



## Angling Trust Team England Fly Fishing (AT TEFF) Elite Performance Programme 2021

### **What is the EPP?**

The EPP is the Elite Performance Programme, which is a competitive fly fishing programme established in 2018 in order to develop elite anglers and provide a framework for selections teams to represent England in World and European championships

### **Who runs the EPP?**

For the 2021 programme the co-officials are:

- Howard Croston
- Scott Nellins
- Terry Phillips

The co-officials are supported by staff at the Angling Trust (AT) and Team England Fly Fishers (TEFF)

### **What is the timeframe for EPP?**

The Elite Performance Programme will run between May 2021 and June 2022, running over 7 days (2 X 2 days and 1 X 3 day).

### **What is the format of the EPP?**

The programme will have 16 places available and is based on 4 events

Rivers: 3 x 2-day events

Lake Bank: 1 X 1-day event

A random draw will be used to determine anglers' groups, starting pegs and/or boat partners for each event.

### **River event format:**

3 x 2-day events will be fished over 3 weekends.

2 equal groups of anglers (Group A & B), matches fished to catch, measure & release.

Day 1- Group A anglers fish the am sessions & Group B fish the pm sessions. 60 mins per peg.

Start	End	Activity	Group Fishing	Group Controlling
08:30	09:30	Session 1	A	B
09:30	09:45	Travel to peg	A	B
09:45	10:45	Session 2	A	B
10:45	11:00	Travel to peg	A	B
11:00	12:00	Session 3	A	B
12:00	12:15	Travel to peg	A	B
12:15	13:15	Session 4	A	B
13:15	13:45	Lunch		
13:45	14:45	Session 5	B	A
14:45	15:00	Travel to peg	B	A
15:00	16:00	Session 6	B	A



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16:00	16:15	Travel to peg	B	A
16:15	17:15	Session 7	B	A
17:15	17:30	Travel to peg	B	A
17:30	18:30	Session 8	B	A

Day 2 – as above but Group B anglers’ fish am and Group A fish pm.

Number of River results: 3 sets of event scores

### **Lake Bank Format**

1 x 1-day event

Anglers will fish all sessions and will act as controllers for the other anglers.

Lake will be pegged with 16 pegs (1-16). 2 equal groups of anglers (Group A & B). Group A will fish pegs with odd numbers 1,3,5,7 etc. and Group B the even pegs, this approach ensures that all anglers in the same group fish the same pegs. Matches fished catch & release without measuring, points are awarded as follows: 1 point per fish caught, 1 point per peg where fish caught. No limit to the number of fish caught per peg. For a fish to count it must be landed and acknowledged by an angler on a neighboring peg, it is the angler’s responsibility to get the fish signed for by the witness at the end of each session.

All anglers fish all sessions and control for/are controlled by adjacent anglers. 60 mins per peg.

Start	End	Activity	Group Fishing	Group Controlling
08:30	09:30	Session 1	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
09:30	09:35	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
09:35	10:35	Session 2	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
10:35	10:40	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
10:40	11:40	Session 3	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
11:40	11:45	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
11:45	12:45	Session 4	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
12:45	13:30	Lunch		
13:30	14:30	Session 5	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
14:30	14:35	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
14:35	15:35	Session 6	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
15:35	15:40	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
15:40	16:40	Session 7	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
16:40	16:45	Travel to peg	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs
16:45	17:45	Session 8	A & B	NA - control the angler on adjacent pegs

Number of Lake Results: 1 set of event scores Total Number of Results: 4 sets of event scores



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### **What are the EPP event dates and venues?**

Dates are as follows. Venue/accommodation access/travel guidance will be constantly monitored inline with Covid-19 regulations.

#### **Event 1**

Venue: Garnfrwd Park Trout Fishery ([www.garnfrwdflyfishing.co.uk](http://www.garnfrwdflyfishing.co.uk))

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Live Online Draw & Briefing: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Hours: fishing 08:30am > 17:45pm

Fishing Fee: £20 (payable to the organiser by the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

Practise cutoff date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Event organiser: Terry Phillips

#### **Event 2**

Venue: River Ebbw ([www.islwynanglers.com](http://www.islwynanglers.com))

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Live Online Draw & Briefing: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Hours: fishing 08:30am > 18:30pm

Fishing Fee: £20 (payable to the organiser by the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

Practise cutoff date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (on the match beat)

Match Beat: From the Rugby Club at Tredegar Terrace Upstream

Event organiser: Terry Phillips

#### **Event 3**

Venue: River Tees ([www.raby.co.uk](http://www.raby.co.uk))

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Hours: 7:30am briefing (fishing 08:30am > 18:30pm)

Fishing Fee: £20 (payable to the organiser)

Practise cutoff date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Event organiser: Scott Nellins

#### **Event 4**

Venue: Northern River (TBA)

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Hours: 7:30am briefing (fishing 08:30am > 18:30pm)

Fishing Fee: £20 > £40 (payable to the organiser)

Practise cutoff date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Event organiser: Howard Croston

### **How have the EPP event venues been selected?**

Venues for the events are representative of those used for the forthcoming World & European Championships.

### **What is the EPP entry fee?**

The entry fee for the programme is £140, this will be payable through the AT events website when entries open. In addition to the entry fee there are fishing fees to pay per event, these costs are variable depending on the venue.



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Anglers entering the EPP will also need a valid EA rod license and AT membership subscription.

### **Who is eligible to enter the EPP?**

The EPP will be open to active Angling Trust members meeting the following criteria;

1. Previous EPP entrants
2. At least 2 X international caps (any discipline)
3. At least 1 X international caps (any discipline) and a member of a current international team\*

\*Failure to compete in forthcoming International will result in eligibility to league being revoked

If the EPP is over-subscribed, invites will be awarded on the following basis.

1. Previous EPP entrants
2. Based on a ranking system where caps (past or current) are awarded points based on a system which reflects the dominance of river sessions at the World and European Championships (1 point for 5Nations, Loch Style and Stillwater Bank, 3 Points for rivers, 5 points for World or European). For example, angler A has two loch style caps resulting in 2 points total, where angler B has a bank cap and a river cap resulting in 4 points total and would therefore be offered a place in the EPP ahead of angler A.
3. If there are EPP applicants tied on points as a result of the ranking system, preference will be given to the angler with the highest number of River, World and European caps (summed together). Ranking positions still tied after that will be ranked based on total number of caps (past and current) followed by most recent cap. No further relevant ranking can be applied after this stage and a random draw would be used if further rationalisation is needed.

### **How do I enter the EPP?**

If you meet the eligibility criteria, please fill in an application form and send it to the email address on the form by the closing date. Once the applications closure date is reached the organiser's will contact all applicants to let them know whether their application into the EPP has been successful or not. Successful applicants will then be able to enter and pay for their entry via the AT events website.

The deadline for applications into the EPP is midnight on the 3rd April 2021. Applicants will be notified whether their application has been successful or not on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and they will have up until the 18th April 2021 to register and pay their entry fee otherwise their place will be offered to other applicants.

### **How will the World and European Squads be selected?**

Selection of the World and European championship teams will be based upon results following the completion of the programme as follows; Top 5 qualify for World Championships Team and places 6-10 for the European Championships Team. The appointed team managers will review the proposed teams and in co-operation with the anglers confirm the squads. Where it is deemed appropriate to take a traveling reserve to a championships the anglers finishing in positions 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> will be invited, should anglers decline their invite into the World and European squads their positions will be offered to other individuals but preference will be given to EPP anglers based on





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their league finishing position.

The league will determine teams to compete at 2022/23 World & European competitions in;

- World Championships: Spain (Confirmed)
- European Championships: Portugal (Proposed)

### **How will the World and European Championships Squads be funded?**

Anglers travelling to either the World or European championships will be either be fully self-funded or partially self-funded with support from AT TEFF grants subject to finances. Therefore, there is an expectation that anglers will need to undertake some form of fund raising prior to the championships. The World and European team managers will provide further angler guidance on this matter following team selection and budget setting.

### **Will there be promotion into the EPP in future years?**

In order to ensure that angling development is at the heart of what the EPP is about, following the completion of this year's programme the eligibility ranking will be amended to give greater priority to emerging anglers. Therefore, EPP invite priority (based on 16 anglers) from years 2022/23 onwards will be based on:

1. places 1 to 10 from previous EPP league
2. places 1 to 4 from previous 5N ENC
3. new entries based on an applicant points system as described in this fact sheet

### **What are the EPP rules?**

1. Participation by invitation
2. Anglers must meet the eligibility criteria
3. Fished to the FIPS-Mouche rules active at the start of each event. Rules modifications may be applied by the organisers and will be announced at least 24 hours before each event.
4. Yellow & Red card system operated for conduct and behavior. Unacceptable behavior or conduct from anglers within the Elite Performance Squad while participating in any AT TEFF event may result in a 1-year ban.
5. No practice is permitted on event venues in the 3-week period prior to the event, this includes requesting family members or friends to practice on behalf of EPP anglers.
6. All fish over 20cm will count
7. Barbless hooks
8. All events are strictly catch and release
9. Use of mobile phones are not allowed for communication during or between sessions but may be carried and used for emergencies. EPP Officials may use mobile phones during the event to resolve match disputes
10. Any complaints must be supported by digital evidence or witnessed by an official and reported to the match organiser within 1 hours of the event ending
11. Anglers who miss an event (regardless of the reason) will be awarded the maximum 16 points for that event.
12. When anglers are acting as a controller they must stay on their allocated peg and not give





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anglers fishing their or adjacent pegs any advice or material support during the event.

13. Anglers breaking the rules will be penalised in line with FIPS-Mouche rules. Significant and/or repeat infringements may result in the angler being disqualified from the league
14. Social distancing must be adhered to where still in place
15. Anglers found to be practicing on event waters without purchasing day or season tickets will not be permitted to fish the EPP
16. During EPP practice and events anglers are representing AT TEFF and the EPP. Anglers are expected to be courteous to the fishery owner, staff, members, and other anglers at all times.
17. Local event rule modifications may apply

### How are the EPP events scored?

1. For catch, measure, and release events (River and Lake Boat).
  - a. All anglers fish all pegged beats
  - b. At the end of a session fish points will be totaled to give to give Session Fish Points.
  - c. Session Fish Points will create session placing Points i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> = 1 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points etc.
  - d. The total number of session points is then used to determine the angler's position in their group.
  - e. Where multiple groups are used, group positions are merged and ranked 1-16 to identify event positions.
  - f. All anglers tied in session, group and event places will be ranked based on fish points. Anglers still tied following this will be awarded the same score based on the lowest position for example anglers tied in first with the same number of points and fish points will both be awarded 1 event point, the next placed angler would be awarded 3 points.
2. For catch and release events (Lake Bank)
  - a. All anglers fish all pegged beats in their group
  - b. Each fish caught earns the angler 1 point in that session. The angler in each group with the most points in the session wins the session for their group.
  - c. 8 scoring sessions per event to determine anglers' position in their group
  - d. Group positions are merged and ranked 1-16 to identify event positions.
  - e. All anglers tied in session, group and event places will be ranked based on number of fish caught. Anglers still tied following this all be awarded the same score based on the lowest position for example anglers tied in first with the same number of points and fish will both be awarded 1 event point, the next placed angler would be awarded 3 points.
3. The angler with the fewest number of event points at the end of the EPP is the winner.

