

Constitution

1. The name of the Club is Isca Angling Club.
2. The object of the Club is to promote and provide fishing facilities for its members.
3. The officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting which shall take place in the close season. All members must be notified by post or email 4 weeks in advance of the AGM.
4. The Officers of the Club will be Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, River Keeper and up to 6 other Committee members. All must be club members.
5. The Committee will meet at such times as are directed by the Chairman and all Committee members must be notified.
6. A club member shall be appointed by the Committee to audit the accounts of Isca, annually.
7. All monies collected for the Club must be banked in the name of the Club forthwith.
8. All expenditure on behalf of the Club must be authorised by the Committee and all cheques must be signed by 2 of 3 designated signatories.
9. Minutes shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary recording the business transacted at each Committee meeting and A.G.M. The financial position of the Club shall be reported and recorded in the format of a balance sheet at the A.G.M.
10. The club is limited to 100 adult members but subject to change at the discretion of the committee
11. Membership applications must be in writing to the Hon. Secretary. If there are no vacancies, names will be placed on a waiting list and membership offered in sequence of receipt of applications as vacancies occur. Membership cards are not transferable.
12. The Committee has the power to decline to accept an application for club membership.
13. The committee has the power to terminate membership as a result of:
 - a) infringement of club rules
 - b) Unsportsmanlike behaviour including but not limited to members conducting themselves in a manner that causes offence to or the disturbance to fellow members. Such offence can be through action, verbal interaction or written communication, including social media.
 - c) Any action which is likely to bring the club (Isca) into disrepute or is in any manner contrary to the best interests of the club or its membership.

The club committee has the power to terminate membership by a two thirds majority. Only if the committee considers it necessary then the member(s) will be requested to attend before the committee on a date decided by the committee to challenge the basis for the termination of membership.
14. The Committee has the power to make rules and regulations as they deem to be in the interests of the Club. A quorum of 6 members shall be sufficient to transact business.
15. Membership fees, set by the Committee, are due by in December for the season ahead with a reward scheme for payment before the 31st. Delayed payment may result in loss of membership.

Club Keeper:

Richard Perrett

Mobile: 07811 213889

Any problems or notable catches, please advise:

Hon. Sec: Sec.Isca@gmail.com

In case of poaching or pollution, please ring:

Natural Resources Wales

Emergency Number

0300 065 3000

Without delay

Club Waters

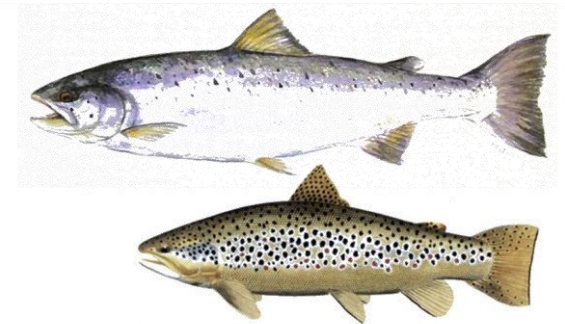
Newbridge (tidal)

Whittinghams

Lower Coldbrook (Hardwick)

Abergavenny Town Water

Isca Angling Club



Rules and Constitution

Revised for 2020

Rules

1. Members must hold and carry the appropriate Natural Resources Wales (NRW) / Environment Agency (EA) rod licence.

2. Fishing Methods and Seasons:

Salmon: 3rd March -15th June – Fly only

16th June -17th October: Fly and spinning only

Sea Trout: as for salmon but from the 20th March

Trout: 3rd March – 30th September: Fly only

New Bridge Beat: Ken's pool, both banks, and Gravel Run are fly only for all species. Downstream of Plas Llecha, trout fishing is only allowed after 1st May

Coarse fishing is only permitted from 18th October to 2nd March on the Newbridge Beat.

3. **Catch and Release:** is mandated/encouraged using best practice;

a) minimise time playing the fish

b) do not remove the fish from the water

c) support the fish until fully recovered

d) for deep hooked fish, particularly in the gills, snip the line close to the hook and allow a longer recovery time

Salmon: It is **mandated** by NRW that all salmon are released with minimum injury and delay.

Sea trout: Before 1st May all sea trout must be released

Sea trout (>1st May) and trout combined: 2 per day and 12 per season over 11"/28cm and less than 23"/60cm may be kept by the angler who caught them.

4. After taking their limit members may continue to fish but fish must be released promptly following the best practice.

5. Catch limits may be not transferred between members or members and guests.

6. Hooks:

Salmon & sea trout:

Hooks must be barbless.

Any spinner or spoon must use a single hook, not a double or treble. Up to 3 single hooks may be used on a plug.

The gape, measured from the point to the shank, of any hook on a spinner, spoon or plug may be no greater than 13mm.

Fly hooks: No fly to have more than one hook (single, double or treble). The maximum permitted gape on any single or double hook is 10mm. The gape for any hook on a treble must be less than 7mm.

7. All kelts and red fish must be returned to the river.

8. All salmon must be returned even if injured or dead. If a salmon fails to survive capture, the angler must still return it and inform the River Keeper (number overleaf) as soon as possible on the day of capture.

9. **Day tickets**, for one calendar day, will be available to a member's guest at the discretion of the Secretary at a cost determined annually by the Committee. Guests must be accompanied by a member at all times, comply with club rules and must fish with barbless hooks and return all salmon.

10. **Car cards** must be displayed and clearly visible in your vehicle at all times when fishing club waters.

11. **Members must carry their club membership paper and NRW/EA rod licence** when fishing. These must be produced if asked for by another member or authorised person. This helps protect the club's fishing rights.

12. No angler may have more than one rod in use at any one time.

13. Members must respect property, crops, hedges, fences and pay particular attention to the opening and closing of gates. Please go directly to the river. Do not wander over land. Do not leave litter including fishing line. Lighting fires is not permitted.

14. No angler shall fish a pool or run which is being fished by another (either in front or behind) unless he has received permission to do so. No angler shall occupy a pool or run for more than 30 minutes after another angler has given notice that he is waiting to fish there. Anglers are expected to act in a sportsman-like manner so as to avoid over-crowding of pools and runs by moving a **minimum of one step per cast**.

15. By law, gaffs and tailers are banned and landing nets must have knotless mesh.

16. Access and parking must be as shown on the maps provided and nowhere else.

17. Member may not bring dogs on to club waters.

18. Anglers under 18 may fish free of charge provided they are accompanied at all times by a member, sharing the member's rod and catch limit, and have a relevant NRW/EA rod licence.

19. The Committee accepts no liability for any damage or loss of equipment or personal injury to anglers using club waters.

20. Members must submit a catch return to the Secretary by 31 October.

21. **Compliance with fisheries laws, byelaws and these rules is a condition of membership and permission to fish the Club's waters. Anglers disregarding them may, at the discretion of the Committee have their tickets cancelled, be restrained from further fishing without redress for any payment made, and if appropriate be subject to legal action.**
