

Collingham Angling Association's

Additional Guidance for Anglers fishing during the Pandemic

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General:

As we settle into the third National lock down and with the government recently acknowledging the health benefits of fishing, It seemed apt to update the guidance and request all association members re-educate themselves with the additional guidelines required in order for us all to fish safely. It is beholden on all the members to follow the guidance; in addition to the association constitution and all government restrictions.

Anyone displaying any symptoms, waiting test results, self-isolating or having been told to self-isolate by track and trace/NHS, are not to enter onto any association waters.

Failure to do so will lead to expulsion from the association or any other lesser punishment as deemed appropriate by the committee.

Symptoms:

1. A persistent cough other than that previously known about due to a medical condition (e.g. Throat cancer / Asthma) that means you cough more than normal. (This can be any kind not just a dry cough)
2. Shortness of breath (Other than that previously known about due to a medical condition.
3. Breathing Difficulties (Other than that previously known about due to a medical condition.
4. Fever (High temperature).
5. Loss of taste or smell

How to avoid catching the virus or spreading it:

1. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
2. Place used tissues in a rubbish bag and remove off site with you.
3. Use hand sanitizer often.
4. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
5. Wear a mask if in close proximity of another person.

Please bring a rubbish bag and hand sanitizer with you and take it home.

Due to the extremely contagious nature reported of the new variant Spalford lakes will be open for **Local Angling only**. It remains closed for Dog walking, exercise or other leisure activities.

Members are reminded that the toilet facilities will remain closed

The barn/storage shed have been placed out of bounds to all members other than those working for the fisheries Officer.

Authority:

The Fisheries Officer through the Chairman remains the authority within all association water at all times and will have the authority to amend or include any rule for the benefit and safety of the membership as he deems necessary.

Members must adhere to all signage and the tampering, defacing, removal or moving of any sign will result in a member being **expelled**.

Travel:

To remain within the law you should follow the Government's guidance, and only fish locally within the district where you live. Anglers traveling to any association water must be by individual means of transport if they are not from the same household. This is in order to keep within the guidance of social distancing and will ensure anyone who starts to feel unwell is able to leave to complex immediately without having to wait for a traveling partner.

Parking:

On Spalford complex where it is not possible to park behind your peg (Please consider the ground conditions). Anglers are asked to leave a 2mtr gap between cars. If fishing on the strip between Centenary and Willow or on Centenary low numbers please approach from the relevant/closes end.

Facilities:

The outside drinking water tap situated outside the toilet block will be off limits, all anglers wishing to make their own brews will be required to bring water.

The toilet facilities at Spalford complex will remain closed to all those other than the fisheries staff who continue to maintain the complex throughout the pandemic. Anyone caught defecating on any association water will be **expelled from the club or any other lesser punishment as deemed appropriate by the committee**.

Social Distancing:

A minimum of 2 meters distance is to be observed at all times. Walking around the complex to talk to other anglers or for general exercise is to be discouraged. If an angler brings a wife or partner with them they are required to adhere to the same rules.

In line with the Angling Trust guidelines, when pleasure fishing at Spalford complex we would ask all anglers to fish from Every Other Peg. This will ensure the 15m separation gap between anglers which the Angling Trust put forward in their Implementation Plan and was subsequently agreed by the government. This includes where possible those from the same household

Sharing of equipment

Sharing of equipment is to be kept to a minimum and at all times items touched by more than one person are to be disinfected:

To minimise the possible spread of the virus No keep nets are to be brought onto the complex when pleasure fishing.

Guests

Consideration for other anglers, especially if the venues are full, should be paramount. Therefore, for the time being there will be **no guest tickets available**.

Carp Fishing:

Due to the facilities at Spalford being closed anglers should bring their own toilet facilities if required.

Consideration for other anglers, especially if the venue is full remains key and we ask all anglers to remain courteous to others and discuss matters between themselves to resolve any issues that may arise. The Committee has agreed to continue to allow:

1. Lifting the restrictions on rod limits (licence dependent)
2. To continue to allow parking behind the pegs along the Donkey Bank (weather and ground permitting. Please allow enough room for other anglers to pass)

Night Fishing:

In line with government guidelines fishing on all Association water will be between the hours of dawn till dusk only. All full or temporary members (Day ticket) are to be clear of association water within 30 minutes of it getting dark.

Match Fishing:

In line with government guideline there will be NO match fishing on any association water until further notice.

Summary:

It is beholden on us all to use the facilities of the association safely and to ensure our actions do not endanger the lives of our fellow members many of whom are within the extremely vulnerable age group.

Please keep within the guidance and let's see all members back fishing once this

Pandemic is under control.

Please remember to be polite, keep your social distance and keep fishing safely.

Your committee are committed to keeping the venues open and ensuring the all members are as safe as is reasonably practical.