

**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 6 am for members and 7 am for Season permit holders and cease at 10 pm during April, September, October and 10.30 pm during May, June, July, August or one hour after sunset whichever is the earlier.

Anglers should endeavour to check out at the bothy at the stated finishing time.

Members commencing fishing before a bailiff arrives must contact the bailiff, physically at the bothy or by phone or email at 8 am or when the bailiff comes on duty.

Day permit holder may commence fishing at 8 am. No fishing is permitted outwith these hours.

The start time will be subject to review by the executive committee and, if changed during the fishing season, will be notified on the MA Ltd web page – [mallenyangling.com](http://mallenyangling.com)

**3. PERMIT TO FISH**

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

**17-Year-olds** and under may fish free of charge, **STRICTLY CATCH & RELEASE**, when accompanied by an adult of over 18 years of age who has a Full valid permit. This is restricted to one 17-year-old angler per permit holder and not transferable.

A young Scot card or valid form of identity for those over 16 years of age will be required.

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 17-year-old or under 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 required to always have their permit available for inspection while fishing at waters controlled by Malleny Angling Ltd. Members and Season permits are required, to aid identification, to wear the appropriate MA Ltd badge.

**4. SIGN IN/OUT**

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, if provided, in the letterbox on the gate. Alternatively email your catch return to [catchreturn@mallynyangling.com](mailto:catchreturn@mallynyangling.com)

## 5. BAILIFF – mobile phone number 0777 118 5704

Bailiffs cannot issue Day Permits. This also applies to committee members.

The duty Bailiff has the authority to 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

The holder of a Mallyeny Angling Ltd member permit acts with the authority of the management committee of Mallyeny Angling Ltd.

The member must endeavour to ensure that any members of the public fishing on waters controlled by Mallyeny Angling Ltd are in possession of a valid permit.

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 Mallyeny 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 – Mobile Phone number – 0777 118 5704 or call the police.  
Police - 101 for non-urgent and 999 for life threatening situation

## **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. Only four (4) anglers may fish on the dam at any time. 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 always hand-held when the line is in the water. Wading 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, must have a hook and some resemblance of an artificial fly. The indicator must not be made of plastic, wood, cork, quill or polystyrene. Maximum size of 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 & MAXIMUM DAILY CATCH LIMIT**

### **Catch Limit**

On any day the maximum permitted limit of fish that may be caught is **20**

After reaching this limit the angler **MUST** stop fishing and record his catch with the duty bailiff.

This rule will apply to Members, Season Permits and all classes of Day permits

### **Bag Limit**

**Members/Season Permit holders**

There shall be a bag limit for each **member 4 fish per day** and **season permits 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 and until the daily catch limit has been reached.

#### **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. Purchasing additional daily permit does not change the daily maximum catch limit of **20** fish.

#### **17-Year-Old Anglers**

Anglers of 17-years-old and under, fishing with any category of Permit holder, are restricted to a policy of **catch and release** no fish may be taken and barbless or de-barbed hooks must be used.

### **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.

#### **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 THE  
MA Ltd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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