



ENGLISH YOUTH NATIONAL LOCH STYLE RULES

1. All competitors must book in at the fishing lodge by 9.00am and must collect their catch return/match card. Competitors briefing will commence at 9.30am outside the lodge. After the briefing, anglers may board their boat.
2. The match will begin at 10.00am and anglers must have returned to the pontoon by 5.00pm. A klaxon will sound to signal the beginning and end of the match, boats must be returned to the pontoon before the sound of the finishing klaxon
3. The limit for the match is 8 trout.
4. The weigh-in will be conducted by the Wardens and take place at the lodge and will start immediately after the match. Competitors must produce their completed match cards when they hand in their catch. There will be a time bonus of 8oz per FULL 15 minutes remaining.
5. No fish may be returned. The first 8 trout killed will be deemed the anglers catch and the angler must cease fishing.
6. The winner of the competition will be the angler with the heaviest bag of 8 trout. In the event of a tie then the angler catching the highest number of trout will be deemed the winner. Should this fail to produce a result then the angler with the heaviest trout will be declared the winner. The same ruling will be applied to the runners up.
7. In the event of any disagreement or complaint the match referees decision will be final. All complaints must be registered with the referee before the end of the weigh-in.
8. Local fishery rules will apply with regard to the Bio Security Measures at Grafham Water. (Fishery drogues and landing nets must be used and all equipment washed down afterwards)
9. Only 2 Brown Trout may be killed.

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

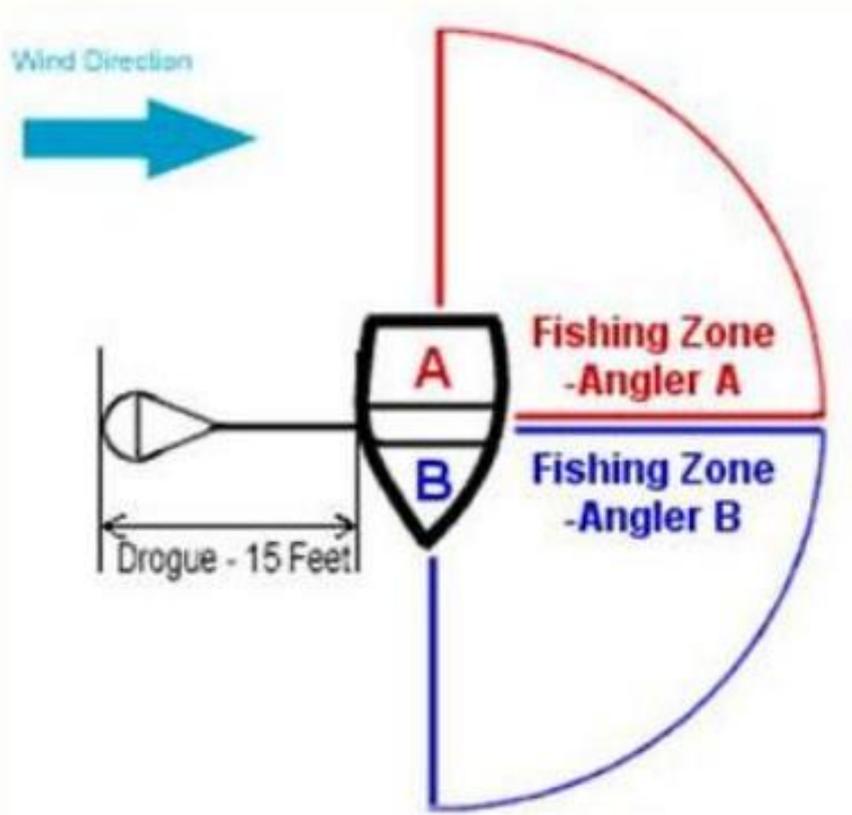
A competitor may use one rod not exceeding 12 feet in length and may have a spare rod of the same maximum length. But only one rod may be mounted. A rod is considered mounted if any two sections are joined or if a reel or line is attached. A competitor's rod, when working flies or retrieving casts must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

Only the official EYFA drogues supplied will be used. Where EYFA drogues are not supplied, 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. 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