



## Rules Flyfishing

**Every competitor is responsible for his/her's own personal insurances (equipment and person) during the whole Lapland Fishing Festival, including arranged transfers to and from the competition waters.**

**The organisation behind The Lapland Fishing Festival is not responsible for damage on equipment or personal injuries during participation.**

**The organisers are free to, without warning, exclude competitors for:**

**Influence of drugs/alcohol during competition**

**Bad sportsmanship/behaviour against fellow competitors/controllers**

**The fee will not be paid back, if competitor is excluded for those reasons.**

### **1.0 Competition Fly Rods**

1.1 Only one fly rod may be used at one time

1.2 Competitors may have and use spare rods

1.3 Competitors are responsible for their own equipment

### **2.0 Competition Fly Lines**

2.1 Factory made floating, sinking or sinktip lines may be used

2.2 Lead core lines and shooting heads are not allowed

2.3 Neither additional weights nor floating material are allowed

### **3.0 Competition Leaders**

3.1 Single fly line leader systems may be used, of any length

3.2 Leaders may be of any type, no sinking/floating devices may be used

### **4.0 Competition Flies**

4.1 Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies

4.2 Each fly shall be tied on one single hook without size limit

4.3 Weighted flies (gold heads etc) are allowed

4.4 A maximum of three flies is permitted. They must not be closer than 50 cm, eye to eye.

4.5 Flies must be firmly attached to the leader systems so they do not move

4.6 All flies will be dressed on hooks that are barbless, or with barbs squeezed down flat.

### **5.0 River Competition Venues**


5.1 The competition water is equally divided into beats with minimum length of 150 m.

5.2 Each sector is to be divided into beats and numbered, beginning upstreams

5.3 There must be a buffer zone of at least 5 m between the beats

5.4 The competitor may only move his flies or fish, within the marked boundaries of his beat. If a fish, hooked within his beat, swims into the buffer zone, the angler may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must be landed in his own beat.

The competitor must remain within the bounds of the beat allocated at all times





## **6.0 Eligible fish**

6.1 Eligible fish will be grayling and trout with a minimum size of 20 cm

6.2 Only fish hooked in the mouth area (in front of the gill cover) will be eligible

6.3 Fish hooked within time limit is eligible if landed within 10 minutes after the end of period

## **7.0 Landing Nets**

7.1 Fish must be landed in a net

7.2 Netting of the fish must be done by the competitor

7.3 The controller will take the fish from the net, control the hook, measure it and return it.

## **8.0 Prohibitions**

8.1 Fishing in competition waters by competitor is prohibited 30 days prior to the event

8.2 Any person verbally assisting a competitor during a competition period

8.3 Any person assisting with material during a competition period

8.4 The use of radio or other communication between the competitors, guests and spectators

8.5 The lack of sportsmanship behaviour towards competitors or representatives

8.6 Behaviour from competitors/representatives of organisers that may influence the result

## **9.0 Competition Participant**

9.1 Transport will be organised to move competitors between events

## **10.0 Random draw for beats**

10.1 The beat of each competitor will be determined by random draw

## **11.0 Catch and Release Competition**

11.1 All fish must be landed in nets measured for length and recorded no matter size.

11.2 Captured fish shall be handed over to the officials who will record the species, time of capture and release the fish

11.3 The competitor shall check and sign the card at the end of each period

## **12.0 Lost or Injured Fish**

12.1 If a controller loses a fish before it has been measured, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish, taken in that sector in that period

## **13.0 Awarding of Points**

13.1 Eligible fish scores 100 points plus 20 points per centimetre. The length is from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, pressed together. Length is rounded up to the nearest centimetre.

## 14.0 Period Placing

14.1 Competitors will receive a placing according to the points they obtain

14.2 Competitors without points is placed equal to the number of participants in the sector

14.3 Competitor that retires for any reason will have the catch to that time included in results

## 15.0 Results

15.1 The winner is the competitor with the lowest figure when all the placings from the periods have been added together. If two or more competitors finish with the same figure when all periods have been added together, winner is the one with the highest total points.

### Example:

Competitor A: 3 place (Session 1) and 2 place (session 2): Result 5

Competitor B: 5 place (Session 1) and 1 place (Session 2): Result 6

Winner is competitor A because he has the lowest number when the placing in the two sessions has been added

## 16. Boat fishing

16.1 Two competitors will fish in each boats while the boat is drifting or slowly moved by the controller (see Annex A). No trolling is allowed and all fishing is done at the same side of the boat according to Annex A.

16.2 The 3 hour session will be divided in two regarding the charge of the boats direction. The first name, drawn at the lottery on Friday, is "Captain" the first 1.5 h of the lake session. This person also decides where he/she wants to sit in the boat when the session starts. After 1.5 h the other competitor in the boat is "Captain" and decides the direction of the boat.

