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GENERIC YOUTH NATIONAL LOCH STYLE RULES

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 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.

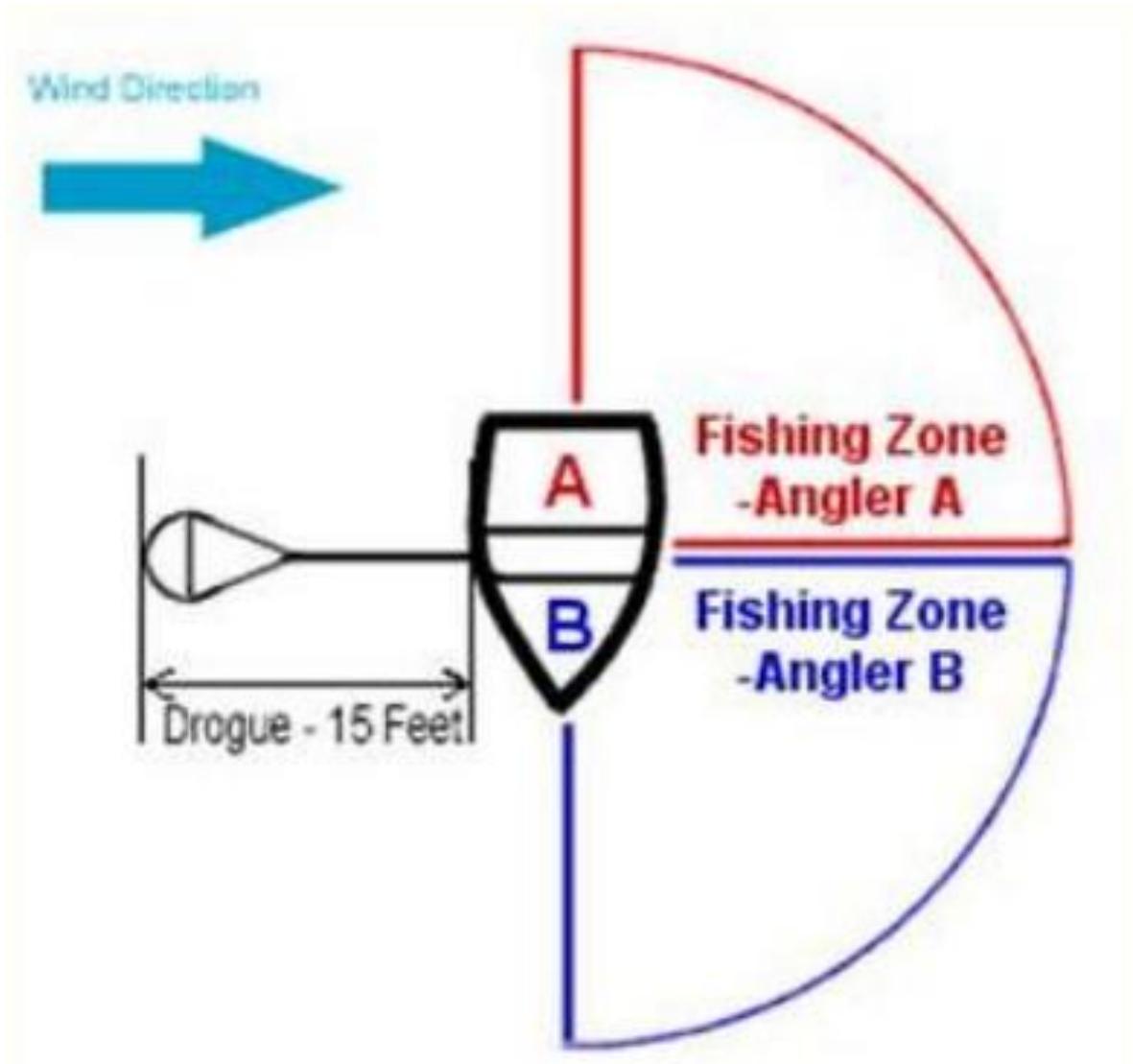


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Fishing Zone

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



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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 only allowed when playing or landing a fish.

Command of the Boat

Command of the boat will change every 1 hour 45 minutes. Competitors shall change ends every 1 hour 45 minutes 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 to be at least 50 yards from bank anglers.

Electronic Devices

Competitors may not use electronic devices, such as echo-sounders, fish finders or radios. MOBILE TELEPHONES are ONLY allowed by the boatmen.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in disqualification, if in doubt, ask an official or your boatman/woman before you take to the water

