



International Team Selection Rules

World Team Trials

(Adapted from FIPS/Mer Shore Rules)

1. Only one rod may be used which can be held or placed in a stand.
2. The accepted maximum length of the rod is 5 meters. The rod must have a minimum of 3 rings on the blank and one tip ring.
3. The choice of reel is free but it must not be motorised.
4. The main line can be made of monofilament or braid.
5. Only single hooks of any kind are allowed. Hooks with a minimum bend of 5mm are permitted. Any competitor found using or having in his possession non legal hooks, before, during or after the competition will be disqualified. In case of doubt only the official Angling Cymru hook gauges are valid.
6. Traces used may have the maximum of three hooks.
7. The assembling of the trace and associated materials are free. It is allowed to use attractive materials like bright spoons, coloured floating or non-floating pearls (maximum size 15 mm), coloured feathers, and fluorescent parts and so on the hook line but not on the trace line (rig body). The maximum of three floating pearls are allowed per trace (The hook-line is the part of the trace with the hooks). It is forbidden to glue feathers and other materials to the pearls. The use of a sliding hook on the main line is forbidden.
8. The hooks must only be baited with the bait provided by Angling Cymru.
9. Bait prepared before the start of the competition must be done away from the sea at the back of a competitors peg.
11. The use of bait additives (as colouring or odorous substances) is not allowed.

12. The Angling Cymru organiser has the right to take samples for analysing if required or inspect the anglers equipment including the tackle box.
13. The number of reserve rods is free. Reserve rods must be positioned at the back of the competitors peg facing away from the sea. They can be prepared with a swivel or link to the mainline/leader.
14. The number of baited spare traces is unlimited
15. The rod stand is not allowed to be positioned in the water. They should be set approximately in the middle of an angler's area.
16. For casting and for landing a fish the competitor is allowed to enter the water to knee deep.
17. For landing big fish the competitor may go into a neighbouring competitor's area. The other competitors must not disturb the competitor who is landing the fish.
18. An angler may enter the water to knee deep to take a fish with a net or by hand as long as the hook remains attached inside the fishes' mouth and the line is not broken; however, the use of a gaff is not permitted during the shore competitions.
19. Casting is permitted from all places within a competitor's peg; however casting is not permitted if a competitor or other person is standing in front of his peg.
20. Traces should be cast directly in-front of a competitors fishing area but in exceptional circumstances with strong winds and tides, casting up tide is permitted if it does not disturb other competitors.
21. For pendulum and other dangerous power casting styles an appropriate shock leader must be used.
30 lb (13,6 kg) minimum for a 3 oz (85 g) lead
40 lb (18,1 kg) minimum for a 4 oz (113 g) lead
50 lb (22,7 kg) minimum for a 5 oz (141 g) lead
60 lb (27,2 kg) minimum for a 7 oz (198 g) lead
70 lb (31,8 kg) minimum for a 8 oz (227 g) lead
22. Competitors may use weights of their choice with a 50-gr minimum. In extreme weather conditions heavy (grips) leads must be used to ensure it does not affect adjacent competitors.
23. Competitions will be fished on a measure and release basis, with the aim of returning all fish alive to the water.
24. Minimum fish size is 12cm.
25. Each fish will receive points – 1cm = 1 point plus 10 points per fish caught.
26. Captured fish must be kept in a container of fresh sea water until it has been verified by the adjacent angler. In the case of a dispute as to the length or species, the final decision will be made by the Angling Cymru organiser.

27. Fish under the minimum legal size or during catch and release event should be returned to the water at the point of capture after being verified by the adjacent angler. The angler is responsible for his fish. He must check the measure and sign the score sheet (for each fish).
28. Fish to be considered for classification must have at least one hook in the mouth.
29. If a fish is hooked in the mouth by one competitor and in the body by another, the fish will count for the anglers whose hook is in the mouth. If a fish is hooked in the mouth by the hooks of two different competitors, the fish is not accepted for the classification.
30. During a competition, the competitors may retrieve their line quickly or slowly, but the action of snatching/ jiggling is strictly forbidden and entails disqualification.
31. At the end of a competition, the competitor must retrieve his line quickly, unless he/she is playing a fish just before the end of the competition.
32. In case of line breaking when the fish is on the beach it counts for classification. But if the line breaks when the fish is in the water it does not count for classification.
33. In the case of breakage of rod, reel or in case of impossibility to retrieve the line normally, the fish is valid when the main line is retrieved by hands by the angler (no line break).
34. If a net is required for landing a fish only the Angling Cymru organiser or the adjacent angler can enter the water to net the fish.
35. Permission to leave the sector peg for a short time can be given by the Angling Cymru organiser, in this case the competitors line must be retrieved during this period.
36. At the end of the competition, the competitor should ensure their scoring card has been signed both by the adjacent angler and themselves.
37. In the case of a protest it must be immediately marked on the competitors card, signed by both competitor and adjacent angler and given to the Angling Cymru organiser.
38. Competitions must end before dark (at sunset).
39. The use of baits other than those supplied by the competition management, will lead to disqualification.
40. The use of equipment which is not authorized will lead to disqualification.
41. Nets are allowed to land the fish (no gaff).
42. The Angling Cymru organiser can stop a competition in case of harsh weather conditions or for security reasons. If the break off takes place before the half time of the competition, the classification must be annulled and if possible an alternative competition maybe be provided. If the competition is stopped half time, the competition results are valid.