



Tewkesbury Junior Anglers

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Junior Anglers

At Tewkesbury Junior Anglers, we want everyone to have a great time learning about fishing, making new friends, and enjoying the outdoors. To make sure this happens, we ask all our young anglers to follow these simple rules:

Be a Good Sport:

- **Play Fair:** Always fish according to the rules and be honest.
- **Respect Others:** Treat other anglers, coaches, volunteers, and visitors with kindness and respect. No teasing, bullying, or leaving anyone out.
- **Listen Up:** Pay attention to instructions from coaches and club officials – they are there to help you learn and keep you safe.
- **Good Attitude:** Whether you catch a big one or nothing at all, keep a positive attitude. Cheer on others and be happy for their successes.
- **Handle With Care:** Learn how to handle fish gently and return them to the water safely as instructed.

Safety First:

- **Stay Safe:** Always think about your safety and the safety of others. Don't run on the bankside and be careful near the water.
- **Use Equipment Properly:** Only use fishing tackle and other equipment in the way you've been shown. Ask for help if you're unsure.
- **Tell Someone:** If you see anything dangerous, or if you're worried about anything, tell a coach or a trusted adult straight away.

Respect Our Environment:

- **Keep it Clean:** Always take your litter home with you, including any old fishing line or bait. Leave your fishing spot as clean as, or cleaner than, you found it.
- **Look After Nature:** Respect wildlife and plants around the water. Don't disturb animals or damage trees and flowers.
- **Protect the Water:** Don't throw things into the water (except your bait!).



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General Behaviour:

- Be on Time: Arrive on time for sessions, matches, or events.
- Use Good Language: Speak politely to everyone. Swearing or offensive language is not acceptable.
- Have Fun! Enjoy learning new skills, making friends, and the thrill of fishing!

If I don't follow the Code, I understand that:

- A coach will talk to me about my behaviour.
- My parents/guardians may be informed.
- I might be asked to miss some fishing time or, in serious cases, may not be able to continue fishing with the club.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Parents and guardians play a vital role in creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for our junior anglers. We appreciate your cooperation in upholding the values of Tewkesbury Junior Anglers.

Support Your Child and the Club:

- Encourage, Don't Force: Encourage your child to participate but do not force them. Focus on their effort and enjoyment rather than just winning.
- Positive Reinforcement: Offer positive comments and support to your child and others. Applaud effort and good sportsmanship from all anglers.
- Respect Officials and Coaches: Accept the decisions of club officials and coaches. If you have a concern, please address it respectfully and privately at an appropriate time.
- Understand the Rules: Familiarise yourself and your child with the rules of angling and club activities.
- Volunteer: Consider offering your help to the club if you can – it's a great way to support the children and the angling community.



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Promote Good Sportsmanship and Respect:

- **Be a Role Model:** Children learn by example. Demonstrate respectful behaviour towards all anglers, coaches, officials, and other parents.
- **No Sideline Coaching (Unless Invited):** Please allow the coaches to do their job. Conflicting instructions can be confusing for young anglers.
- **Respect All Anglers:** Remember that all children are learning and developing at different rates. Avoid criticising any child.
- **Discourage Disputes:** Do not engage in arguments or disputes with other parents, officials, or anglers.

Safety and Wellbeing:

- **Punctuality:** Ensure your child arrives on time for sessions and is collected promptly afterwards. Inform coaches if you are running late.
- **Appropriate Gear:** Ensure your child has suitable clothing, footwear, and any necessary personal equipment for the weather conditions and angling activities.
- **Health and Medical Information:** Inform the club of any medical conditions or allergies your child has and provide emergency contact details.
- **Safeguarding:** Be aware of the club's safeguarding policies. Report any concerns about a child's welfare to the designated Safeguarding Officer. (Please refer to our *Safeguarding Policy*).

Communication:

- **Stay Informed:** Read club communications (emails, newsletters, website updates) to stay up-to-date with events and information.
- **Open Dialogue:** Communicate openly and respectfully with club coaches and officials.

Environmental Responsibility:

- **Support Green Practices:** Encourage your child to respect the environment, dispose of litter correctly (including fishing line), and handle fish with care.



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Breaches of this Code of Conduct:

- The club will address breaches of this Code of Conduct in a manner deemed appropriate by the committee. This may include informal discussions, formal warnings, or, in serious or repeated cases, a request not to attend club events or activities. The club's primary aim is to ensure a safe and positive environment for all junior members.

By adhering to these Codes of Conduct, we can all contribute to making Tewkesbury Junior Anglers a fantastic and rewarding experience for every young person involved. Thank you for your support.