

## **THE NORTHERN RIVER MASTERS**

### **In Conjunction with FlyFishNorth**

#### **RULES:**

Fishing shall be carried out respecting the traditions of game angling and the true spirit of this friendly competition.

The match will be fished with artificial flies on manufactured barbless hooks. De-Barbed hooks are not permitted.

All fish must be returned carefully.

Not more than three flies shall be mounted and flies may be artificially weighted.

Beads are allowed with 1 bead showing of no more than 4mm diameter.

If a competitor is deemed to have used a barbed hook then their team will lose all points for that session.

Fips Mouche Rules will apply to flies.

Flies may be of any material and may be fished either floating or sunk. Attractor chemicals and use of light emitters on flies are not permitted.

A competitor may only use only one rod at a time with a maximum rod length of 12 feet. Second and third rods may be mounted, each ready to use as a spare.

Any manufactured line may be used. Braided leaders, weighted or un-weighted, are allowed. Coloured sleeving may be used at the end of the line to improve visibility but no other bite indicators are permitted. (Note: **A sacrificial floating fly is not deemed to be a bite indicator provided it is one of the three permitted flies.**)

Competitors must provide themselves with landing nets made of knotless mesh.

Strictly no Shuffling or deliberate disturbance of the gravels.

Anglers must fish at least 2 rod lengths apart (20 feet)

Only two competitors to fish during any one session - they will share the same beat and must fish within 50 yards of each other. The third member of the team will act as controller for another team. Composition of the team for each session will be down to the team captain to decide on, but each member of the team must fish 2 sessions and control for 1.

For the avoidance of doubt, any ruling not covered by the above will be governed by the latest Fips Mouche Rules document.

Catch and release will apply.

The first 5 fish of a session must be brought to the controller who will measure and record the size. Minimum size 18cm's; all fish to be marked up to full centimetre (see below)

Each measured fish will score 20 points plus one point for each centimetre or part thereof. E.g.  
A fish of 25.4 centimetres will score 20 points plus 26cms = 46 points.

The controller and competitor will agree the overall maximum length of the fish i.e. from tip of nose to point of tail) and the competitor will then return the fish carefully to the water. The controller will record the length on the scorecard and the name of the competitor will be printed against each fish caught.

After the first 5 fish have been measured, competitors are only required to show that additional fish have been netted in order to score. The controller must give a signal of confirmation to the angler before the angler releases the fish.

Each additional fish caught will score 40 points.

At the end of the session, if the point's results are tied, then the winner will be determined on the biggest fish within the 5 measured fish, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest and so on.

Eligible Species are Brown Trout, Grayling and any species of Coarse fish.

The score of each session will be recorded separately. At the end of each session both competitors and controller will initial the card. Competitors fishing each session in pairs will have their score recorded on one score card and the name of the competitor will be printed against each fish caught. Each peg will have one controller for the two anglers. Controllers will be responsible for ensuring that competitors on their pegs comply with these rules including start and finish times of the sessions. Controllers must not fish nor in any way give advantage to their anglers.

For each Beat any Controller will be on the next peg up from his/her team's peg i.e. if a team is on peg A5, the third member of the team will control peg A6; if team is on Peg A8 then the third member will control peg A1; - and so on. This will apply to each session over the two days and the third team member will control the next peg up from his/her team's peg throughout the sessions. Any Controller not fulfilling his/her controlling duties will result in forfeiture of his/her team's points for that session.

If any Competitor sees anything which they think contravenes the above rules, they must notify the individual concerned and report the matter to the Event Organiser within 90 mins of the session end who will investigate and adjudicate thereon.

The competition will be run over 3 sessions split into 3 Beats

- A. Cauldron Snout to Widdy Bank
- B. Widdy Bank to Middleton Quarry
- C. Bow Lee Beck to Dent Bank

Each team will commence fishing on the Beat allocated in the draw and then move to the next Beat letter (plus 2 peg numbers) for the second session and to the third Beat letter (plus 2 peg numbers) for the third session. I.e. Team drawn on beat B2 will move to C4 for second session and to A6 for last session:

In each session, the total of each pair's placings in that session will be summed and those totals will determine their overall position in the match.

Friday practice will be held on Non-Competition Raby Estates Water. Maps of practice water will be provided in welcome pack.

In the interest of a successful competition, please refrain from fishing competition water for 14 days prior to the competition date.

The Open Competition is for teams of 3 - but with the number of teams limited to 24.

The entrance fee of £240 per team will cover the 2 days fishing (Saturday – Sunday), prizes, medals & presentation buffet.

Practice tickets are available to purchase from High Force Hotel for £12 per day.

Captains meeting to commence at 7.00 pm on Friday night - draw for pegs to take place during meeting.  
Venue TBC

**Saturday:**

First Session      9.00 am till 12 pm      Second Session      2 pm till 5.00 pm.

**Sunday:**

Last Session 10.00 am till 1.30 pm.

Presentation and Buffet – from 3pm onwards.

ENTRY FORM MUST BE RETURNED FULLY COMPLETED TO [FFNSCOTT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FFNSCOTT@GMAIL.COM) IN ORDER TO RESERVE A PLACE.

ENTRY IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE AND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM RETURNED. YOUR PLACE WILL BE CONFIRMED VIA EMAIL ONCE THESE ARE COMPLETED

CASH PRIZE POT BASED UPON MINIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES, LOWER ENTRIES WILL RESULT IN ADJUSTED PRIZE POT.

**Every angler must be in position of a valid Environment Agency Rod License**

## Local Accommodation Options

Although there are no large hotels in the immediate area, there are numerous accommodation options around the village of Middleton.

The Teesdale Hotel – This will be where the Competition will be based at.

Market Pl, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle DL12 0QG

[01833 640264](tel:01833640264)

<https://www.teesdalehotel.co.uk/>

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The Moorcock Inn – Egglestone

B6278 Hill Top, Eggleston, Barnard Castle DL12 0AU

[01833 650102](tel:01833650102)

<http://www.moorcock.co.uk/>

The Moorcock is also open a large number of Glamping Pods, holding between 2 – 5 people. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Moorcock direct.

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The Forresters Arms Hotel – Middleton in Teesdale

52-53 Market Place, Barnard Castle DL12 0QH

[01833 641435](tel:01833641435)