



SFFNZ REGIONAL COMPETITION 2008
Entry form: Wellington Regional
Saturday 14th November

Name _____
Address _____

Phone Hm () **Work** ()
Cell Phone () **Email**

Controllers: Competitors are requested to provide a controller for the competition.
Controllers name: _____

Entry Fee:	Subscription to Sport Fly Fishing New Zealand	
	(Delete if already paid for current year)	\$35.00
	Competition entry Fee	<u>\$15.00</u>
	Total:	<u>\$</u>

(Please make cheques payable to Sport Fly Fishing NZ Inc.)

Venue: Wainuiomata River

River closure: As a condition of entry, competitors must undertake to **not fish** (or have agents fish for them) in the Wainuiomata River at any time from Monday 9 November through to the start of the competition on 14 November, or five days prior to any date rescheduled for the competition in case of a postponement.

Entry numbers are limited by the number of beats available on the river:
Entries from Wellington and the lower North Island have priority if numbers have to be limited.

Meeting time: **7:00 a.m** at the Catchpool Stream, on the left over the bridge past the entrance to the Rimutaka Forest Park, Wainuiomata Coast Road

Timing: The competition is carried out over three two hour sessions, commencing at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Scoring should be complete by around 4:45 p.m.

Cancellations: **8:00 p.m.** Friday 13th by email & cellphone text. Please ensure we have your contact details! It is your responsibility to advise your controller.

- Role:** Controllers are required to ensure competitors comply with the rules as outlined in the rules provided to them. Any question over the interpretation of rules can be referred back to the competition umpire. Measuring equipment is provided.
- Other:** You will need to bring your own food and wear clothing suitable for unpredictable weather conditions. Controllers are not required to be able to cross the river to follow competitors, although the ability to do so can be an advantage for convenience of access at some points.
- Rules:** A copy of these is attached. Competitors are expected to be familiar with the rules.

Please post a cheque and your entry form to

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Regional competition rules

A. Administration

1. Only anglers who are current licence holders and who have paid their registration fee to Sport Fly Fishing N.Z. (Inc) may fish in the competition.
2. For all shore or river beats, every competitor must be accompanied by a controller. The allocation of controllers will be by ballot.
3. All local F&G rules apply in addition to these rules.
4. Catch and release shall apply to all fish except those affected by rule C5.
5. Competition is for trout only.

B. Equipment

1. Rods

Only 1 rod may be used at any one time. Spare rods (unassembled) may be carried by the competitor on river and lake shore beats. These are the responsibility of the competitor and there is no obligation for the controller to look after or carry them. Unassembled means dismantled with no reel attached and no line threaded on the rod.

2. Lines

Factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used, (no shooting head lines). Competition fly lines must be a minimum of 22 metres long.

3. No strike indicators or sinking or floating devices are allowed.

4. Leaders

Braided leaders are not allowed. Poly leaders are OK. Leaders may be knotted or knotless and tapered or level.

5. Flies

Hooks must be barbless, de-barbed or squeezed down flat.

Weighted flies are permitted provided the weight is hidden within the dressing. Beadhead flies are allowed provided only one bead is exposed and the exposed bead is no more than 4mm in diameter. A maximum of 3 flies are permitted which must not be closer to each other than 50cm, hanging from the vertical.

All flies must be solidly attached to the leader so that they do not move or slide.

6. Landing nets must be of soft cotton or other non-abrasive materials. Nets must not exceed 122cm in length when fully extended.

C. Fishing Rules

1. A competitor must land the fish in or over the water in the net and then hand the net and fish to the controller N.B. No beaching of the fish is allowed (see boat fishing D4).
2. The controller will record the length of the fish and return the fish to the water.

3. The minimum length will be determined by the regional organisers. This will be 18 cm.
4. Each fish shall be measured to the next centimetre, ie 23.4cm becomes 24cm, except where the actual length is less than the minimum length eg where the minimum length is 22cm, 21.6cm does not become 22cm. The measurement shall be taken from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.
5. If there is any dispute in the measurement of a fish it must be killed and returned to the competition umpire who will make a final decision (unless it is outside the local Fish & Game or DOC regulations).
6. Foul hooked fish do not count and must be returned to the water. Only fish hooked in front of the gill opening are eligible.
7. Any fish which is lost by the controller once they have received the fish in the net from the competitor will be awarded points on the basis of the average of all fish caught during that scoring period.
8. A competitor may only fish within the boundaries of his beat. If a fish which has been hooked from within a beat moves outside the boundary, the competitor must remain within the boundary to land the fish.

D. River Fishing

1. All beats will be clearly marked prior to the beginning of the competition. The beats will not be altered during the competition.
2. The beat of each competitor will be determined by the random draw.

E. Controllers

1. Controllers will be responsible for recording details of each eligible fish caught on the competitors score card.
2. Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors of any breach of the rules. Any breach shall be reported to the competition umpire.
3. Controllers will be responsible for ensuring that start/finish times are adhered to.

F. Competition Umpire

Each regional organiser shall appoint a competition umpire whose decision shall be final. This will be Paul Baker.

G. SCORING SYSTEM

1. Each fish shall be measured to the next centimetre except where the actual length is less than the minimum length (see C 3 and C 4).
2. For each eligible fish the competitor will score 100 points and will also receive 20 length points per centimetre of total length rounded up to the nearest whole centimetre.
Eg: 40cm fish 100 points plus 800 length points equals 900 points.
3. All competitors will receive a placing according to the points they obtain for each scoring period.

4. A competitor who fails to make a valid catch in any period will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors for that period.
5. The winner of each session receives 1 point, second 2, third 3 etc.
6. The winner will be the competitor with the lowest cumulative number of placings for all periods and similarly for all other positions.
7. Controllers must record the length and fin clip (if any) of all fish and ensure that competitors sign their score cards.