

Lough Arrow Fish Preservation Association & District Anglers

Stream Development Competition

Rules

1. Competition time is from 11am – 6pm. All boats must start from Flynn's pier although they may launch from elsewhere. Start will be managed by a designated lead boat containing a committee member, no boats to pass the lead boat until the start signal is given. All boats must return to Flynn's pier and to be on the shore at 6pm.
2. All competitors must make sure they are in possession of an **OFFICIAL** scorecard and that an **OFFICIAL** measure has been assigned to their boat, prior to the start of the competition. Measures and scorecards will be available and handed out by committee members on the morning of the competition. Measures and completed scorecards are to be handed in no later than 6.15pm. Score cards must be signed by both competitors in boat.
3. Competitors will be asked to sign to acknowledge receipt of measure and that they have familiarised themselves with the competition rules. Demonstration on how to correctly record fish caught on the measure will be given prior to competition start.
4. Fish are to be placed on the official measure with their nose touching the stop-end, all measurements are to **FORK** of tail. The scorecard then must be held in and a photograph taken of the fish on the measure. The head and tail of the fish **MUST** be clearly visible in the photo and not obscured. The scorecard must also be visible and not obscure the fish in any way. If the above points are not adhered to and the length cannot be verified, the fish may be omitted from the competition.
5. All fish must be placed on the measure in the manner as outlined on the measure, head to the left of the photograph and dorsal fin to the top of the photo.
6. This is a longest fish competition, only the longest fish from each competitor will count. Time of each fish caught must be recorded on the scorecard. The time will be recorded as the time the photo was taken of that fish.
7. At the prize giving, the committee will call up competitors to verify their scorecards and inspect photographs on their devices. Any competitor who does not permit their photographs to be inspected, will be disqualified.
8. In the event of a tie between two or more competitors, the time bonus will come into effect with the earliest fish caught being the winner.
9. Only scorecards will be accepted, no fish will be weighed in in the traditional manner.
10. It is the responsibility of competitors to bring a fully charged phone or digital camera to the competition.

11. Any competitor that is in possession of an official measure/scorecard that has been tampered with, will be disqualified.
12. In the event of any competitor withdrawing, it is the responsibility of his partner to organise a replacement partner. 24 hours' notice must be given to the organising committee in the event of a replacement partner.
13. Prize giving will take place at Flynn's pier at 7pm.
14. Two competitors per boat, no exceptions.
15. Competitors may fish between one and four flies, fly size not restricted to international rules.
16. Competitors may only record their own catch on their own scorecards, in the event of competitors recording their boat partners catch as their own, both competitors will be disqualified with no exceptions.
17. The club retain the right to use drone photography for promotional material and to ensure rules are adhered to on the day.
18. During a competition no boat may encroach more than 100 yards in front of another drifting boat or disturb the water immediately in front of or around the drifting boat by indiscriminate use of an outboard motor.
19. Anchoring of boats is prohibited as is the use of drogues, boats must drift freely and not be held back by use of oars. Angling only permitted from a drifting boat, no shore fishing permitted.
20. Use of electronic aids is prohibited such as fish finders, echo sounders etc.
21. Trolling of flies behind the boat is prohibited, whether the boat is drifting or being driven by motor or oars. Side casting is permitted but flies must not be allowed to trail behind the boat. When drifting it is allowed to cover a rising fish behind the boat.
22. Use of electric engines is prohibited.
23. Fly fishing only, any competitor found trolling flies, baits or lures, spinning or dapping will be disqualified.
24. Life jackets are a legal requirement and must be worn at all times on the water. Eye protection is also recommended for all competitors.
25. Participants must comply with all Biosecurity measures as instructed by the organising committee. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
26. The committee reserve the right to alter or cancel the competition due to inclement weather or for any other reason.
27. The club committee or a representation of, will adjudicate on matters and they reserve the right to make decisions on disqualification or other matters as they arise. The decision of the committee on all matters will be final.

28. The committee will not be liable for any loss of damage however caused.