



Trial Rules – 3rd National Trial Sunday 18th Sept 2022 place on Irish Team 2023

Trial Rules For Competitors are set out hereunder in compliance with local fishing rules.

N.B. The ILFA Constitution States ‘Local Rules may supersede ILFA Association’s Rules’

1. **Trout:** are the only valid fish for this competition.
2. **The Adjudicators:** Mr. Eamonn Ross + another Lough Sheelin Angler + two nominees appointed by the committee of the ILFA.
3. **Boatmen are entitled to call relieving time of 30 minutes on dry land:** at the nearest port of call, at their own time and discretion, without consultation with the Anglers. Boatmen will choose and determine time and place and disregard objections.
4. **Disputes:** The Adjudicators’ in consultation with **any of the acting local boatmen, boating on the day**, will have the final say in any disputes arising, inter-alia competitors’ or inter-alia competitors’ and any boatman.
5. **Registration:** by 9.45 am The Sailor’s Garden Pier, Finnea, Lough Co. Westmeath
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6. **The Draw for boat places** will commence at 10.00 am post registration
7. **The Captaincy:** per boat will be decided by the Toss of a Coin by each boatman [or Adjudicator] after the boat draw. **The Captaincy will alternate at 2.30 pm.** Boat partners **must** exchange places in the boat in line with captaincy.
8. **Weigh-In will commence at 6.00 pm.** Failure to lodge your Score Card by 6.00pm to the Adjudicators’ is your own liability and may disqualify you.
9. **Flies:** Barbless hooks are permitted. Snakes, Humongous and Minkies are permitted. No more than 4 flies will be permitted and flies must be at least 20 inches apart. **[N.B. See ILFA Constitution 12 Trial Rules: Sect. 6] quote ‘There are no other regulations regarding flies for the ILFA trials except where mentioned in local rules’. ‘No local rule restrictions apply to this rule for this trial’.**
10. **Fish Length & measurement:** Trout must be above 30 cms long and are measured from the top of the nose to fork of the tail to be recorded for the competition. **Local rule supersedes ILFA constitution]**
11. **The boatman will handle and measure the trout and record the length of fish and time of catch** in the competitor’s booklet, which must be agreed and signed off by each person in the boat.
12. **The boatman’s word as Referee is final:** the boatman will record each Competitor’s catch & release above 30 cms as a valid catch – measuring the length of the trout.
13. **No boat may fish within 60 yards** of the boat in front or cut in on the drift of another.

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14. **Competitors should not stand while fishing:** except when playing a fish, or to cast over rising fish at the back of the boat providing they make their intentions known to both the other angler and the boatman. Anglers and Ghillie's may stand to 'stretch' their legs after agreement by all in the boat.
15. **No Fish to be retained:** All fish must be returned after being recorded.
16. **The Winner** is the Angler with the longest multiples' of her measured trout caught and recorded on her Scorecard.
17. **2nd and subsequent places following suit:** is the next Angler with the longest multiples of her measured trout caught and recorded on her Scorecard until all competitor places are filled.
18. **In the event of a tie for 1st Place or 2nd and or following sequential places:** the Angler who caught the greatest number of fish will be deemed the outright winner.
19. **If any place is still tied** - the prize is decided by the time recorded by the Boatman of the first catch will take precedence. The signing and agreement of the recording of the time of your catch in your booklet is the responsibility of each competitor.
20. **The Top Lady Angler's Prize** will be awarded to the winner.
21. **The Top Boatman's Prize** will be awarded in sequence with the top Lady Angler.
22. **Points will be awarded as per the ILFA's 'Team Selection Process'**. Equal points for tied weights will be awarded, (the highest placing point of the tie to all anglers tied).
23. **League Table points:** If anglers tie for first place, then these anglers will receive the maximum no of points available; but - when tied - the angler with the greatest number of fish wins the prize for the trial. If first place is still tied the prize is decided by tossing a coin.
24. The existence of a dispute or complaint must be immediately intimated to the Adjudicators.
25. The trial result will be final on completion of the scoring.
26. It is compulsory that all competitors must wear a Certified Lifejacket of approved standard along with crotch strap (S.I. No. 586/2001 – Fishing Vessel (Personal Flotation Devices) Regulations, 2001), when participating in all trials. Eye protection and a hat must also be worn along with appropriate waterproofs.

By Order.