AT TEFF Bank National 2018/19: Rules & Standard Briefing

COMPETITION FLY RODS

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 fly rods with them (carried on their body or bank side assembled), as long as only one line is in the water. However, when boat fishing, these must not be assembled nor the reel attached. Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment during the competition sessions.

COMPETITION FLY LINES

Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip Fly Line may be used, except for lead core lines. Every fly line used in a FIPS-Mouche competition shall have a minimum coated diameter of 0.55 mm (0.22”). Only fly lines meeting this requirement are authorised for use in FIPS-Mouche competitions (not to fit in the 0.53 mm slot in the gauge).

Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two metres. Shooting heads are not allowed. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines. 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 a connector may not exceed 10 cm.

COMPETITION LEADERS

A single monofilament or poly leader, tippet included, may be used, with a maximum total length of twice the length of the rod used. 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. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader. A maximum of 3 micro rings (leader rings) of a maximum outer diameter of 3 mm can be used. A maximum of 3 knots can be joined at a micro ring, they are considered as 1 knot (tbc). Droppers may only be used to attach flies whenever more than 1 fly is used by the competitor during that competition.
COMPETITION FLIES

Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.
All hooks must be connected directly to the leader/tippet/dropper.
Weighted flies are permitted, provided the weight which must be hidden within the dressing and may not exceed the bend of the hook. The maximum length of added weight (w) is the distance from the eye of the hook to the farthest point of the bend in the hook. A single visible bead, not more than 4 mm maximum dimension, is also permitted. Painting alone does not constitute dressing.
If one fly is used, the length and width of the dressed fly will be at the discretion of the competitor (Articles 29.2. & 29.3. apply).
If more than 1 fly is used on a leader, all weighted flies must comply with the measuring gauge, as demonstrated in the following diagram:

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 specified in Rule Modifications.
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.
All flies must be dressed on barbless single hooks, tandem flies are not allowed.
If the equipment used and/or flies used are assessed by the controller as repeatedly causing excessive harm to the fish, the use of such flies/equipment may be disallowed by the Controller (after agreement by the Sector Judge or IS).
Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters in flies is forbidden.
Appendages that alter the original concept of an artificial fly or bodies made of moulded/shaped plastic, moulded/shaped silicone or moulded/ shaped rubber are banned (moulded/shaped imitations of worms, eggs, baitfish, maggots, twisters...).
Round material is acceptable, as it is extruded.
Match Briefing

1. General Rules: All events fished to FIPS-Mouche rules, the rules will be available on the AT online booking site for the Bank National.

2. Rule Modifications; Any fishery rule modifications such as buoyant flies on sinking lines will be available on the Booking site but on the page of the specific heat. Anglers responsibility to check and organisers responsibility to reinforce and briefing.

3. Anglers will fish 8 pegs, 4 pegs per session, one session am and one session pm with five minutes (tbc) between each peg.

4. Sessions will start and finish on the hooter/whistle.

5. Fish can be played before the hooter/whistle for it to count.

6. Max three rod set up with a max of three flies, all hooks must be manufactured barbless.

7. Indicators must be capable of catching a fish as per FIPS rules.

8. Flies must be a minimum of 50 cm apart and no New Zealand type rigs.

9. Max five fish per peg, in the event of a tie the greater number of fish takes precedence then count back from 1st peg.

10. Attractor chemicals & the use of light emitters to flies are banned.

11. No moving off your peg before the end of your session.


13. Penalties: Anyone caught breaking the rules above will have their catch disqualified up until the infringement, a second offence will result in disqualification from the match.

14. No Wading

15. Disputes – any disputes must be registered with the match organiser as soon as possible and no later than 45 minutes after the conclusion of the match.

16. Any queries or questions should be raised at the briefing and not during or after the match. Anglers responsibility to know rules, ignorance is not an excuse.