

**MALLENY ANGLING Ltd**  
**A company Limited by Guarantee**

**RULES**

**Applicable to Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs**

**Members, and where applicable Season and Day Permit holders**

**1. SEASON**

The fishing season shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April and finish on 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year for Brown Trout and 1<sup>st</sup> April and finish on 31<sup>st</sup> October of each year for Rainbow Trout. No fishing is permitted outwith these dates.

**2. FISHING DAY**

Fishing will commence at 6am (during Pandemic) and cease at 11pm or one hour after sunset, whichever is the earlier. No fishing is permitted outwith these hours.

**3. PERMIT TO FISH**

**Fishing is not permitted without a valid permit.**

Under 16-year olds are permitted to fish free of charge along with a member, season, or day permit holder restricted to one 16-year old per angler. The method of fishing is that specified for the permit holder, see item "9 Bag Limit".

Malleny Angling will not be responsible for the safety of any under 16-year old whilst fishing or present at Harlaw or Threipmuir Reservoirs. A disclaimer must be signed by the permit holder before commencing fishing.

Members, Season Permit holders and Day Permit anglers are requested to have their permit available for inspection at all times. Members are requested, to aid identification, to wear the member's badge.

**4. SIGN IN/OUT Suspended during pandemic**

All anglers must log in at the Bailiff's Bothy before commencing fishing.

On finishing fishing, anglers must weigh and record their catch – which includes the number of returned fish. Anglers must then sign/log out prior to leaving. This is a necessary record keeping and health and safety function.

Day Permit holders must record and return their Day Permit to the bailiff or in the letterbox on the gate.

**5. BAILIFF – mobile phone number 07512733474**

Bailiffs may issue Day Permits. This also applies to committee members. **Suspended during Pandemic.**

The duty Bailiff may refuse to issue a permit or ask any angler to leave the water if, in the Bailiff's opinion, the safety of the angler, other anglers or any member of the public is

compromised. All such incidents must be recorded and reported to the Committee as soon as practicable after the event. This must be done within 48 hours of any incident.

## **6. MEMBERS OF MALLENY ANGLING – AUTHORITY**

A member can, at their own discretion and supported by another member and Bailiff or committee member, caution any angler or request any angler to leave the water if they are:

- fishing without being in possession of a valid permit
- judged to be fishing by a non-approved method
- killing or taking more fish than the permit limit
- badly treating fish being returned
- causing annoyance to other anglers. This also applies to young persons or dogs belonging to anglers
- using bad language, swearing or indulging in bad behaviour that is evident to others at Harlaw or Threipmuir Reservoirs
- displaying aggressive behaviour, either verbal or physical, to other Malleny Angling members, visiting anglers or members of the public
- seemingly under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- presenting a danger to themselves or others

Members are required to report any form of suspicious behaviour, poaching or suspected poaching to the duty bailiff.

All incidents must be reported to the Duty Bailiff or a member of the General Committee. A formal complaint may be required if the rules have been violated by a member.

Members and Bailiffs must at all times avoid any form of confrontation or aggressive behaviour, either physical or verbal and **never** at any time put themselves at risk.

Where aggressive behaviour is threatening, the member should disengage and report to Duty Bailiff or call the police.

**Mobile Phone contact for Bailiff – 07512 733474**

## **7. RESTRICTIONS**

All anglers may only fish within the permitted areas at both Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs.

Certain areas, such as the Dam on both Harlaw and Threipmuir, have a restricted method of casting/fishing where only parallel casting is permitted. All anglers must observe the Rule as back-casting, as in certain areas this represents a risk to other anglers, visitors and animals.

## **8. METHOD**

Fishing will be by Fly Rod, centre pin reel, line and hand tied artificial flies or lures. The use of single hooks is the preferred method but double hooks may be used either, singly or as one part of a cast of flies.

The maximum size of double hook permitted is size 12. No heavy steel hooks, weighted heads or weighted bodies are permitted on double hooks.

Tandem lures with multiple hooks are not permitted.

Fishing shall be from the bank only, using a hand-held rod. The rod in use must be hand-held at all times when the line is in the water. Wadding is permitted.

There shall be a limit of one rod per angler but this does not preclude an angler having more than one rod with him whilst at either Harlaw or Threipmuir Reservoirs. Only one rod may be in use at any time.

Nothing shall be attached to the angler's line other than line connector, leader, artificial flies or lures.

Sight indicators may be used and, where possible, have a hook and some resemblance of an artificial fly. Maximum size of sight indicator is 40 mm

The use of large lures fished under sight indicators is not considered good practice and all anglers are requested to comply by avoiding this form of fishing.

There shall be no use of power baits or any similar natural or synthetic product, ground baiting, live or dead bait, lures with partial or whole rotating bodies and no spinning tackle of any description. No bubble or stick floats of any type.

## 9. BAG LIMIT

### Members/Season Permit holders

There shall be a bag limit for each member **4 fish per day** and season permit holders of **3 fish per day**. Once the bag limit has been reached, fishing may continue on a "**catch and release**" basis provided **de-barbed** or **barbless hooks** are used.

Under 16 years share the permit holders catch limit or fish Catch and Release.

### Day Permit holders

Bag limit is restricted to the type of permit. Once the specified bag limit has been reached the permit holder may purchase another permit and take the bag limit applicable to the permit. Alternatively, the angler may switch to catch and release, where the maximum number of fish caught is specified on the permit.

### Under 16-year old anglers

Under 16-year old anglers, fishing with any category of Permit holder, are restricted to a policy of **catch and release** and no fish may be taken.

## 10. CATCH AND RELEASE

Where catch and release is the preferred or statutory method of fishing, barbless or de-barbed hooks must be used.

Fish intended for release should be:

- Played to unhooking as quickly as possible
- unhooked in the water
- handled with wet hands
- never pulled on stones or hard ground
- kept in the net kept in the water and knotless nets used
- released only when fully recovered

## 11. BREACH OF RULES

Any breach of the rules by a member will be dealt with by the General Committee.

Any breach of the rules by a Season or Day Permit holder will, at the discretion of the Bailiff or General Committee member, be asked to leave the water, applicable permit revoked without compensation and any fish confiscated. The person may also, in the future, be refused permission to fish Harlaw or Threipmuir Reservoirs.

## 12. NUISANCE

Members will take all reasonable steps to prevent any form of nuisance to fellow anglers or any third party. Any angler will not be seemingly under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs while fishing at Harlaw or Threipmuir Reservoirs.

## 13. ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

All accidents and incidents must be entered in the Accident Book which is located in the Bailiffs' Bothy. Entries can only be made by the Duty Bailiff or an officer of Malleny Angling. Any incidents, regardless of being seemingly trivial, must be logged on the specific day. Failure to record in due time may render the incident invalid.

**Emergency – Mobile Phone contact for Bailiff – 07512 733474**

## 14. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY, RISK ASSESSMENTS

It is conditional of membership of Malleny Angling that members read, understand and take personal responsibility for their **safety** and for compliance with Malleny Angling's Policies and Risk Assessments.

Copies of all the documentation is available from the General Secretary, with copies held at the Bailiffs' Bothy. Day Permit anglers are bound by the same policies.

## 15. VISITORS

Members shall be responsible for the **safety** and **actions** of any person, regardless of age, whom they invite to fish Malleny Angling waters and for ensuring that the person is, if applicable, in possession of a valid permit.

## 16. THE ENVIRONMENT

Malleny Angling respects the environment and has in place an Environmental Policy.

Members, Season Permit Holders and Day Permit Anglers shall not cause any damage to Trees, Shrubs, Flora, Fauna or Grasses on the banks of Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs by Sawing, Cutting, Hacking, Digging or Removal. The angler shall not damage the Banking, Fencing and Gates, Dry Stone Walling and Buildings surrounding Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs.

All angler must manage used nylon in a safe manner that does not endanger walkers or wild life. Redundant artificial flies/hooks must be managed in the same manner and not disposed of at the water edge.

The lighting of fires is not permitted. The angler will not leave litter on the grounds adjoining the Reservoirs.

Any Member who observes an angler causing such damage is bound to report such actions to the Duty Bailiff or a Committee Member.

**THE RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY MA  
COMMITTEE**

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