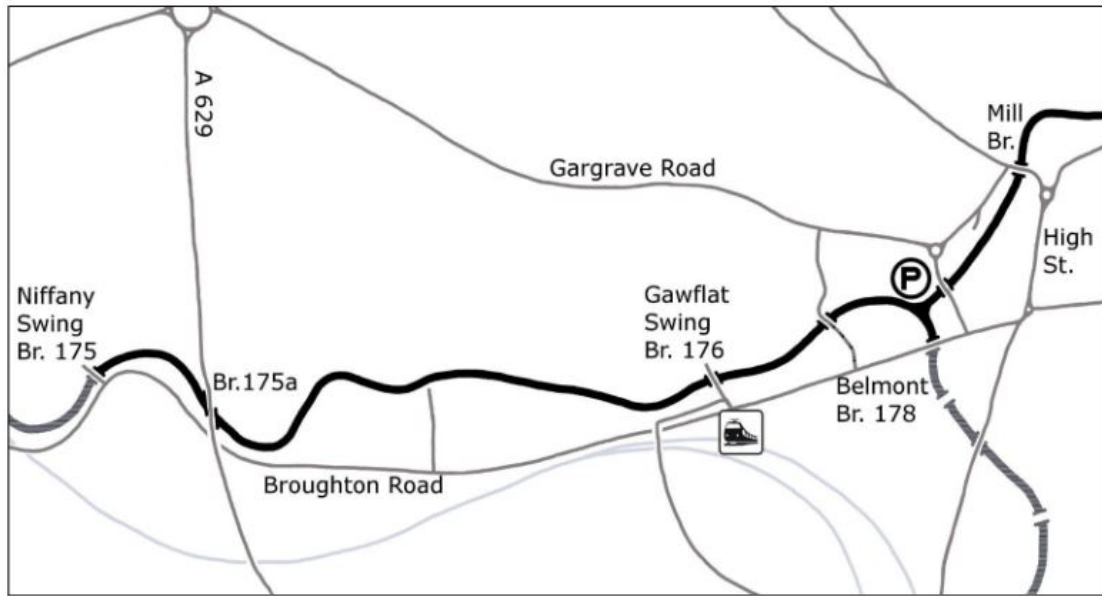
Allowed baits: All legal baits and lures.

## SHARED CANAL SCHEME WITH KEIGHLEY ANGLING CLUB

Members of Skipton AA members may fish the stretch of the Leeds Liverpool canal from Belmont Bridge to Leaches Swing Bridge 196, however SAA members must be familiar with and conform to KAC rules. Conversely KAC members fishing the SAA stretch must be familiar with and conform to SAA rules.

The scheme is open to members of the clubs only and day ticket holders cannot make use of the scheme.

Any person banned from either club waters may not use the shared agreement.



## **PROTECT YOUR FISHERY**

Fishing without permission is a Schedule 1 Theft Act 1968 offence.

The police are duty-bound to record and deal with it. If you catch anyone fishing without a license or taking over their limit call our bailiffs and the police immediately quoting the Home Office code 116/11

## **DAY TICKETS**

Day-tickets are available from the following outlets:

The Elm Tree Inn. Embsay.  
(No canal tickets available)

Jacksons Tackle. 27 Albion Street, Earby.  
(No canal tickets available)

The Papershop. 1a Sunmoor Drive, Skipton.  
(Bottom of Shortbank road).

KL.Tackle. 127 North Street, Keighley.  
(No canal tickets available)

The Paper Shop.1 East Lane, Embsay.  
(No canal tickets available)

Carleton Newsagents & General Store. Carleton  
(No canal tickets available)

Pennine Cruisers, 'The Boat Shop', Skipton Basin.  
(Canal tickets only)

Day tickets also available online <https://www.skiptonangling.com/store>

## **CALENDAR**

The Association organises matches for the benefit of members and to help raise funds for the Association.

## **PETER HART MEMORIAL TROPHY**

June Whinny Gill

July Canal

August Embsay

September Whinny Gill

## **WHINNY GILL SUNSET SERIES**

(A series of evening, coarse fish only matches)

The trophy matches will be held fortnightly. The first match of the series will be 1st Tuesday in June.

## **WHINNYGILL & EMBAY TASTER DAYS**

(Free angling events for complete beginners) T.B.C.

## **RIVER ENVIRONMENT CLEAN-UP T.B.C.**

Any amendments or additional dates will be published on the website, and on social media.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Association occasionally organises matches for the benefit of members. Details are published on the website and social media. In addition to matches, the association possesses trophies which will be engraved on an annual basis with the names of those who catch the best specimen fish, best specimen trout and coarse match series winner.

## **RECORD FISH**

In order to register for your name on a trophy or club record, your catch must either be witnessed by another club member or if no other club member is present, a high quality photograph of the fish alongside a tape measure should be submitted, together with a photograph of the recorded weight on the scales, (If using digital scales, weights MUST be taken using the metric system E.g. Kg/gms). Length measurements should be from the nose, to the fork of the tail.

Claims of record fish must be submitted via the online form to be found at

[www.skiptonangling.com/records/apply-for-a-new-record](http://www.skiptonangling.com/records/apply-for-a-new-record)