

Angling Coaching Initiative

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Information Pack for Participants

Welcome to the sport of fishing! By joining ACI we aim to teach you how to fish in local lakes and other still-waters to catch a whole variety of fish, using many different methods and tackle. We'll introduce you to float fishing in all its forms, ledgering and feeder fishing, using a pole, all with the objective of giving you the best chance of catching fish in a huge variety of situations and throughout the season. Don't worry though we keep it very simple to start with, and that comes with a virtual guarantee that you will catch even on your first outing! It's fun and exciting but be warned, it is likely to lead to you being "hooked" for life!

Read on for more details.

APPLICANTS

We welcome Junior anglers between the ages of 8 & 16, though there is latitude in this, older and certainly if a younger sibling wishes to try. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are welcome to attend with them, or can elect to fish as well, but please note on some waters we are restricted on the number of swims so families who all wish to fish may be in one, wide swim. Your child can be left though without you staying too, if you wish.

We won't be able to have too many group attendances so the overall number may have to be limited, depending on coach numbers etc.

Note you do not need to be a member of either of the host angling clubs MAS, KDAA, CAPS, Colnes, CPS or CAA or to have previous angling experience, all will be catered for!

COSTS

We are a voluntary non profit organisation so charges are made just to cover the cost of bait & replacement tackle, including limited breakages.

The waters are donated free of charge by our host angling clubs & the coaches donate their time. All tackle is provided, though if you can bring your own stools/low chairs that would be appreciated.

PRICES

SESSION RATES

One student (adult or child) £17.00

Non Fishing Adult Free

A non fishing adults can attend free of charge but ONLY assist with their OWN child please

VENUES & DATES

A list of the dates for the main coaching lessons is shown on the Events Calander webpage, which also shows the different venues where these take place. We are very happy to take those that want to try fishing for a single lesson though, and then sign on for more if they like it. Venues from each club are used, 20 lessons in all over the 2025 season. Pupils are welcome to sign on again for following seasons, until they have the confidence to fish independently. There will also be the

opportunity in due course to take successive assessments of their skills through the “Cast” scheme, to further grow their abilities.

Timing. Please arrive promptly for a short briefing for the day at 8.45am. Fishing will start at 10am, till 2pm. Ideally please arrive at 2pm to share a photo session of a small selection of the fish that have been caught that day, to share in their enjoyment! Latest arrival time 2.15pm please.

DIRECTIONS to each venue are included on the Venues webpage including maps.

FISHING TACKLE

Once you know some of the basic tactics to catch & safely handle your quarry you’ll want to try this out on your own. Guidance on buying the tackle you need is available by getting this from a local fishing tackle shop.

Note also if you already have some fishing tackle, you are welcome to use this at our coaching sessions. Please though bring it first to one of our “tackle workshops” held after the coaching sessions, to check suitability, and to check you have what is needed to be successful.

Due to the risk of fish diseases such as KHV however, do NOT bring any nets, keep-nets or landing nets, onto the water please.

For your information, the basic list of the tackle needed is available for discussion too under “downloads”, “Tackle List-Starters”.

JOINING our supporting Clubs

All clubs offer excellent value for money for the really good fishing they have over a wide range of waters. If you would like to join them, so you can fish the venues we use for coaching plus a wide variety of other waters, see details on the club's websites under the Useful Links.

ENROLMENT TO THE COURSE

Every person who would like to attend our course to fish must fill in an application form ‘Child/Adult Consent’ form please, accessed on the ‘How to book’ webpage.

There is a lot of additional information on this form so do take the time to absorb the details of what is shown, and answer all the points raised. In particular, do please read the details on EA (Environment Agency) Rod Licences, and follow the guidance on these. We will have special “Waiver” Licences in place for our lessons for any adults and Juniors, but you would need to apply for these Licences if you are fishing outside of our coaching sessions.

Please return the application consent form/s to;

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We will be running the sessions using accredited Angling Trust Level 2 Coach’s, who all hold Enhanced DBS checks, Safeguarding & Protecting Children, First Aid course etc.

That's an awful lot of dry information, the prime objective is to teach everyone how to fish and to improve their skills. We want to make this your sport for life! It is fun and provides a huge variety of types of places to fish, different surroundings, and various skills for the large range of fish we can catch in this country. You're welcome to come back to me to discuss.

Chris Burt, ACI