

SCOTTISH NATIONAL STILLWATER COMPETITION 2013

Competition Rules

Eligibility/Obligation of Competitors

This competition is open only to those anglers who meet the eligibility criteria to fish for Scotland as described by the governing body

The fishing will be carried out in the spirit of, and with respect for, the traditions of our sport.

Competitors must respect the competition and local rules.

It is responsibility of each competitor to take all safety measures, including eye protection and if wading, life preserving equipment

Competitors are not permitted to engage in any form of betting, including sweepstakes.

Duration and Format of Competition

Heats and final will be held over 1 day.

Session times, peg draw and time at each peg will be set by fishery.

Competitors will fish pegs on a rotation basis.

The competition will be points based.

There will be a briefing 15 minutes before each heat to confirm any local rules.

If fishery allows wading, only thigh waders are allowed. Chest waders are banned.

Eligible Fish/Care of Fish

Fishery will decide on minimum size of fish.

All fish must be netted to count.

Only fish hooked in front of the rear edge of the gill cover will count.

A fish hooked in a session must be landed within 10 minutes.

All hooks must be barbless or debarbed.

If a hooked fish swims into the adjacent peg, the competitor must play and net the fish from his own peg.

Rods/Lines/Leaders/Nets

One conventional fly rod no more than 12ft in length may be used.

Competitors may have up to a maximum of 3 rods made up for use.

Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used, but no lead core lines.

Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines.

Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to leader.

A single monofilament leader may be used, of any length.

Material of net must be soft cotton or non abrasive material, preferably knotless.

Flies/Hooks

All hooks must be barbless or debarbed single hooks.

Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.

No boobies are permitted.

Fishery will indicate any other local rules.

Weighted flies are permitted, provided the weight is hidden in the dressing.

A single visible bead, no more than 4mm in dimension is permitted.

Painting alone does not constitute dressing.

Indicators may be used, but must be a dressed fly hook.

Maximum of 3 flies permitted.

All flies must be attached to leader in such a way that neither they nor the droppers slide along the leader material.

Scoring and Placings

Competitors will receive 2 points for every 1st fish at every peg.

A further 1 point will be awarded for any further fish.

There will be a limit of 5 fish per peg, i.e. maximum 6 points.

Anglers will then stop fishing and remain at peg until move is indicated.

Competitors must record time of 1st fish on scorecard.

In the event of a tie in number of points winner or qualifier will be based on time of 1st fish caught.

Competitors must record and confirm catch with controller at end of each timed session

Controller will normally be angler to your right.

Failure to record fish after any session will result in no points being awarded for that session.

Results, Objections and Prohibitions

Results will be considered provisional for 30 minutes after official announcement

Any protest must be made within 15 minutes of end of heat or final to official present

Heat Official may be fishery or competition official

Final Official will be competition official

Decision of Competition Official will be final

All competitors should note that the competition official has the right to check any competitors fishing tackle including fishing clothing at any time during the competition and has the right to confiscate any dubious items for analysis, including any flies, chemicals or substances.

Any competitor found to be in breach of fishing rules e.g. using barbed hook, will have all points removed up to time of infringement.

Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, fishery staff or officials is prohibited

Competitors may not receive material help during the competition

Any consumption of alcohol is prohibited

Any competitor who deliberately through any action does not comply with the Competition Rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Competitions Committee of the Governing Body of Game Angling in Scotland, SANA