2015 INTERNATIONAL BANK FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales.
Hosted by
The Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland (TAFI)

At
WOODFORD FLY FISHERY
CARRICKFERGUS, CO ANTRIM

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015

Match Booklet
Welcome one and all to the Home Nations Bank International Fly Fishing Championships being hosted by TAFI at Woodford Fishery, Co Antrim.

We are delighted once again to be the host nation and we look forward to making sure that you are well looked after and enjoy some of the finest fishing in Ireland during your visit to Woodford Fishery. Please enjoy our hospitality and our fishing.

Can I on your behalf thank the organising committee from TAFI Ulster for all their hard work in making sure this competition goes smoothly? Especially my thanks go to Darren Wallace, Chairman of TAFI Ulster, Alan McDade, Secretary to the Organising Committee and Harry McAteer Snr, Chief Controller, for all the work they have put in to making sure you enjoy the competition.

Thanks also to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) for the complementary Rod Licences and their support with other materials. On their behalf I commend their fishing Guide to Fisheries in the Public Angling Estate of Northern Ireland to you. To Stena Line for the very welcome discounted ferry fares, also our thanks to the new Mid and East Antrim Borough Council for their continuing support.

Finally thank you to Woodford Fishery and Club for allowing the fishery to be used for this competition.

May I conclude by saying how much I am looking forward to visiting you on Wednesday 14th October 2015 and to wish you all an enjoyable competition and “Tight Lines”.

Charles Kennedy
Chairman
Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland
Welcome to Woodford Fly Fishery, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, Ireland.

On behalf of Woodford Fly Fishery I would like to welcome all officials, controllers, competitors and their guests to the Home Nations 2015 International Bank Fly Fishing Championship.

Woodford Fly Fishery is a privately owned fishery; we aim to provide the highest quality trout fly fishing in relaxed and friendly surroundings.

The fishery is located half a mile from the historic town of Carrickfergus in picturesque Co Antrim and we benefit from idyllic views overlooking Belfast Lough and the Antrim Hills.

Carrickfergus is rich in history with its Norman Castle which is well worth a visit.

This is the first time that the International Bank Fly Fishing Championship has been held in this part of Ireland and we trust that the Competitors will rise to the challenges of Northern Ireland Stillwater Bank fishing.

We hope your stay is a pleasant one and we wish you the very best of luck in the competition.

“Tight lines” to you all.

Darren Wallace
Fishery Manager

Oct 2015
# 2015 Officials

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Acknowledgements

Firstly to Darren Wallace and his team at Woodford Fly Fishery for allowing the fishery to be used for this Competition.

To the 4 National Organisations and their Officers who decided to initiate an International Bank Fly Fishing Championship, they are:

Paul Page; Confederation of English Fly Fishers (CEFF)
Denis Cronin; Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland (TAFI)
Fraser Renwick; Scottish Anglers National Association (SANA)
Moc Morgan; Welsh Salmon & Trout Angling Association (WSTAA)

Fips Mouche, for allowing their Championship Rules to be used as a basis for this International Championship.

Darren Wallace, Host Nation International Organiser for doing the hard work for this International competition.

Alan McDade, who as Organising Secretary & Treasurer of this event has worked quietly and tirelessly to ensure the competition runs smoothly.

Department of Culture Arts and Leisure (DCAL) for providing complementary rod licences to the visiting teams.

Harry McAteer (Sen), for his invaluable assistance in controlling the controllers. A mighty task in itself!

To each Controller, for giving their time on match day thus enabling the competition to take place.

To the Management and Staff of The Loughshore Hotel, Carrickfergus for their friendly assistance throughout the event.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Darren Wallace: Host/Organiser TAFI
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A Brief History

The International Bank Fly Fishing Championship was established in 2010 and fulfilled a long awaited desire of Bank Fly Fishermen for an Annual International Championship, specifically aimed at Bank Fly Fishing.

Since the mid 1980’s the growth in small still waters had led to a range of Local and National competitions within the Home Nations (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland).

However, despite the significant numbers of anglers fishing in small still water competitions, there was no opportunity to gain International Honours in Bank Fly Fishing and, as a consequence, the 4 National Organisations in late 2009 came together to assess the interest in establishing an International Bank Championship.

In 2010 England (CEFF), Scotland (SANA), Wales (WSTAA) and Ireland (TAFI) agreed to establish an Annual International Bank Fly Fishing Championship between the 4 Home Nations.

The first International was held at Innis in Cornwall, England, followed by Barfinnihy, Kenmare, Ireland, Garnffrwd, Mynddcerrig Wales, Lochter, Inverurie, Scotland and Chatton Trout Fishery, Northumberland.

After 5 years the International Bank Fly Fishing Championship is fully established in the International Fly Fishing calendar and has been successfully hosted by all the founding Nations.

In 2015 it is Ireland’s turn to host the 6th Bank International at Woodford Fly Fishery, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim.
COMPETING TEAMS

IRELAND
Captain: Campbell Baird
Brian Kerr
Julie Gerry
Roger Fowler
Mark Regan
Albert Adcock
Harry J McAteer Jnr

Reserve
Manager: Campbell Baird
Darren Wallace

SCOTLAND
Captain: Mike Cordiner
Donald Forbes
Grant Osler
Alan Hill
Kevin Andrews
John Brown

Reserve
Manager: John Johnston
Alec Bowler

ENGLAND
Captain: Simon Robinson
Richard Slater
James Stephenson
Conor Metcalfe
Craig Barr
Phil Dixon

Reserve
Manager: Ed Foster
Alan Jenkins

WALES
Captain: David Matthews
Hywel Morgan
Paul Osborn
Paul Embley
Paul Phillips
Gary Thomas

Reserve
Manager: Luke A Thomas
Coach: James Miller
Matthew Pate
ARRIVAL DAY: Sunday 11\textsuperscript{th} October 2015

15.00 Arrival and Registration of teams at The Loughshore Hotel, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim.

19.30 Dinner

PRACTICE DAY: Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} October 2015

07.00 Breakfast

07.45 Travel to Woodford Fly Fishery

09.00 - 12.30 Official morning practice session

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch provided (at Woodford Fly Fishery)

13:30 - 17:30 Official afternoon practice session

18:00 Depart to hotel

19.30 Dinner - Hotel

21.30 International Meeting
PRACTICE DAY: Tuesday 13th October 2015

07.00  Breakfast

07.45  Travel to Woodford Fly Fishery.

09.00 - 13.00  Official Practice (Designated Areas)

No Fishing on Competition Waters after 13.00

Each Team will have 1 hour at their designated pegs on rotation as follows.

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13.00-14.00  Lunch provided (at Woodford Fly Fishery)

Photographs at Fishery: Teams, Captains and group photos - shirts and caps required.

15:00  Depart for Hotel

18.00  Manager & Captains meeting and match draw.

19.30  Dinner
CHAMPIONSHIP DAY: Wednesday 14th October 2015

06.30  Breakfast
07:30  Travel to Woodford Fly Fishery
08.15  Controllers’ briefing
08:30  Teams Parade to Woodford Fishery
09.00 - 12.00 Morning session - (3 hours fishing)
12.00 - 13.00 Lunch (at Woodford Fly Fishery)
13.00 - 16.00 Afternoon session - (3 hours fishing)
17:00  Return to the Loughshore Hotel.
18.00  Officials meeting: Ratification of result
19.00  Team Photographs (Blazers)
19.30  International Dinner/Presentations.

GOING HOME   Thursday 15th October 2015

07.30 – 10.30 Breakfast and departure
2015 INTERNATIONAL BANK FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES (including FIPS Mouche amendments 2013, 2014 & 2015)

Introduction:
1.1 The Bank International was established at the beginning of 2010, by National Organisations CEFF, SANA, WSTAA & TAFI to provide a Fly Fishing Championship of International standard for the many bank anglers who participate in Local, Regional and National Stillwater Bank Competitions. Competition Rules and Modifications:

2.1 The Championships Rules will be of a recognisable World Class Standard and hence are based on those rules published from time to time by FIPS-Mouche for World & European Championships, amended as follows, and subject to local Rule Modifications that will be generated by the host organisation and published in advance of the Championship.

The Bank Fishing Championship:

3.1 The Bank International Championship is for teams of 6 competitors from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland who have been nominated by a participating National Organisation.

3.2 Competition water(s) will be divided into beats and numbered by pegs. The boundary of each beat will be between the two adjacent pegs i.e. Beat 1 will be between peg 1 and 2 and so on, the end of the last beat being marked with a peg.

3.3 It shall be the prime objective of the host organisation to provide all competitors with equal fishing opportunities. They shall endeavour to insure that no competitor is either advantaged or disadvantaged by the quality of the beat allocated.

3.4 The beats will be selected in the way that will provide the conditions for the controller to maintain continuous visual contact with the competitor. The controllers shall be adequately equipped for this purpose (binoculars, rubber boots or waders, safety equipment if necessary).

3.5 A competitor may only cast or fish his flies within the marked boundaries of the beat and must remain within the boundaries of the
beat during the timed fishing period. A competitor may not fish from, nor use, any form of bridge during a timed fishing period.

3.6 If a hooked fish swims into the adjacent beat, and the angler in that beat does not object, then the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If the angler in the adjacent beat does object, the competitor has a maximum of five minutes to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat and into his own beat.

3.7 Competitors are not allowed to enter the water.

**Medical and Insurance Cover:**

4.1 The host organisation must arrange adequate medical assistance and liability insurance cover during the official competition period.

4.2 Competing National Organisations are responsible for providing adequate health, travel, and any other insurance for their teams.

**Duration of Sessions:**

5.1 The Championship will be fished over 2 scoring sessions (morning & afternoon)

5.2 Competitors will fish 8 beats (timed fishing periods), 4 in the morning’s session and 4 in the afternoon’s session

**Obligations of Competitors:**

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

6.2 Competitors must respect the Competition Rules and Rule Modifications.

6.3 Out of courtesy to the host organisation and any event sponsors, all team registrants are required to attend all official functions listed in the final official programme.
6.4 It is the responsibility of each competitor to take all appropriate safety measures, including the wearing of eye protection and life preserving equipment.

6.5 Each competitor is responsible for checking the accuracy of his score card and for confirming this by signing it at the end of each session.

6.6 Any competitor who, during a competition session, requests advice (except from his manager) relating to the fishing or accepts any material help relating to the fishing will be disciplined. If anyone involved with a team, other than its manager, communicates with a competitor during a competition session, this will be considered as a case of the competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing.

6.7 Each competitor must observe the principles of any anti-doping regulations set up for the Championships.

6.8 A competitor is always responsible and accountable for his equipment, and once a session has started, he is the only person to handle it and moving it within the boundaries of the beat during the entire competition.

6.9 Competitors are not permitted to engage in any form of betting, including sweepstakes, connected with the Championship.

Teams, Managers, Captains & Reserves / Substitutes:

7.1 The Team Manager (Nominated Official or team captain if there is no registered manager) is responsible and accountable for the conduct of team members throughout the championship. The Team Manager is responsible for training his competitors on the FIPS Mouche rules and Rule Modifications.

7.2 During a championship session, the Team Manager may move freely in the beats of his team members but must not enter the water.

7.3 A Team Manager may enter the beat of another competitor only to gain access to the beat of his own competitor and only on condition that his presence does not disturb the waters or activities of a competitor of another team.
7.4 During a championship session, the Team Manager is the only person (other than competition officials) allowed to communicate in any way with a competitor. It is the responsibility of team managers and competition officials to identify themselves to controllers before communicating with competitors during a competition session.

7.5 During a championship session, neither a team manager nor any other person may give material help to any competitor.

7.6 Reserves: A team may only have one designated reserve. The team member designated as the reserve at registration may be substituted for a competitor. After being substituted, the original competitor may be reinstated for a subsequent session in the same peg sequence he was originally assigned to. Competitors may not change peg sequences.

7.7 The team Manager must notify the International Organiser, or his representative, of any substitution in writing at the latest 30 minutes prior to the start of the session.

7.8 A reserve may not fish on a peg that he has already fished in any previous session.

**Jury:**

8.1 A jury will be formed at the captain / managers meeting.

8.2. The jury will consist of:

   (a) The International Organiser
   (b) Four representatives, elected by the meeting from nominations made by the International organiser

**Duties, Responsibilities and Powers of the Jury:**

8.3 It will be the duty and responsibility of the Jury to:

   (a) Review any reports of infractions and take any appropriate action.
(b) Receive any formal written protest, and take any appropriate action.

8.4 Disciplinary measures are:
(a) Warning
(b) Censure
(c) Disallowing all or part of a competitor's catch
(d) Disqualification of a team or individual

Controllers:

9.1 Controllers will be responsible for accurately recording on the competitor's score card details of each eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture. All unused portions of the scoring section of the card must be crossed out by the controller at the end of the session.

9.2 Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules and their Modifications appears probable.

9.3 Controllers must record any infraction of the Competition Rules or their Modifications and report this information to the International Organiser.

Random Draw for Beats.

10.1 Before the assignment of peg sequences to competitors all pegs and buffer zones must be clearly defined and should not be altered during the competition.

10.2 The peg sequence of each competitor must be determined by random draw. Ideally the random draw for peg sequences should be generated by a pre-planned computer program. The random draw must ensure that anglers from the same team will not fish any peg in any session more than once.

10.3 Competing countries will be represented by numbers and team members by letters A, B, C & D.
(a) The captain of each team will draw a number to select the team number for the country.

(b) Then each captain will draw a letter, A to F, to assign each of the team member a unique Alpha Numeric for beat rotation allocation and scoring.

**Care of Fish Caught:**

11.1 If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the controller for assessment of eligibility, measurement and recording. Once the fish has been netted the competitor may not handle it in any way, nor alter the equipment used for its capture.

11.2 The Controller is responsible to remove the hook, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish. If the fish is hooked in a way preventing easy and safe unhooking, the leader shall be cut, leaving the hook in the fish, and the fish released with the least harm possible. For the benefit of fish the competitor may be authorised by controller to release the fish in the most suitable environment only in case the controller has no possibilities of releasing the fish in a proper way. All necessary time shall be taken to perform safe release of fish caught.

11.3 If a competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he must not net it and is free to release it gently in the water, taking care not to cause it any damage, and ideally without touching it.

11.4 If a controller or any other competition official determines that a competitor has negligently injured a fish, that fish will not be scored and the competitor will be penalised the number of points attributable to a fish of minimum valid length. The incident must be reported to the Jury for consideration of further action.

**Eligible Fish:**

12.1 Eligible fish species and size limits must be specified in the Rule Modifications. For measuring purposes, the length will be from the tip of the nose to whichever part of the tail is specified in the Rule Modifications.
12.2 Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible.

12.3 A fish hooked inside a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than ten minutes after the end of the session.

12.4 For a fish to be eligible, it must also be properly cared for and unharmed by the competitor.

**Competition Fly Rods:**

13.1 One conventional fly rod, not more than twelve feet/three hundred and sixty-six centimetres in length, may be used at one time. Competitors may have spare assembled fly rods with them, as long as only one line is in the water.

13.2 Competitors may have a maximum of 3 made up fly rods with them at any one time.

13.4 Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment during competition sessions.

**Competition Fly Lines:**

14.1 Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used, except for lead core lines. Each used fly line must have a minimum coated diameter of 0,55mm (0.022")

14.2 Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two metres.

14.3 Shooting heads are not allowed.

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

14.5 One single loop is allowed at the end of the fly line, if desired. If a braided or monofilament loop is used to connect the leader to the fly line, the maximum overall length of such connector may not exceed 10 cm.

**Competition Leaders:**
15.1 A single monofilament or poly leader, tippet included, may be used, with a maximum total length of twice the length of the rod used.

15.2 Leaders may be knotted or knotless, and continuously tapered down or level. A single loop of max, 10 cm length may only be used to connect a leader to a fly line. If the leader is knotted, the minimum distance between the knots is 30 cm, hanging freely.

15.3 Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader.

15.4 A maximum of 3 micro rings (leader rings) of a maximum outer diameter of 3 mm can be used. Knots joining at a micro ring are considered as 1 knot.

15.5 Droppers are only allowed to attach flies.

**Competition Flies:**

16.1 Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.

16.2 All hooks must be connected directly to the Leader/Tippet

16.3 Weighted flies are permitted, provided the weight is hidden within the dressing and may not exceed the bend of the hook. A single visible bead, not more than 4 mm in its maximum dimension, is also permitted. Painting alone does not constitute dressing.

16.4 If one fly is used, the length and width of the dressed fly will be at the discretion of the competitor. Articles 28.2 & 28.3 apply.

16.5 If more than 1 fly is used on a leader, all weighted flies must comply with this measuring gauge, as demonstrated in the following diagram.

![Diagram](image)

If the hook length fits in the 20 mm slot, then the maximum body thickness must fit in the 5 mm vertical slot. The 4 mm hole is the maximum diameter allowed for a bead. If the hook length is longer that the 20 mm horizontal slot, then the body thickness must fit between the 3 mm vertical slot.
The maximum hook length cannot be longer than 40 mm, the horizontal length of the gauge at its longest part.

16.6 A maximum of three flies is permitted which must not be closer to each other than fifty cm, measured eye to eye, hanging freely. The number of flies allowed will be in the rule modifications.

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

16.8 All flies must be dressed on barbless single hooks tandem flies are not allowed.

16.9 If the equipment used and/or flies used are assessed by the controller as repeatedly causing harm to the fish, the use of such flies/equipment may be disallowed by the controller (if possible after agreement with the host nation organiser).

16.10 Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters to flies is forbidden.

16.11 Appendages that alter the original concept of an artificial fly or bodies made of that formed plastic, formed silicone, or formed rubber are banned (formed imitations of worms, eggs, baitfish, maggots, twisters….)

**Landing Nets:**

17.1 The mesh material of the landing net must be rubber/silicon (preferred) or a non-abrasive synthetic or soft cotton material. Nets must now be of knotless construction.

17.2 Landing nets must not exceed ninety eight inches/two hundred and fifty cms in overall length, when fully extended.

**Prohibitions:**

18.1 The following are prohibited:

(a) Unethical, rude behaviour, Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, organisers or officials
(b) Any action by competitors, organisers or officials which would produce fraudulent or biased results.

(c) The use of still or video cameras to film beats and/or the competitors of other countries to provide information for a team, during the whole Championship.

(d) The use by a team member of radio or other electronic communication methods during a competition session to relay information. This includes all team members, including Captains, Reserves and Managers.

(e) A competitor, during a competition session, requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone (other than his manager).

(f) A competitor accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone.

(g) The use by a team member of a fish/depth finder during the championship.

(h) Use of any prohibited substance(s) constituting doping, according to the anti-doping regulations set.

Lost Fish:

19.1 In the event of the loss of a fish by a controller before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector in that session.

Awarding of Points:

20.1 For each eligible fish caught, a competitor will score one hundred points.

20.2 In addition to article 21.1 competitors will also receive twenty points per centimetre length of each eligible fish; the recorded length will be rounded up to the next complete centimetre for scoring purposes.

20.3 An undersized fish (under the eligible size limit) is not eligible to be scored and should not be recorded on the competitors scorecard.

Session Placings:
21.1 All competitors will receive a placing according to the fish points they obtain for each session of a championship.

21.2 A competitor who fails to make a valid catch in any session will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors for that session. The same placing will be awarded to any competitor who fails to participate for any reason.

21.3 A competitor who is forced to retire for any reason from a session of a championship shall have his catch up to that time of departure included in the results. His scorecard needs to be documented at time of departure and signed.

21.4 Any incomplete team will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors for each session for which a team member is absent.

21.5 If there is a tie between competitors in the same session in the number of fish points received, the first tie breaker will be the largest number of valid fish caught; the second will be the largest fish. If the tie persists, the competitors will receive equal placings and the immediately following placing(s) will be blank.

**Team and Individual Positions:**

22.1 The positions of teams and individuals will be determined as follows:

(a) Teams: The first position will be awarded to the team with the lowest cumulative number of placings of all its team members, and similarly for all other positions.

(b) Individuals: The first position will be awarded to the individual with the lowest cumulative number of placings, and similarly for all other positions.

22.2 A reserve who fishes any session will not be eligible to be awarded any individual position within a championship, although his placings will be included in the calculation of team results.
22.3 If there is a tie for positions between teams or individuals, the first tie breaker will be the largest number of fish points received, the second will be the largest number of valid fish caught, and the third will be the largest fish.

22.4 If the tie persists, the tied teams or individuals will be awarded equal positions and the immediately following position(s) will be blank.

**Posted Results and Objections:**

23.1 Session and final results will be considered as provisional for 30 minutes after the official posting of the results of the final session.

23.2 It is the responsibility of team managers to inspect the posted results.

23.3 If there are no objections, which are subsequently sustained, within the provisional period, the posted results will stand.

23.4 It is the responsibility of team managers to notify the International Organiser of any discrepancy in the final results immediately after discovery within the provisional period.

23.5 Only those objections made during the provisional period will be considered by the Jury in rectifying the results. After adjustment, if any, and before posting the official results must be signed by the International Organiser.

**Formal Protests:**

24.1 A formal protest may be made by a competition official, a team or a competing countries official regarding violations of these International Bank Fly Fishing Championship Rules of the Local Rule Modifications.

24.2 A formal protest must be in writing.

24.3 A formal protest must be made to the International Organiser, within 30 minutes after the official posting of the results of the final session.
24.4 A formal protest on behalf of a team must be made by the team captain or manager.

Paul Page
6th May 2015

Local Rule Modifications

25.1 The following local rules apply:
   a) No boobies are to be used.
   b) No snakes are to be used.
   c) No wading - All fishing is to be from platforms.
   d) Fabs can be used.
Thank you for the help provided by these organisations:

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