



Scottish Ladies Fly-Fishing Association

Fishing Rules

1. Fishing shall be carried out respecting the spirit and traditions of our sport
2. Matches shall be fished with artificial fly only. Tandem flies shall not be permitted. No flies shall be artificially weighted. No more than 4 flies or 4 points shall be mounted on a cast and flies must be at least 20 inches apart.
3. A fly shall comply with the following specification. The hook shall be single or double (if allowed) provided in the case of a double hook, the angle between the bends does not exceed 90 degrees and when viewed from the side the bends lie one behind the other. Fly irons will measure not more than five eighths of an inch over all, including the eye. Wings or hackle shall not exceed fifteenth sixteenths of an inch.
4. Lines casts and leaders shall not be additionally weighted. Shooting heads, metal cores and metal core braided leaders are barred. Lines must be as manufactured without any joints in them.
5. One rod, not exceeding 12 feet to be used by each competitor, but each competitor is entitled to have in the boat with them, spare rods (length as before) the rods however not to be mounted at the same time. A rod is considered to be mounted if two sections are joined or if a reel or line is attached.
6. The anchoring of boats when fishing is prohibited. Boats must be allowed to drift freely when fishing, and not be held on the oars in such a manner to gain an unfair advantage over either angler in the boat or any other angler.
7. Boat seats will be permitted, but they should be secure and the seat cushion shall not exceed 4 inches above the gunwales.
8. During the match, no boat may encroach within a distance of one hundred yards in front of another boat from which competitors are fishing, nor disturb the water in front or around any such boat by the indiscriminate use of the motor.
9. The use of tackle boxes for sitting on in the boat while fishing is barred
10. Competitors must not stand to cast but can stand to play a or net fish Trolling of flies behind or under the boat is not permitted whether the boat is drifting or being driven by engine or oars.
11. Side casting is permitted but flies must not be allowed to trail behind or under the boat. When drifting it is permissible to cover a rising fish behind the boat.
12. Electronic aids e.g., fish finders, echo sounders etc. are barred for the duration of the Competition Mobile phones can be used for emergencies only.
13. Life jackets or buoyancy aids are mandatory. It is advisable to wear hats and glasses.
14. No boatman will be allowed to fish during the competition or to handle a mounted rod. No boatman shall handle or assist with any associated tackle including flies, leaders and lines. Boatmen will be permitted to net fish if asked to by the competitor.
15. Captains shall have overall control of the boat. The captain will change every two hours the first captain will be the first name drawn in each paring

Disputes

1. Flies may be measured during the match by the boatman at the request of any competitor
2. In the event of a fly being oversize, the boatman will retain the fly in an envelope signed by both competitors. This fly will then be submitted by the boatman to the Match Officials prior to the weigh in. The Scrutineers will measure the fly (when wet) against the gauge. If the fly is found to be oversize, the competitor will not be allowed to weigh in.
3. The existence of a dispute or complaint on any matter in any match shall be immediately reported to the Secretary who will inform the President. The ladies committee shall at once be convened to investigate the matter and adjudicate thereon. The decision of the committee will be final.

Lake of Menteith Match Rules

1. The match will be fished over an eight-hour timescale
2. Boatman will be allocated and each entrant will pay £25 to the boatman
3. The entrants will be drawn by the committee. The first drawn out will be the captain. Captains shall have overall control of the boat. The captain will change every two hours
4. Sign in will be by 8.15 am with the briefing at 8.30.
5. The start of the match is 9am and finish 5pm
6. De-barbed or barbless hooks will be used. Boobies will be allowed; the use of double hooks is barred. Fly size and whether it is de- barbed will be checked by the boatman who may request this at any time.
7. Boatmen are to measure all fish caught. Only trout will count with the fish to be longer than 20 cm to the **fork** of the tail. Measuring gutters will be supplied. In the event a fish escapes from the gutter before it is measured, an average centimeter score will apply. (The 'average' will be taken from the overall match bag at the weigh in). The escaped fish to be marked on the catch card, this will then be recorded when the average size of the fish at the match is determined. Any fish measuring over the centimeter will be counted up to the next centimeter. I.e., a fish measuring 22.2cm will count as 23cm. Time of fish caught to be marked on the catch card.
8. Only fishery drogues and nets will be used.
9. Fish will be capped at 60 cm. Fish over this will be measured for the longest fish.
10. Match results will be decided by the combined measurement of each lady's bag in centimeters, the higher number of centimeters taking the higher placing. In the event of equality in centimeters, the lady with the greatest number of fish will take precedence. Failing that the time of the first fish will be used.
11. Match cards to be handed to the match officials immediately after the closing hour for fishing. Nil returns are required. Cards must be signed by both anglers and boatmen.
12. Boatmen can keep a boat on the drift with the use of one oar behind the boat. If the boat is being driven by both oars or the engine, the competitor's flies must be out of the water.
13. Comfort stops to be made by agreement with boat partners (or determined by the captain at the time). Boatmen's requests should not be unreasonably withheld.
14. Boats have to be back at the jetty by the closing time. Late boats will be disqualified
15. Any boat requiring assistance should call the fishery. Any boat breaking down whilst returning to the harbor at the end of the match should phone the fishery and take the time of breakdown and log this on arrival with the officials. Whether the boat is late or unfortunate will be determined by match officials. If deemed unfortunate, the bags of both anglers will count. If late the bags will be discounted.