



*In association with Iain Barr World Champion Choice Flies*

## **FARMOOR World Bank Masters Final Rules**

### **1. General Competition Rules.**

#### **Modifications from 2017**

- No shooting-head lines will be allowed. Only readily available manufactured lines are permitted.
- There will now be 10 minutes between pegs allowing more time to walk to your next one

Fishing will be carried out in the spirit of, and with respect for, the traditions of the sport.

All competitors must be in possession of a valid Environmental Agency rod licence. It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure they have a licence as they are not available from the fishery. Spot Checks may be made by the Environment Agency.

Any dispute or complaint must be reported to the Events Organiser (Iain Barr) or match officials (tbc on the day) within 30 minutes of the end of the match. Adjudication will be made within 30 minutes of the complaint being made. Any dispute/complaint made after 30 minutes of the end of the match will be deemed invalid. The decision of the match committee is final. The results will be published as soon as possible after the completion of the match.

Mobile telephones may be taken onto the fishery, must be turned off and may only be used for emergency purposes if previously agreed with the Competition organisers, Score cards will be marked as such. Mobile telephones or any other electronic communication device may not be used to communicate with other competitors under any circumstances, either by voice message or text message.

The Sector Controllers are there to ensure that the event is run fairly within the rules, they are totally voluntary and no abuse of any form against the Controllers will be tolerated. Any such abuse, if reported by a Controller, Competitor or Match Official, will result in instant disqualification from the Competition without the right to appeal.

#### **Practice Sessions: - IMPORTANT**

Competitors are permitted to practice leading up to the final including Friday 23rd March. Anglers may practice on Fri 23rd March on Farmoor 1 ONLY up to 14:00hrs. You can continue to fish on Farmoor 2 after this time. Anglers may not practice from the boats on F1 on Friday 10th March but may practice on boats on F2 but keeping away from the pegged and buffer zone areas) . This will be marshalled on Friday 23rd. ALL COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER AT THE LODGE ON OFFICIAL PRACTICE DAYS. **Wed 21st to Fri 23rd March.**

## Match Rules

The event will be fished from approx 08:45 to 16:44pm with a 35-minute lunch break. Lunch is not provided. There will be 10 sessions of 35 minutes with 10-minute intervals to move to your next peg: Competitors will move in a clockwise direction approximately 10-12 pegs

**Scoring:** An angler can catch a maximum of 5 fish per peg. 2 points will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup> fish on every peg and 1 point thereafter for the next 4. A maximum of 6 points per peg. Each fish must be witnessed and signed for by a match official before leaving your peg. Fish not recorded before leaving your peg will not count and it is the angler's responsibility to ensure all fish are recorded.

- A fish is considered caught when it is successfully netted and lifted clear of the water. All fish must be released from the net and not dragged up the bank

- Anyone not fully respecting the fish may have it removed from their scorecard

- If scores are level to determine the winning positions, the angler who caught on most pegs will win. If still a tie then the angler who caught most fish will win. If still a tie, positions will be decided by working back from the last peg to the first on who caught the most from their last pegs working forward. If by chance still identical then positions will be decided by the angler with the most '5' fish peg limits, then most '4' fish caught and so on. If a decision cannot be made then a draw of lots will take place to decide the winners

The Pairs scoring will be the combined total of the pairs fish points. (Angler A scores 2 off each peg, Angler B scores 3 off each peg therefore they have a combined score of 50 points off 10 pegs. It is this combined score that will determine the pairs results. If the combined points are level, a combined number of pegs caught on will decide the winners, if still level, a combined number of fish caught will decide the winners, if still tied, the number of fish caught on the countback from the last peg working forward will determine the winners. If by chance still identical then positions will be decided by the angler with the most '5' fish peg limits, then most '4' fish caught and so on. If a decision cannot be made then a draw of lots will take place to decide the winners

## Approx Peg Timings for both days

Peg 1 08:45 – 09:20	Peg 2 09:30 – 10:05	Peg 3 10:15 – 10:50	Peg 4 11:00 – 11:35	Peg 5 11:45 – 12:20	12:20 – 13:00
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Peg 6 13:00 – 13:35	Peg 7 13:45 – 14:20	Peg 8 14:30 – 15:05	Peg 9 15:15 – 15:50	Peg 10 16:00 – 16:35	RESULTS

The draw will be done at approx. 14:00 at Farmoor fishing lodge in the Gazebo. Anglers present are welcome to do their own draw. Where anglers are not present the draw will be done with witnesses on their behalf. Anglers may walk round Farmoor 1 to view their pegs (reminder you can continue to fish on Farmoor 2 if you wish)

Sign-in will be from 06:45 at the lodge and a mandatory briefing for ALL competitors will be held at 08:00 in front of the Farmoor Lodge area. Competitors may leave from this area at 08:30.

**PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY AS YOU WILL BE ALLOTTED DIFFERENT PARKING AREAS AROUND F1 DEPENDANT ON YOUR STARTING PEG**

Each competitor will receive a separate score card for the morning and afternoon sessions. Each individual competitor must hand in their scorecard to the match officials or controllers at the end of each session promptly. The afternoon score card must also be handed in to the match officials within 20 minutes of the end of the match. Any scorecards received after this time cannot be accepted.

Non-Competitors/Spectators are not allowed in the fishing area during the hours of the Competition. The Fishing area is defined as the Bank and the area 25 metres behind it. The exception to this rule is media or TV crew and match officials.

Competitors may not receive assistance from another Competitor, Controller, Official or any other person apart from safety assistance. Competitors must fish directly in front of their and not move either side of it.

***No competitor can leave their peg before the end of their session – a 5-point penalty will be applied in this case.***

## **Flies**

A maximum of hook size 8 may be used. There is no limit to fly dressing size. **Barbless or de-barbed** hooks must be used throughout the day. Snakes are permitted but may contain only one hook point. No doubles or trebles.

**THE USE OF ANY BUOYANT FLIES ON ANY SINKING LINE IS PROHIBITED IN THE INTEREST OF THE WELL BEING OF THE FISH**

**Sight Indicators / Bung**s of any description are allowed but must be capable of catching a fish, i.e. must contain a hook. They must be in a fixed position to your leader and not sliding.

**A maximum of 3 flies may be used at any time on any one rod and a bung counts as 1 of your flies**

**The Penalty for breaking the hook rule:**

<b>Barbed hook (First Offence)</b>	<b>Immediate Disqualification of all points up to and including the current peg to a minimum of -5 points.</b>
<b>Second Offence</b>	<b>Disqualification from Event with no right of appeal. Please note this rule will be stringently enforced and cotton will be used to test hooks</b>

**PLEASE NOTE.** If your hook is considered barbed in any form, the controller has the right to confiscate your fly which will be presented to the match officials whose decision is final. You may continue to fish and a decision will be informed at the end of the morning or afternoon session. Match officials may request to view fly boxes at any time.

## Additives

**All flies must be placed in a fly box and not kept in bags. No flies may be 'dipped' in additives. Flies can be tested for such additives at any time during the competition by way of a simple test. Any angler caught using flies with additives will be immediately disqualified and may not continue to fish.**

## Rods Nets & Lines

Competitors may carry any number of any rods of any length at any time. Competitors may only use one Rod one at a time, roly-poly retrieve is allowed. Competitors are responsible for providing their own knotless mesh landing nets. ONLY AVAILABLE MANUFACTURED LINES ARE PERMITTED – NO FORM OF SHOOTING HEADS ARE PERMITTED

## Fishing

All fish are to be returned very carefully to the water after confirmation of capture by the sector controller. Any dead or damaged fish that cannot be returned to the water are to be surrendered to the Sector Controller.

It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure the fish is recorded correctly by the Controller. The Fish must be lifted from the water in the net by the Competitor and the Controller must acknowledge the capture if he/she is unable to get to the Competitor. The Controller must not help in the landing of a Fish and fishing must not recommence until the fish has been safely returned to the water. **No fish will be recorded unless confirmed by the Controller as having been seen in the net and identified as a Brown/Rainbow Trout. If the Controller is too far away then the confirmation of a neighbouring Angler will be required.**

**Tagged fish must be returned where possible. Simply remove the tag from the fish and hand to the nearest controller when the fish is released. Prizes cannot be claimed without the tags. Any tagged fish caught in the morning sessions must be handed in at the lunchtime interval.**

If a fish is hooked **BEFORE** the end of the session is sounded, the Competitor must land it before the next session starts, if the fish is not landed before the commencement of the next session it will be disqualified. The Competitor must vacate the peg before the start of the next session.

## Fishing after session end hooter

**Disqualification of any points accrued after the Hooter and any session points for that session.** Foul hooked fish are permitted but any competitor deemed to be attempting this deliberately will be immediately disqualified.

## Wading

**Strictly forbidden. If wet or water levels low the dam can be very slippery and caution must be taken**

## Match Cancellation

If the Final is prematurely ended then point scores will take place at the point of cancellation.

## Horn Signals

The commencement of each session will be signalled by a long continuous horn blast.

The cessation of each session will be signalled by 2 continuous blasts.

If fishing is to be stopped at any other time due to an emergency (e.g. Thunderstorm) this will be signalled by 4 blasts of the horn. Fishing will not commence until another 4 blasts has been sounded. If a session ends between these signals then the normal end of session and commencement of session signals will be made and the Competitors should move carefully to their next peg and await the 4-blast signal. No Competitor is permitted to fish until the 4-blast recommencement signal is made.

The end of the competition will be signalled by a continuous horn blast.

If a horn is accidentally set off then it will be followed by 3 short blasts to instruct the Anglers to ignore the accidental blast!

## **Prizes**

Individual – The prize fund will be dependent on the number of entries and all entry fees will go to the prize fund.

**The individual winner will receive 50% of the total fund.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place 20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 10%, 4<sup>th</sup> place 7.5%, 5<sup>th</sup> place 5%; 6<sup>th</sup> place 3% 7<sup>th</sup> place 2%, 8<sup>th</sup> place 1%. 9<sup>th</sup> place 1 % down to 10<sup>th</sup> place getting 0.5%

## **Pairs**

**The winning pair will receive 60%, i.e. £1500 of the prize fund**

2<sup>nd</sup> pair will receive 20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> pair will receive 10%, 4<sup>th</sup> pair 6% and 5<sup>th</sup> pair 4%

## **Tagged Fish**

There will be many tagged fish to be caught on the day worth cash and great tackle prizes worth thousands of pounds. No prize can be claimed without the tag. This will be made clear on match morning. Any tagged fish not caught on the singles day will be carried over to the pairs day. Any not caught over the weekend will still be given away and names drawn at random. You cannot win more than 1 tagged fish prize by the random draw but can if you catch more than one tagged fish. If you are not there on the pairs day the prize will be posted to you. If you enter the singles and pairs your name will be entered twice.

## **Cancellation**

In the unlikely event insufficient entries are received, the event may be cancelled and all entry and permit monies paid will be returned. **(Sufficient entries have been received for both dates of the competition)** By entering, you agree the event organiser and venue cannot hold any responsibility for any other cancellation fees incurred by the entrant.

## **Rule Modification**

Minor rule modifications may occur so please review our website for the latest rules. A full set of rules will be available at the lodge at Farmoor leading to the event and will be reiterated on match mornings. The event organisers decision will be final on any rules.