

RADAC FISHING ETIQUETTE

There follows some guidance on the etiquette that we hope members will extend to each other:

Game Fishing

1. Respect other anglers fishing below, above or opposite and give them the space that you would expect to be given.
2. Whether they are fishing the same bank or the opposite bank never enter a pool below another angler without their express permission.
3. Making repeated casts from the same position in the pool will not endear you to following anglers. Make steady progress down the pool by taking one or two paces between every cast.
4. Always return to the water unharmed, and as soon as possible, any parr, out-of-season and unclean fish (kelts, baggots, etc.).
5. Wade safely and only as deeply as is necessary to cover the lies. Careless wading can disturb fishing, damage vegetation and damage redds etc.
6. Never turn to face your own bank when wading, the angles covered in this way are the prerogative of the opposite bank.
7. When a fish is hooked in the same pool that a member is fishing they should provide the successful angler with the space necessary to successfully play the fish, reeling in if necessary, until the fish is landed.
8. After landing a fish any angler is entitled to re-start progress down the pool from the position where the fish was hooked or just below; never above.

Coarse Fishing

9. When fishing a pool (either by ledger or float) a member should consider allowing a game angler to fish through. If the game angler does so with consideration and reasonable speed minimal disturbance will be caused to the swim. If such permission is given it would be inappropriate for the member game fishing to do so more than once.
10. When selecting a 'peg' a member should not encroach on another's swim. Consultation between members will allow an appropriate spacing to be agreed.
11. If a number of members wish to fish a stretch consider using only one rod.

General

12. Avoid making any noise (loud or shouted conversation, loud mobile phone tones, heavy footfall along the bank or splashing in the shallows) which may scare fish from a swim. Also avoid shining powerful torches on the water at night, for the same reason.