



**RIVER TEST ONE FLY
RULES
Friday April 25th 2014**

Teams

a) Each team will consist of three contestants. Teams may substitute contestants anytime until the morning of the competition. Individuals contestants are welcome to enter and will be allocated a team by the organiser.

b) Only one member of a team may be a professional full-time or part-time fly fishing instructor or guide. A professional is defined as anyone who, within the last 3 years, has received income for services performed as a fly fisher.

Equipment

- a) Type of rod and fly reel is the choice of the contestant.
- b) The use of fly floatant, leaders or other accessories will be at the discretion of the contestant. Only floating lines are permitted
- c) No real or artificial fish attractants, such as scents, are allowed.

Event Flies

- a) Any conventional dry or nymph pattern may be used as long as it is no larger than size #10.
- b) Lead or other metal-moulded heads, cone heads and dumbbell lead eyes are prohibited. Tube flies are prohibited. A fly with a single metal or glass bead is allowed. Split shot or putty may be attached to leader/tippet.
- c) Flies must be tied on a single barbless hook, or on a hook with the barb pushed down.
- d) Contestants may select a different fly for the morning (10am-1.15pm) and afternoon (1.15pm-4.30pm) sessions. Morning & afternoon flies are not interchangeable.
- e) Contestants must inform the Guide of their chosen fly by 10am/1.15pm and submit it for the approval of the Guide.
- f) Repair of flies may only be done with the use of glue or any adhesive. Any re-tying of the fly with thread or fly tying materials is prohibited. Broken hooks may be honed or filed to a usable sharpness via any sharpening tool.
- g) Traditional strike indicators are allowed. Flies, even those with broken hooks, are not allowed to be used as indicators. Only a single fly may be attached to the leader.

Fishing Procedure

- a) All trout species will be counted in the scoring. No other fish species will be counted.
- b) The only permitted fishing method is upstream dry fly or nymph.
- c) Fishing hours are 10.00am-4.30pm. With the permission of the fisherman who has a fish 'on the line', team partners may assist in landing any fish to be scored in the event.
- d) If a contestants' fly becomes caught in tree, branch or snag, it may be recovered and reattached to the leader. The contestant may continue fishing in the event.
- e) The morning or afternoon session scoring ends for a contestant when his official fly becomes irretrievably lost. That person may continue to fish for the remainder of the session, but no fish caught after the contest fly is lost will count for that sessions' scoring.
- f) Contestants may not, under any circumstances, swap or exchange flies or rods with other contestants or team members.

Sharing a beat

- a) Contestants will mutually agree how to share a beat and observe the customary chalkstream etiquette.
- b) Guides are not allowed to assist other contestants.

Duties of the Guide

- a) The Guide is solely responsible for the contestant allocated to him or her and will not assist, advise or collaborate with other contestants or Guides during fishing hours.
- b) The Guide may assist in netting the fish if the contestant so requests

Dispute Resolution

- a) In the event of a dispute the decision of Official Referee will be final.

Scoring

- a) To be counted in the score, the angler or Guide, must touch the leader whilst a trout is 'on' and then that fish is counted 15 points.
- b) Each contestant will be allowed to select six (6) trout to measure during the day. All trout not selected for measurement will be released immediately, preferably without removing them from the water. Each unmeasured fish counts 15 points.
- c) Measurement should be done in the gutter provided by the Guide and the score recorded by the Guide. Any fish length will be rounded to the next full inch e.g. 17 ¼" equals 18" for scoring purposes.
- d) Any fish killed will not count to the point total, for whatever reason killed.
- e) Dry fly. Any fish caught on a dry (surface floating) fly scores double. e.g. a fish less than 12" scores 30 points instead of 15. Or a fish less than 17 inches scores 150 points instead of 75.
- f) The bonus points total for retaining a dry fly is NOT doubled.
- g) Each fish counted for scoring will be scored as follows:

NB: Trout caught on a dry fly score DOUBLE points

Trout less than 12" or Unmeasured	15 points
Trout less than 13"	35 = 15 points + 20 points
Trout less than 14"	45 = 15 points + 30 points
Trout less than 15"	55 = 15 points + 40 points
Trout less than 16"	65 = 15 points + 50 points
Trout less than 17"	75 = 15 points + 60 points
Trout less than 18"	85 = 15 points + 70 points
Trout less than 19"	95 = 15 points + 80 points
Trout less than 20"	115 = 15 points + 100 points
Trout less than 21"	125 = 15 points + 110 points
Trout less than 22"	135 = 15 points + 120 points
Trout less than 23"	145 = 15 points + 130 points
Trout less than 24"	155 = 15 points + 140 points
For each inch over 24" add 10 points	e.g 25" = 165 26" = 175 etc
Retaining morning fly (10am-1.15pm)	25 point bonus
Retaining afternoon fly (1.15pm-4.30pm)	25 point bonus
Retaining same fly 10am-4.30pm	Additional 50 point bonus