



SANACC

Rivers Sub Committee

2012 SCOTTISH NATIONAL RIVER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2012 National River Championships will be held on the following dates:

Prelim 1 -	River Tummel	- Sunday 29 th April
Prelim 2 -	River Tummel	- Sunday 6 th May
Prelim 3 -	River Tummel	- Sunday 20 th May
Prelim 4 -	River Tummel	- Sunday 27 th May
Final -	River Tummel	- Sunday 29 th July

Any club holding membership of the SANACC in 2012 will be permitted **THREE** entries to this competition. Entries are welcome from both male and female anglers. The top **FIVE** rods in this competition will be invited to represent Scotland in the Home International Rivers Championship to be held in Wales in the summer of 2013.

This year's event sees all 4 heats and the final being held on the Pitlochry AC waters of the River Tummel.

In order to match the conditions of the Rivers International, as closely as possible, this event is strictly catch-and-release. Barbless hooks are mandatory. (To qualify as barbless either the barb must be completely removed or the hook must be manufactured as barbless. Squeezing down a barb **DOES NOT** render the hook barbless.)

All entrants must bring someone to act as controller for another angler, therefore transport arrangements should be arranged to enable this. Controllers are not permitted to wade and therefore are not required to wear waders. Suitable footwear however is recommended for the prevailing underfoot conditions normally encountered on river banks. In order to fulfil the rules on size of flies, all controllers must be anglers. Whilst each heat will have a pair of adjudicators operating on the day, the onus will be on each controller to check the competitor's flies. This must be done at the beginning of each new session and after every fish has been measured. Every controller will be provided with a measure to check flies with. Flies that are over sized shall be retained by the controller for presentation to the adjudicators on the day. The fish submitted for measuring will not count in those circumstances. A set of rules will be issued with the competitor's confirmation paperwork before the heats.

The competition will be fished over four sessions. The lowest aggregate total of place points over these four sessions will be used to determine the anglers who progress to the Final. Anglers will be drawn on either the lower or upper sections of the water in the morning and will swap over during the mid session interval. There will be a 1 hour break between the end of session two and the start of session three to facilitate this. The rendezvous point for the heats will be the football pitches at Ballinluig.

A location map with directions will be included with the entry notification letter to assist with finding the meeting points. Each entrant will receive a full copy of the competition and relevant venue rules.

The competition water will be split into two sections at the approximate half way point. A 30m buffer zone will separate the two sections to avoid potential overlaps. Competitors will draw starting points for both sections of the river and also their controllers, on the morning of the event. Each prelim will be capped to a **maximum of 16 entrants which will be allocated on a first come basis**. The competitors will be split as evenly as possible into each section of the river. It is therefore imperative that you provide a second choice date for competing in case your preferred date is full. Anglers are free to swap dates with other competitors, provided we are notified of any changes, however no more than 16 will be allowed in the same heat. **The only exception to this would be if more than 64 anglers entered the heats.** Anglers first choices will be dealt with on a first come first served basis. The closing date for entries is **Friday 23rd March 2012**.

As always the use of cars for transport within a section is forbidden. Competitors must choose where to park their cars prior to the competition starting. Once fishing has commenced, the competitor will not be permitted to use their vehicle for transport until the end of session two. The same applies to the afternoon sessions, where the competitor must park their car prior to commencing fishing at the start of session three and not use it again for travel until the end of session four. Competitors will be free to move within the section they are fishing on foot. The thirty yard rule applies as normal. **Please also note that competitors are not permitted to practice on the competition waters during the SEVEN days (inclusive) preceding each event, including the final. A breach of this rule will result in the competitor being disqualified.** Walking the competition river banks during this period is permitted.

Unfortunately due to an increase in the cost of fishing permits and other items we have had to increase the entry fee and charge a fee for the final. Surplus funds from the competition will be used to assist with the cost of providing an international team manager.

The entry fee for the heats in 2012 is £30 and the entry fee for the final is £20. It is not necessary to include a stamped addressed envelope with each entry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please return your entry form and cheques to:-

CONTROLLERS REQUIRED FOR RIVERS INTERNATIONAL - FRIDAY 29TH JUNE 2012

Scotland will host the International on the River Tay on Friday 29th June 2012 and the assistance of your members to act as controllers would be appreciated. Anyone who is interested in being a controller at the International should contact Tom MacTaggart on the phone number or email set out below:-

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Club..... No of members..... Secretary.....
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First Entrant			
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Second Choice Date:			

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First Choice Date:			
Second Choice Date:			

Third Entrant			
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First Choice Date:			
Second Choice Date:			

Entry Fee: £30 per competitor which will cover the heat stages of the competition (Cheques made payable to SANACC).

Please return the completed form and payment to Tom MacTaggart at SANACC, 16 Brockwood Avenue, Penicuik EH26 9AL