**West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild**

**River Frome at Tellisford**

**Code of Conduct**

March 2018 update

**SEASONS**

**Fly Fishing:**

* Brown and rainbow trout: 1st April to 15th October (inclusive)
* Grayling: 16th June to 31st December (inclusive)

**Coarse Fishing:**

* Lower stretch only - Flume to Snarlton weir (pools 11 to 22) 16th June to 14th March (inclusive)
* The whole stretch - Tellisford packhorse bridge to Snarlton weir (pools 1 to 22) 16th October to 14th March (inclusive)
* **Exception for juniors (under 12 years of age) -**

Members may use the whole stretch from Tellisford Packhorse Bridge to Snarlton weir (beats 1 to 22) to introduce juniors to coarse fishing. NB the junior must be the one fishing and in-charge of the rod, except for demonstration by the Guild member.

**GENERAL RULES**

1. No competitions or matches.
2. Be aware at all times of other angler’s rights, particularly coarse anglers on station.
3. Do not leave litter, after fishing collect up any litter or rubbish even if it was already there when you arrived.
4. Do not discard line, hooks or other items.
5. Handle fish with care and respect in accordance with Environment Agency rules.
6. The use of lead is banned other than that which is permitted by National Bylaws
7. All angers to use knotless mesh nets.
8. Fishing is dawn to one hour after sunset, with no night fishing.

**FLY-FISHING (Game Fish)**

1. Single fly only - maximum size 10 long shank.
2. Upstream, across and downstream permitted.
3. Barbless and de-barbed hooks recommended.
4. Carry a suitable priest.
5. Wading permitted from 1st April to 15th October.
6. All rainbow trout may be taken, subject to a maximum of one brace per week.
7. All brown trout and grayling to be returned.

**COARSE FISHING**

1. All game fish caught by coarse anglers, or by coarse fishing methods to be returned in order to protect stocks.
2. Bring your bait in a box do not bring cans of sweetcorn/ luncheon meat etc. to the river.
3. Barbless or micro-barbed hooks are encouraged.
4. Preference is for fish not to be retained in keep nets.
5. No live bait permitted.
6. Sensible loose feeding permitted.
7. Pike fishing from 1st October to 14th March (inclusive). Dead bait (maximum of 150mm/6”) may only be used for pike fishing.
8. No spinning or plug fishing is permitted upstream of the Flume.

Definition:

‘Game fish’ means brown or rainbow trout, sea trout, char, grayling and salmon