

T.A.F.I. National Bank Final 2017,

Hosted by Tafi Ulster

Woodford Fly Fishery, Carrickfergus

Saturday 11th March 2017

Rules of Competition

Registration for competitors takes place from 7.30am – 8am.

You can leave from the assembly point for your first peg 15mins before the start time.

Each angler may carry a maximum of 3 rods assembled. Responsibility for all equipment lies with the angler

The Fly rod must be under control of the competitor for a hooked fish to count. Any fish hooked while the rod is not under the control of the angler will not count.

Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip line may be used. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to leader or line.

Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies, each fly may be dressed on a single hook without limit as to size or weight. A maximum of three flies is permitted. All flies must be attached to the leader in such a way that neither they nor their droppers move or slide along the leader. Sight indicators are permitted, but must be on dressed fly hooks. All flies must be dressed on hooks which are barbless or de-barbed.

Buoyant flies on sinking lines are banned.

Booby's, Snakes, Thompson's Gazelles and trout poppers are banned, also any form of additive.

Each competitor will be allowed a maximum limit of 5 fish from any one peg. The competitor must cease fishing that peg and remain at that peg until the rotation is ended by the sound of the horn.

Only Rainbow and Brown Trout qualify for scoring.

Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible

If a competitor wishes a fish to score, they must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the controller for measurement and recording.

The controller must remove the hook, measure the fish, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish. Under no circumstances may a competitor handle the fish. To do so will mean the disqualification of the fish.

Any fish hooked after the sounding of the horn at the end of a rotation will not count. If hooked before the horn the angler has 2 minutes to play and land the fish.

Fishing is from the bank or a purpose built platform if provided.

A competitor may not enter the water at any time during the competition.

Any competitor found to be in breach of competition rules, e.g. barbed hooks, will have all points removed up to the time of infringement. Senior stewards decision is final

Unsigned score cards will not be accepted by the committee. It is up to every angler to make sure his score card is signed. Score cards must be signed by stewards at the end of each rotation.

The following will lead to disqualification

- (a) Lack of sportsmanship towards competitors, organisers or stewards.
- (b) Any action by competitors or stewards which would produce fraudulent or biased results.
- (c) The use by a competitor or a steward of radio or other electronic method during competition

Fips Mouche scoring system will be used. 100pts per fish and 20pts per centimetre, the overall winner will be the individual or the team with the most points scored for the duration of the days fishing.

Any objection to the final result must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the results being announced. After this time the result is final

The competition will consist of 8 rotations of 40 minutes with 5 minutes between each.

The horn will sound for the beginning and the end of each rotation

Competitors will move 3 pegs on the sound of the horn

Each province is entitled to provide 2 stewards as provided for at the 2015 AGM

The venue will be closed to competitors, their agents and stewards on for 5pm Tuesday 7th March.

Note; Agent is defined as anyone fishing the lake with a view to passing on information to a Team or Competitor for the purpose of advancement of a team or competitor.