



GET FISHING AWARDS



**A progressive
introduction to
fishing**

Angling Direct
Serious about your fishing

Angling Direct is the exclusive Campaign Partner
of the Angling Trust's 'Get Fishing' campaign to
get more people fishing, more often.



OVERVIEW

We've developed the Get Fishing Awards to help participants take the first steps on their angling journey - from a newcomer's unforgettable excitement at catching that first fish, through to becoming a more experienced angler who can set up tackle, safely return their own fish and has the correct Environment Agency fishing licence (not required for Sea Fishing).

You can't easily fit all of this into a short 'taster session' and so we've worked with delivery partners to devise a simple three step programme that covers Coarse, Game and Sea Fishing.

DELIVERY & SAFEGUARDING

We'll aim to put you in touch with a qualified Angling Trust licenced coach which means there's less paperwork involved in delivering the Get Fishing Awards.

Where it's not possible to access a Licenced coach, the award can be run with the support of a competent angler. Under these circumstances volunteers should only deliver these sessions to participants under the age of 18 if their legal guardians are present at all times. These safeguarding measures will protect your volunteers and participants. Delivering these awards might be the perfect springboard for them to become an angling coach. The Angling Trust can support these people on their angling journey.

THE AWARDS

At the end of the Get Fishing Award pathway, participants will have received a badge for each of three sessions - **Have a Go, New Angler** and **Angler**. See related information.

LINKED SESSIONS

The Get Fishing Awards programme starts with a simple, short, active angling taster session with the focus on maximising the chance of catching a fish.

Although it's likely that not all attendees can or will return for more, you'll probably spot who is keen to take things further and learn how to fish. Therefore, it's important to make the offer of further 'linked sessions'. Think of "quality rather than quantity" for the remaining two sessions.

NEXT STEPS...

After running your Get Fishing Awards we can help you run CAST awards. These are a series of six progressive stages delivered by licenced coaches. Over several months of working together we'll see beginners develop into accomplished anglers and will have all played a part in creating a sustainable future for your club or fishery.

PERFECT PLANNING!

To help you prepare for the awards we've created a simple planner to make your sessions **P.E.R.F.E.C.T.!**



GET FISHING EVENT PREPARATION

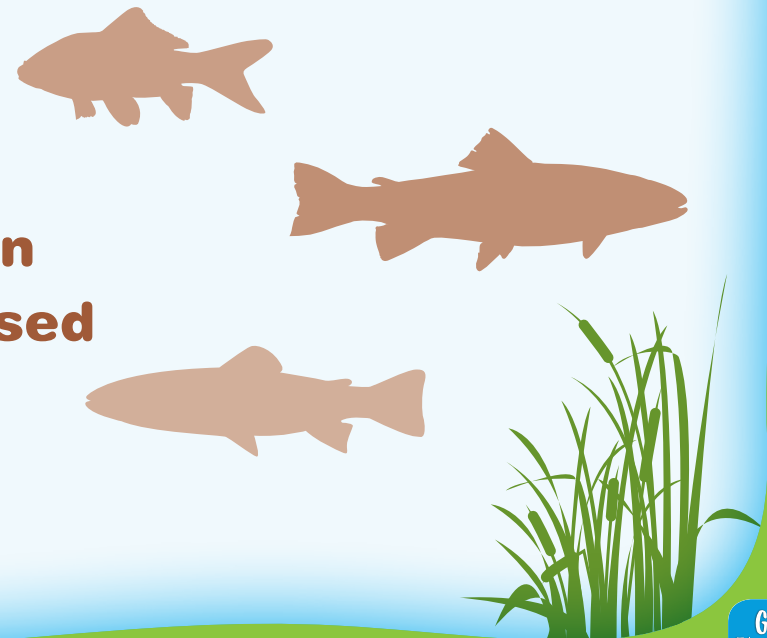
Taster Date:		Venue:	Licence Waiver Required	Date applied for
New Angler Date:		Venue:	Data Returned	Date
Angler Date:		Venue:	Participation Contact	
PERFECT	ACTIONS	ADDITIONAL ACTIONS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
P lanning	How many, number of volunteers, where are they parking, seating, safeguarding, bad weather plan B, licence waiver, risk assessment, dates, costs involved, marketing, rubbish collection, toilets.			
E quipment	Tackle required, appropriate for beginners, seat boxes (two per peg), rigs, hooks, disgorgers, landing nets and unhooking mats,			
R ecording	Who will record data sheets and return to AT, confidentiality of medical conditions, management of booking in, follow up marketing for extra sessions, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).			
F ood and drink	Are we offering food and drink for sale, free water to participants, ice creams, cake, tea and coffee, snacks, use of café, bacon sandwiches.			
E xperience	What do people want out of session, volunteers to promote club to onlookers, designated people to welcome and manage day, clean and tidy fishery, clean toilets, display risk assessment, coaching plan.			
C ontrol	Can we have too many people. Safeguarding, do we have enough pegs, manage photographs, large groups, can we manage complaints, collect feedback and act on it, who is in overall charge, welfare officer, who does what?			
T imings	Preparation starts, dates, length of sessions, how long is a taster day, 1 hour for additional sessions, marketing begins, set up days, work parties to tidy up, time between taster and extra sessions.			

SESSION 1 CRITERIA: HAVE A GO!

The 'Have a Go' award recognises a participant's attendance at an event. Ideal for those that have attended their first ever fishing event, catching their first ever fish.

The participant:

- has attended a fishing event
- has seen someone cast
- has helped to catch and net a fish
- can name the fish that they have seen
- name the bait, fly or lure they have used
- knows how to keep safe near water



SESSION 2 CRITERIA: NEW ANGLER!

(APPROX. 1 HOUR)

This is awarded at the second event when participants have had the chance to fish again and start to show more confidence when fishing independently.



The 'New Angler' can:

- assemble appropriate angling equipment
- understands the basic principles of keeping safe by the water
- recognise bites, takes and strikes
- play and land a fish
- unhook a fish safely
- hold, handle and return fish
- knows what fishing licence they are required to have



SESSION 3 CRITERIA: ANGLER!

(APPROX. 1 HOUR)

The final award encourages anglers to fish more independently to ensure they would be comfortable using basic equipment on their own.



The 'Angler' understands how to:

- **select correct line and how to attach terminal tackle**
- **tie an appropriate knot suitable to reconnect line after breakage or to attach a ready tied hooklink for example**
- **effectively use simple angling equipment**
- **have some knowledge about bait, flies or lures**
- **use a disgorger or forceps and promote fish welfare**
- **find venues and places to further their angling**
- **Purchase an appropriate fishing licence (not required for Sea Fishing)**





Name	Have a Go Award Achieved:	New Angler Session Achieved:	Angler Award Achieved:	E Mail Contact	EA Licence Number

Coach Signature: **Dated:**

