

## COVID-19: Additional Rules Governing SDAA Ltd Fisheries

(version 7 effective from 19 July 2021)

The rules printed in the SDAA membership books were unable to include the impact of changes to laws and guidelines issued by the Government to manage the evolving COVID-19 situation. The SDAA committee have issued this additional set of rules, which all members must adhere to whilst visiting SDAA fisheries to ensure that Government laws and guidelines are followed, and in order to minimise the risk of spreading SARS-COV-2 to other members. These additional rules will be updated to reflect any relevant changes to the Government laws and guidelines.

There is still a risk that you can catch or pass on the virus even when fully vaccinated. However, those who have been fully vaccinated are at much lower risk of requiring hospitalisation or death than unvaccinated individuals should they become infected.

**ALL SDAA MEMBERS MUST FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE RULES SET OUT BELOW (AND ALL OTHER CLUB RULES) BEFORE VISITING ANY SDAA FISHERY**

Please contact the SDAA Chairperson or Club Secretary if you require any clarification about any of the rules. If any SDAA member feels unable or unwilling to follow these additional rules they must not go fishing on SDAA waters. Club bailiffs will ask members to leave SDAA fisheries if any of these additional rules are broken and the incident will be immediately reported to the committee.

**The following rules apply to all SDAA Ltd fisheries in addition to those published in membership books:**

1. You must not go fishing or visit a SDAA fishery if:
  - You are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. You should self-isolate at home while you book a PCR test and wait for the results. You must self-isolate if your test positive. Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. This remains the law, regardless of your vaccination status.
  - You have been contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service and are undergoing a period of self isolation. This remains the law, regardless of your vaccination status. *[Please note: from 16<sup>th</sup> August, if you have been fully vaccinated or are under 18 you will be exempt from the requirement to self-isolate if you are a contact of a positive case. You will be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible and if you test positive you will still need to self-isolate regardless of your vaccination status or age.]*
  - You are currently undergoing a period of self isolation due to travelling abroad. The need to self isolate will depend upon where you have travelled from, your vaccination status and your age.

In addition:

- Anyone experiencing any COVID-19 symptom whilst fishing must immediately cease fishing and leave the venue.
  - Anyone visiting a SDAA water does so at their own risk, particularly those:
    - who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
    - who have been informed they are clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.
    - who have significant risk factors for developing the more severe COVID-19 symptoms requiring hospitalisation and an increased risk of death.
2. The main way of spreading COVID-19 is through close contact with an infected person. Members should respect that others may wish to take a more cautious approach to the relaxation of laws concerning social distancing and wish to continue avoiding close contact with others. Therefore, all members must keep well distanced (>2 metres) from other people whilst visiting SDAA fisheries at all times, unless all parties agree to closer contact.
  3. All members must maintain good hygiene practices whilst at SDAA fisheries.

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- You must take particular care when touching surfaces that may have been contaminated with SARS-COV-2 after being touched by others:
  - Wash your hands thoroughly before arriving at the fishery and afterwards.
  - Carry bio-wipes to clean gates, locks or any surface likely to be touched by others before and after use.
  - If bio-wipes are not available use disposable gloves or hand sanitising gels.
- You must remove all your waste (including faeces, wipes, gloves, etc) from the fishery when you leave (see existing club rule 12.5). SARS-COV-2 can be detected in the faeces of infected patients so you must ensure that you are suitably equipped to remove your own faeces.
- 4. Anyone fishing on a SDAA fishery must be in possession of their current SDAA membership book with photo ID attached and declaration signed on p1.
  - Only SDAA members are allowed to fish SDAA waters.
    - The sale of guest tickets remains suspended for the foreseeable future.
  - Members (but not Juniors) are allowed to be accompanied by a single non-fishing guest, provided:
    - The member takes responsibility for ensuring their non-fishing guest strictly adheres to all SDAA rules.
    - Any non-fishing guest staying overnight is in possession of a Non-Fishing Night Guest Permit (cost £25) only available by contacting the Registrar / Chairperson.
  - Juniors and Associate Juniors are not allowed to fish unless accompanied and supervised by a member aged 18 or over. Juniors can be in an adjacent swim, but Associate Juniors must be in the same swim.
    - The only exception is that Juniors aged 12 and over are allowed to fish unaccompanied during the daytime, provided a signed copy of the 'SDAA Junior Parent / Guardian Consent Form' has been received by the Registrar. Failure to abide with any of these rules (or any other club rules) will result in the Junior member having this privilege withdrawn.
- 5. Specimen fish trophies remain suspended as verifying fish weights cannot easily be carried out whilst maintaining >2 metres distance (*see rule 2 above*).
- 6. These rules may be subject to change at short notice.
  - SDAA will have to conform to any changes in Government laws and guidance.
  - Fisheries and/or swims may need to be closed at short notice to allow essential maintenance to be carried out.
  - Members must adhere to all notices posted by the SDAA committee at any fishery
- 7. Anyone not following these rules (or any other club rules) will face immediate disciplinary action.
  - Bailiffs will continue to patrol club waters and will ask you for sight of your SDAA membership documents whilst maintaining a distance of >2 metres (*see rule 2 above*).
  - If asked to leave any of the club waters by a SDAA official you must vacate the area without objection.