

CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1 - Provision of Service.

1.1 Guides must at the time of confirmation of booking (or prior to such booking) ensure a clear understanding of the following exists with their client:

- (a) the guide's ability to provide the service requested by the client;
- (b) the type of accommodation and facilities to be provided;
- (c) the standard of food to be provided;
- (d) details of the likely fishing hours;
- (e) equipment that will be provided by the guide;
- (f) the gear and equipment to be provided by the client.,
- (g) method of payment by the client;
- (h) transport arrangements.

Section 2 - Fishing with Clients.

2.1 A guide shall not fish with a client unless:

- (a) they have indicated to that client through correspondence- that their guide will be fishing with them during the course of their guided fishing trip and that this is agreed to by the client;
- (b) they are invited to fish by their client during the course of the guided fishing trip., or
- (c) a clear understanding exists as to whether the charter is for a fishing guide or a fishing companion.

2.2 Guides should ensure that their client has every opportunity to catch trout without competition by the guide unless the client specifically requests that competition.

Section 3 - Standard of Accommodation

3.1 Guides should ensure that clients are given complete details of the accommodation in which they will be staying during their guided trip.

3.2 Any accommodation (other than bush camp) provided by guides is to meet the minimum standards of cleanliness, hygiene and provide basic ablution facilities as set down by the Department of Tourism.

Section 4 - Standard of Boating

4.1 Boats and drivers are to hold all relevant statutory qualifications appropriate to the craft used and waters visited.

4.2 Have an understanding of weather patterns and their effects and know the weather forecasts.

4.3 Present your craft and its equipment in a clean and serviceable condition.

4.4 Use boat ramps as quickly as possible and ensure that your vehicle and trailer do not cause obstruction in any way when leaving them parked.

4.5 Before setting out, provide a safety briefing to your clients including:

- (a) Basic operation of the boat;
- (b) Familiarizing your clients with the safety equipment aboard;
- (c) Demonstrate life jacket fitting and their operation, if considered necessary;
- (e) Ensure they know how you will indicate that the vessel is about to acceleration and deceleration;
- (f) Procedures to follow should an accident occur and
- (g) What to do in the case of an emergency.

4.5 Operate the vessel by:

- (a) Ensuring all gear and personnel are positioned to enable balance of your craft at all times;
- (b) Obeying all speed limits;
- (c) Ensuring that your wake does not interfere with other anglers;

- (d) Never interfering with the water or drift of another angler or boat and
 - (e) Observing all regulations with regards to holding a distance from other anglers or from fixed shore structures.
- 4.6 Never partake of alcohol when working.
- 4.7 Be aware of all symptoms and treatment for hypothermia, sunburn and snake bite.
- 4.8 Instruct your clients on safe casting technique aboard, particularly when there is more than one angler.
- 4.9 Ensure that any accident resulting in physical or property damage is reported to MAST.

Your conduct reflects on your fellow guides and our association so treat others with the respect that you would wish to receive. Your own appearance and the condition of your equipment will often be the standard on which you are judged.

Section 5 – General

No member, be they guiding operator, individual, business, association or club, will seek exclusive access to fish public water. (Amdt 14th July 2007)