



England Youth Fly Fishing Selection Policy

The Angling Trust identifies and selects team members, managers and coaches to represent England at Youth International Fly Fishing Competition.

The squad will contain a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 16 anglers. The selection process consists of two elements;

1. Qualification from the Youth National
2. Carry Over from the previous year's International

The process for selection begins with the Angling Trust inviting anglers to enter the Youth National. Our aim is to create the strongest possible squad to give Team England the best opportunity to succeed in the Youth International. To achieve this, we combine experience through carry over from the previous year's squad and using results from the Youth National to recruit and enable new anglers to join the squad.

Carry Over Explained

8 anglers will automatically be selected for the England team for the following years Youth International. Those 8 anglers will be selected based on the highest number of fish caught during the Youth International. In the event that less than 8 anglers meet the criteria above, the manager will reserve the right to nominate anglers of his/her choice to fulfil the carry over number of 8. A condition of the 8 anglers automatic carry over year is their participation in the Youth National.

Qualification from the Youth National

There will be 8 places available at the Youth National, 2 of which will be as reserves. The top 6 anglers from the National (excluding all from carry over) will qualify for a place in the team. The 7th and 8th placed anglers (excluding any eligible from carry over) will qualify as official reserves and take part in all team activities in the build up to the international. The highest placed reserve from the National will travel with the team to the Youth International while the second reserve will be standby and only travel in the event of injury, illness or withdrawal of another squad member. In the event of not being able to fulfil all 8 places from the Youth National then these places will be determined by the Youth Team Manager and AT Competitions Support Officer based firstly on the previous Youth International (if applicable), secondly performance at





the current youth national and participation in the first official training session for the new Youth Team.

Team Member Selection

14 anglers make up the team for the International however reserves are considered to be an integral to the squad and may be required to compete in the international if called upon. There are a number of expectations placed upon squad members, failure to meet these expectations could result in an angler being replaced.

1. Attendance throughout squad training period
2. Dedication and commitment to learning during and outside of official training
3. Mentality
 - a. ability to carry out instructions
 - b. perform under pressure
 - c. team player
 - d. communication skills

As a team sport the dynamic of the team is of paramount importance, all squad members must be team players, have sound communication skills, be prepared to share information, contribute positively to the team and carry out instructions by the manager. Our goal is to create a team that is greater than the sum of its parts every time Team England competes, and the squad must put the well being of the team at the forefront of each campaign.

