



## AT TEFF Bank National Restructure

The purpose of this document is to show AT TEFF plan to address the current and immediate issues of the Bank National and provide an insight into how we will provide a more consistent, coherent and effective system to provide Team England with the best team possible to compete in the Bank International . It addresses 2 main areas of current concern;

1. Clarity for anglers entering the competition
2. Simplicity from an organisational and administrative perspective

### **Rationale**

The number of anglers entering the Bank National has continued to decline in recent years, consultation with past and present participants has provided us with insight into the reasons for the decline.

1. Lack of consistency with dates/competition period
2. Confusion with FIPS and Fishery rules
3. Location of heats – lack of geographical spread
4. Lack of promotion – social, written and digital media
5. Disconnect between venues for qualifiers and the international
6. Frustration around;
  - a. minimum anglers to run a heat
  - b. number of anglers qualifying from each heats
  - c. cancelled/rescheduled heats

A vibrant, well attended and well run competition is of paramount importance if England are to continue to produce a team capable of succeeding in the Bank International. With this in mind AT TEFF will adopt the following changes effective immediate.

### **2017/18 National Final**

Change the venue for the 2017/18 National Final

TEFF has taken the very difficult decision to change the venue for the 2017/18 National final to Chatton Trout Fishery in Northumberland from Farmoor Reservoir. The sole reason for this change is a result of the 2018 Bank International being held on Chatton Trout Fishery in October 2018. AT TEFF firmly believe that by hosting our National final on the same venue as the international is to be held, we will increase our chances of producing a team that are capable of winning the 2018 Bank International, clearly there is no guarantee this will be the case however we have acted in the best interests of Team England.

With hindsight, selecting Farmoor as the venue for the final when Chatton was due to host the international was a mistake and one we apologise for. We recognise this will not be a popular decision among all anglers however at the point the decision was made, the Regional Eliminators are yet to be fished so anglers still have the option of whether to compete for a place in the final without prior financial outlay on accommodation or travel.

Furthermore, we understand and appreciate that in moving the final to Chatton for the 2017/18, we are expecting anglers to make the same commitment they made in 2016/17 when the final was also held at Chatton.

This document highlights how we will approach planning the Bank International in future years and avoid repeating mistakes.

### **General Principles**

1. Venues for the final should where possible mirror those to be used in the International. We will endeavour to find out the venue to be used in the International at the earliest opportunity however the venue for the final may not be known at the time of the Bank National is launched
2. In conjunction with item 1, the regional location of the venue to be used for the final will rotate between North, Midlands and South each year.
3. Clarity on rules will be produced for all competitors, fisheries and organisers
  - a. Appropriate & relevant FIPS-Mouche rules will apply across all Heats, Regional Eliminators and Finals.
  - b. Rule Modifications may apply to specific heats – info will be available to competitors prior to booking tickets. These rule modifications will supersede FIPS Mouche rules but will be kept to a minimum. If fisheries cannot run events to FIPS rules then we will look at alternative venues who can
4. Entry to for Heats, Regional Eliminators and Final to be made exclusively via the Angling Trust online booking system with no exception
5. Scoring in heats, eliminator and the final will be calculated by fish caught and fish points, max 5 fish per peg.
6. Fishing fees to be paid on the morning, by the angler and direct to the fishery prior to the match starting. In the event of the fishery manager or staff being unable to receive payment, anglers must ensure they pay before leaving the fishery at the end of the day. If anglers are still unable to make payment through no fault of their own, they must notify the local organiser and explain the reasons why. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification from the competition

### **Structure**

1. 12 heats per annum
  - a. 6 in the North
  - b. 6 in the South
2. Minimum 8 anglers to constitute a match
3. 4 anglers from each heat will qualify for the Regional Eliminator
  - a. Each heat will provide 1 reserve
4. Cancelled heats will not be reorganised
  - a. In event of cancelled heats, places for Regional Eliminators will be filled from highest % scoring reserves  
Example - Southern Heat 2 I cancelled meaning 4 places for the Regional Eliminator cannot be filled, those 4 places will go to the 4 reserves from the remaining 5 Southern heats who scored the largest percentage of the total fish points scored in each respective heat.

5. Multi Entry will be allowed – North-South. if an angler successfully qualifies from more than one heat, the earliest qualification will stand and subsequent qualifications will be awarded to the next placed angler from the subsequent heat.
6. Anglers would be expected to fish their regional semi final and any changes to be agreed with the organiser. No restriction on whether can fish North or South Heats or Regional Qualifiers
7. 2 Regional Eliminators (semi final) , 12 will progress to the final from each eliminator
  - a. North - 24
  - b. South - 24
8. Final will replicate where possible and as closely as possible, the style/type venue to be used for the International but will in each year rotate between regions
9. In the event of an angler declining to compete in a Regional Eliminator or Final, their place will be reallocated to the next placed angler from the heat in which the angler qualified. This still applies even if the replacement angler has qualified from a heat at a later date, in this instance, the angler next in line from the later date heat will take their place in the Regional Eliminator or Final

### **2018/19 Timeframes**

1. Announce Dates – before end of June
2. Heats - 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 18 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 19
3. Regional Eliminators – 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April
4. Final – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Beyond 2018/19 the actual dates may change however they will remain roughly the same to provide consistency and continuity.

### **Venues**

#### Qualifiers

We will where possible, select venues that provides fair geographical coverage between North and South. We consider the following factors when selecting venues

1. Availability of a local organiser
2. Willingness of fishery to run a heat on behalf of AT TEFF
3. Fisheries ability to run heats to FIPS Mouche rules with minimum number of Rule Modifications
4. Peg fees
5. Popularity of fisheries to maximise ability to meet minimum number of anglers required to constitute a heat

#### Regional Eliminators

1. As above

#### Final – 24 anglers

1. Rotation between North, Midlands and South

2. Compatibility with the venue to be used in the forthcoming International