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(Scottish Anglers National Association Competition Clubs)



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127th Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship 2019

The competition in 2019 will be fished in a series of preliminary heats and semi-finals on 5 x waters across Scotland, namely Loch Leven, Lake of Menteith, Loch of Lintrathen, Loch of Harray and Carron Dam. Approximately 50% of the competitors fishing the heats shall progress to the semi-final stage and between 30% and 40% shall progress from the semi-final stage to the final.

Entry fees shall be charged at the 3 x stages of the competition, thus reducing the costs where representatives exit the competition at the prelim or semi-final stage. The surplus funds from the National Championships are put towards the cost of the Spring and Autumn Internationals. Anglers **must** indicate their first choice prelim venue and date and also a preferred second choice should the first be oversubscribed. Allocation of places shall be on a first come basis so applications should be returned as early as possible to avoid disappointment. The draw for the prelim heats shall be issued to Club Secretaries after the closing date for entries which is 3rd March 2019. **Any entries received after this date may not be accepted.** Three representatives of each club can be entered into the competition. Entry fees shall be accepted from the clubs or directly from the named representatives, but in either case should be on this registration form. Please also indicate preferred semi-final venues in the space provided. Competitors are not permitted to fish their heat and their semi-final at the same venue.

Heat Changes: There is a concern that competitors are seeking to gain an advantage by changing their heat or semi-final after the draw has been published so to prevent this happening a change of heat or semi-final AFTER the relevant draw has been published will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. Individuals will only be permitted an extenuating circumstances change once every three years. Competitors will however be permitted to arrange a mutual swap with a competitor in another heat or semi-final. At the prelim stage only, clubs may change their representative on the day. When registering with the officials at the venue the new representative should advise who is being replaced and must provide their own contact details in writing.

Catch and release will apply after bag limits are reached. Barbless or debarbed hooks will be compulsory when fishing catch and release. The minimum age for competitors is 18. Boatmen are **compulsory in the final** but are not allowed in the heats or semi-finals. **Boat pairings without a boatman at the final will not be allowed to compete.** Supplying a boatman is a shared responsibility with the first named in the draw having the first option to provide the boatman. All boatmen will be allocated to a boat by ballot and will not act as boatmen for the competitors they are accompanying. It is recommended each boat pairing should attend to the expenses of the person who acts as boatman in their boat. Control of the boat for the first two hours at each stage of the competition will be decided by the toss of a coin or as agreed by the two competitors in each boat.

Safety: When there is thunder or lightning all competitors must leave the water and must not return until 30 minutes after the last electrical activity. If due to the extent of electrical activity it is unsafe to return to the water within one hour of the first event or if after resuming fishing there is further electrical activity the competition will be stopped. Competitions may be postponed if electrical activity, temperature or wind strength make it unsafe to go ahead. It is expected that all competitors will be competent boat handlers. When submitting entries club secretaries must notify the National Championship Secretary if any of their representatives are not competent boat handlers. Your entrants require to be advised that they must be prepared for extremes of weather irrespective of a weather forecast.

Secretaries and anglers are asked to co-operate fully, and assist the Committee in the organisation and running of the event and return application forms and correspondence as quickly as possible. Please ensure that your competition representatives are made aware that they should read our privacy notice a copy of which can be viewed on our website. Please remember to enter the number of members in your Club (minimum 12) in the appropriate space on the form. Sanacc annual subscriptions must be paid up to date before your representatives intend fishing otherwise they may be withdrawn with no refund of entry fees.

Entry forms and cheques should be sent to:- SANACC, 16 Brockwood Avenue, Penicuik EH26 9AL

Yours faithfully,
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