



The EFFFA Guide Codex

1. **EFFFA guides act as representatives of the EFFFA Guide Programme.** Therefore they should always appear properly dressed with an EFFFA shirt or jacket when demonstrating at an event.
2. **They promote EFFFA and the EFFFA guide programme** whenever possible.
3. **EFFFA guides should all use the EFFFA instructor logo on their websites** or fly fishing school advertisements in magazines.
4. **EFFFA guides should meet one another with respect.** Any bad talk about other EFFFA guides has to be reported to the Fly Fishing Department or the EFFFA office.
5. **EFFFA guides should give credit** to those they have learned from and also to those guides who have done a lot for the development of guiding within the last decades. They should refer to the originators of fly casting techniques when doing fly casting demonstrations or when showing their developments at guidings.
6. To keep the peace in the business **they should also avoid any bad talk about fly fishing products or manufacturers.** This is especially important during their guidings or at official events.
7. **All EFFFA Instructors should keep to a recommended price for their guidings.** EFFFA guides deliver quality and quality has its price. The price can vary a bit depending on the country of residence but should always be close to high level prices for equivalent services in the country. If EFFFA guides dump prices, EFFFA will not only get problems within its own guide team but also with the dealers and the whole fly fishing scene. EFFFA guides are obliged to inform the EFFFA Flyfishing Department or the EFFFA office about price dumping caused by EFFFA guides.
8. **All EFFFA guides have to pay taxes for the money they receive** from their clients. Any other practise will cause problems with official dealers and shop owners who do pay their taxes correctly. Please be aware of the fact that you are a representative of EFFFA and that our association will be in the spotlight if you are caught by the tax authority. Guides who are caught will be automatically expelled from the Association.

9. **EFFA guides have to have an insurance** and also have to **let their clients know that they have to care for their insurance** before coming to a course. If a client has got an insurance but the guide himself acts wantonly negligent he will be the one to be prosecuted. Therefore EFFA guides always have to act according to the safety rules.
10. **EFFA guides should attend and renew first aid course periodically** to be sure they do not have problems one day if an accident really happens. It would be even better to have a safety swimmer certificate but the first aid course is the minimum requirement for being legally protected.
11. **EFFA guides should also offer the one or other special course during the year for free.** These special courses are limited to children courses and courses for disabled people or courses in their own fishing club. All other courses are bound to the recommended course price (see 7.).
12. **EFFA guides are to renew their certificate**(not the exam!) **every year.** This is done by paying the renewal fee. Guide certificates will not be renewed if a guide does not teach for a longer period or if he harms our Association or violates the guide codex. We want to see active EFFA guides and not collectors of certificates.
13. **All guides should try to support the webmaster with articles for the EFFA website.**
14. **They should take part at an EFFA annual meeting or meetings of their national councils** at least once within three years.
15. **EFFA guides should try to evaluate their guidings** and try to constantly improve the level of their teaching.
16. **EFFA guides are allowed to use sponsorship items only for themselves.** It is not allowed to violate the sponsorship programme in any way. Any abuse of the sponsorship programme leads to immediate termination of the EFFA membership.
17. **EFFA guides are to protect all EFFA interests.**