

Northern Federation
Boat Eliminator, Stocks Reservoir, Slaidburn. - Sunday 10th May 2009
CLOSING DATE 1st May 2009. Entry Fee £25 excluding fishery charges (£32.50)

Name		Address	
Tel No			
E-mail			
<input type="radio"/> I agree to comply with the rules governing this Qualifier. (Below or attached) <input type="radio"/> I will be in possession of a valid Environmental Agency Fishing Licence for the date of this Qualifier. <input type="radio"/> I have read and understood the risk assessment for this Qualifier (attached).			
Signed		Date	
Send completed entry form, SAE and cheque payable to "FYFF" for £25, to Paul Page, at the address below.			

Note. Arrangements will be made for you to pay the fishery charge at registration.

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CONFEDERATION OF ENGLISH FISHERS. Fly Fishing Event; Safety & Risk Assessment Statement.

It is the duty of the Federations to familiarise its members, officials and participating anglers with the principles of safety and risk assessment. All members, officials and participating anglers should make themselves aware of the risks they face in the surroundings they find themselves and carry out their own risk assessment which generally amounts to common sense and take appropriate action to ensure their own safety and that of others. However, **it is a requirement of partaking in the Fly Fishing event indicated below** that all anglers read, understand and accept this Fly Fishing Event; Safety & Risk Assessment Statement.

General Risks Associated With Fly Fishing

- Paths** Only use obvious paths along the bank, and to and from a jetty or platform.
- Banks** Beware of undercuts in banks especially near deep water.
- Wading** Take particular care when wading in deep or fast water and on rocky bottoms. **It is recommended that you use a wading staff and wading belt at all times.**
- Power lines** Beware of fishing under power lines and remember electricity can arc over considerable distances. You are ideally earthed in water to conduct electricity. Remember that graphite is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- Lightning** Again you are ideally earthed when in water and, if using a graphite rod, you have a good lightning conductor. If you are on a boat you and your rod may well be the highest point around and a prime target for a strike.
- Casting** Always show consideration to others users or a riverbank by avoiding contacting anyone with you back-cast. If you are on a boat take extra care if you have other occupants, as you can easily contact them whilst casting. **It is recommended protective glasses be worn when fishing to protect your eyes from hooks etc.**
- Hooks / Flies** Hooks by their design are sharp and easily penetrate the skin. Their use brings them into contact with germs etc. that can be injurious to health. Caution should be used when handling hook, tying on or removing hooks. Rusty hooks should be avoided at all times.
- Weighted Flies** Weighted flies cause unpredictable movement of the cast when casting. Extreme caution should be exercised when casting weighted flies to ensure they do not come into contact with you, fellow anglers or the public.
- Trees** Fishing under trees can be unsafe in windy conditions. Beware of falling branches.
- Animals** Do note that Bulls can be troublesome! As can Cows with Calves. Approach the river with caution.
- Weils Disease, sewage effluent** This is transmitted in rat's urine. Never put wet lines in your mouth or any other items of tackle that has been in the water. Wear waterproof plasters on any cuts or abrasions. There may also be a risk in some waters from treated sewage effluent
- Fishing Platforms** If platforms are floating then treat as Boat Pontoons below. Fishing platforms are constructed to gain access to deeper water. Hence take extra care not to fall in. They are inherently slippery, so care is needed at all times.
- Boat Pontoons** Beware that pontoons constantly move, and hence unstable, invariably wet and slippery. This makes walking on them difficult and possibly unsafe. Maximum caution is needed.
- Getting on, off Moving around On boats** Like pontoons, boats also constantly move and are unstable when their balance is disturbed. The motion of boat and getting on, off and moving around on boats disturbs the balance, hence Maximum caution is needed when getting on, off and moving around on boats.
- Other boats** Beware other boats can approach you from all angles and may be unpredictable in their direction, when 'on the motor' you should always give way to those drifting or under sail.
- Falling in the water** Falling in the water may cause drowning, **it's recommended a buoyancy aid is worn at all times** when on, in or near water.
- Electric fences** Electric fences that are used for the control of animals, periodically discharge high voltages. Contact with the wires may result in a painful electric shock, or worse.
- Weather Conditions** When boat fishing, the weather may change suddenly and cause unforeseen dangerous water conditions. Be constantly aware of changing weather and its consequences.
- Foreign Countries** When abroad different emergency protocols and arrangements may apply. They along with the language may be unfamiliar to you. You should before fishing seek an understanding of the safety arrangements with the host countries officials

SPECIFIC RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT

Location & Date: Stocks Reservoir Fishery, Slaidburn. Sunday 10th May

Type of fishing: Fly Fishing from drifting Boat

Specific Risks: see Paths, Lightning, Casting, Hooks / Flies, Weils Disease, Boat Pontoons, Getting on, off & moving around on boats, Other boats, Weather Conditions, and Falling in the water above

CEFF General Competition Rule

Tradition

Fishing in any CEFF competition will be carried out in the spirit of, and with respect for, the traditions of the sport.

Betting

Competitors are not permitted to engage in any form of betting, including sweepstakes, connected with their competitions.

Eligibility

Where required in England, all competitors must be in possession of a valid Environmental Agency rod licence. To Participate in a CEFF national competition, an individual must have been born in England, or be a citizen thereof, or have resided therein for at least 3 years preceding the date of the competition. For this purpose, Monmouthshire is considered to be part of Wales. Anyone living within 5 miles of the border between England and Scotland is considered eligible to fish for either country. Entry is limited to those who will be at least 18 years old on May 1st of the following year. Only one entry per person per year is allowed in each CEFF national competition.

Disputes and Complaints

Any dispute or complaint must be reported to a match official within 30 minutes of the end of the match. A sub-committee is to be formed of the organiser and a minimum of two officials of the organisation responsible. They shall adjudicate within one hour. If the sub-committee considers that a competitor has not complied with the rules, it may disqualify. It may also refer the matter for further disciplinary action. In that case, a full report must be made to the appropriate authority within 7 days. A competitor may appeal against a decision to the CEFF, (or *Organising Body as appropriate*) in writing, within 7 days of being informed of any penalty. Any review must be concluded within 28 days.

LOCH STYLE RULES (BOAT). Local rule variations may apply; these will be advised at entry confirmation and at the competition briefing

Flies & Hooks

Matches shall be fished with artificial fly only. Flies may be dressed on single or double hooks; tandem flies are not permitted. In the case of a double hook, the angle between the bends shall not exceed 90 degrees and, when viewed from the side, the bends must lie one behind the other. No fly shall be artificially weighted. No more than 4 flies, only one of which may be dressed on a double hook, may be mounted on a cast and flies must be at least 20 inches apart. Hooks may not measure more than five-eighths of an inch overall, including the eye. The overall length of the fly may not exceed fifteen-sixteenths of an inch. Suspected illegal flies should be put into an envelope and signed over the seal by the angler/boat partner/boatman. The envelope should be presented to a Match Official at the end of the competition. Attractor chemicals and light emitters may not be used on flies.

Lines & Leaders

Lines, casts and leaders shall not be additionally weighted. No form of shooting line, metal core line or metal core braided leaders is permitted.

Rods

A competitor may use one rod not exceeding 12 feet in length and may have a spare rod of the same maximum length. But only one rod may be mounted. A rod is considered mounted if any two sections are joined or if a reel or line is attached. A competitor's rod, when working flies or retrieving casts must be hand held and must be above water level.

Drifting

Boats must be allowed to drift freely during fishing and must not be held on oars, drogues or engine in such a manner as to interfere with, or gain advantage over, any other competitor. Flies must be out of the water whilst the engine is running or the boat is in forward or reverse motion. Trolling lines or flies behind the boat is never permitted. During a match no boat may encroach within 50 yards radius of any other boat engaged in fishing. The water between boats may be shared. The match organiser may extend the 50 yard separation as befits the venue.

Fishing Zone

Competitors shall fish within the bounds shown in this diagram and may not fish in their partners' zones.



Out of Bounds Areas

Whilst a competitor may cast into an 'Out of Bounds' area, the boat may not enter these areas whether fishing or not.

Sitting & Standing

Boat seats, thwart boards and the use of tackle boxes as seats are allowed, provided the height of the seat is not more than 5 inches above the gunwales. - Note - 'Backrests' are also allowed on boat seats - Competitors must not stand in the boat when casting or retrieving line. Standing in the boat whilst fishing is allowed only when playing or landing a fish.

Command of the Boat

Command of the boat will change every two hours. Competitors shall change ends every two hours or as mutually agreed.

Drogues

A single un-weighted drogue is permitted, of no more than 60 x 60 inches or 25 square feet. It may be fitted with functional metal fittings such as small link rings and swivels. The only control device allowed is a 'G' clamp. The drogue may be fixed on either side of the boat such that the drift is square to the wind. The drogue must trail no more than 15 feet behind the boat.

Respect for Other Anglers

In congested areas, boats must not deny reasonable access to other boats by undertaking repeated short drifts. Special care must be taken in such circumstances, especially when manoeuvring the boat. -Boats are to keep at least 50 yards from bank anglers.

Electronic Devices

Competitors may not use electronic devices, such as echo-sounders, fish finders or radios during official practice days or match days. MOBILE TELEPHONES are ONLY allowed on PRACTICE DAYS.

CEFF Loch-Style Match Rules

Local Rules

The match organiser, hereinafter referred to as the 'organiser', will advise competitors of any local rules which augment or otherwise affect the competition rules.

Hours of Fishing

The organiser shall fix the hours of fishing. In the event of dangerous weather, the organiser may change them, or the date, as necessary. Competitors shall not fish before the start time and must begin from the start zone. They must return to the finishing zone, in the boat in which they set out, no later than the match finish time.

Species & Size of Fish

Trout are the only permitted species. The organiser will specify any limitations, e.g. restrictions on brown trout, or the minimum size that may be weighed in. To prevent competition results being distorted by an individual fish, the organiser may fix a maximum weight, usually 4 lbs. In this event, the trout would weigh 4 lbs for the bag-weight but be credited with its full weight for any heaviest fish award.

Weighing-In

If both boat partners reach their individual bag limits early, they may leave the water and hand in their bags to an official. The fish should be collected from the official and presented at the weigh-in. All competitors must report directly to the weigh-in immediately after the match finish time. Nil returns are required. Anyone not reporting within 30 minutes of the end of the match will be deemed to have a nil return.

Placings

Competition results will be decided by the bag-weight of the fish, the higher weight taking precedence. If weights are equal, the greater number of trout will prevail. If there is still a tie, the heaviest individual fish will take precedence. The organiser and the water authority will agree a bag limit per individual. When a competitor reaches that limit, the time is to be recorded by agreement with the boatman and/or boat partner. A time-bonus weight, set by the organiser, will be added to the angler's catch for every full quarter of an hour remaining in the competition.

Boatmen & Boat Pairings

Boatmen and boat pairings will be allocated by public ballot at a time and place announced by the organiser - or by a computerised draw system which may be used if agreed by the AGM of the CEFF, Federation or club concerned.

Emergencies

If assistance is required, an oar should be raised to alert officials. During competition hours, a boat may be beached only in an emergency such as medical, boat, or severe weather problems. In these circumstances, the competitors may if necessary return by other means but must report immediately to an official who will treat the incident as though it were a complaint made under CEFF Competition Rule 4 - See CEFF General Competition Rules.

Safety

Competitors are strongly advised to wear buoyancy aids and eye protectors when either travelling in, or fishing from boats.

Other

You must have read and understood the risk assessment for the Qualifier.

You must be in possession of a valid Environmental Agency Fishing Licence for the date of the Qualifier.

You must agree to comply with the rules governing the Qualifier you have entered.