

SOUTH WEST LAKES TRUST **BEST OF THE BEST 2020**

Rules and Information

How to qualify for the final:

There are 6 bank fishing heats with a maximum of 12 anglers per heat – the top 6 anglers in each heat qualify for the final

There will be 36 anglers in the bank fishing final at Kennick on 11 October 2020

Heat dates:

Siblyback – 28 March

Kennick – 11 April

Burrator - 25 April

Stithians - 9 May

Siblyback - 26 September

Kennick - 3 October

Rules for the heats:

- 1) 12 anglers maximum per heat
- 2) Top 6 anglers will qualify per heat
- 3) The top 6 are decided by total weight of bag
- 4) Maximum of 5 fish per person
- 5) Fishing from 9:30am-3:30pm
- 6) anglers must return to the weighing area immediately after the competition finishes to weigh fish in
- 7) maximum 3 flies, 3 hook points
- 8) no snake flies
- 9) no restrictions on line weights
- 10) Rainbows and blues only – all browns must be returned
- 11) There is no bonus for finishing early
- 12) All Rainbows and blues must be killed
- 13) Anglers must move back from the water when a limit of 5 fish is reached
- 14) Fishing exclusion zones will be explained on the day of the heat
- 15) Wading is permitted but not recommended

To enter the heats anglers need to call 01566 771930 and make a payment of £25

Best of the Best Final at Kennick 11th October 2020

Layout for the day:

- 1) £35 entry fee per person payable in advance of fishing on 01566 771930
- 2) Registration from 7:00am – 8.00am in the Lodge
- 3) Briefing outside the Lodge 8:15am
- 4) There will be a roll call of names to ensure everyone is at the briefing.
- 5) 8:30 – draw for zones
- 6) 8.50 – 9:30 Anglers take their positions around the lake in zone order
- 7) Competition will start at 9:30am at the sound of an air horn
- 8) Competition will finish at 4:30pm at the sound of an air horn
- 9) Anglers return to the Lodge by 5pm to weigh in
- 10) Refreshments and presentations in the Lodge as soon as weigh in completed

RULES

1. Competitors must have a current Environment Agency Rod Licence.
2. Entry fee of £35 must be paid before fishing
3. Fly fishing only
4. There will be four zones A, B, C and D
5. There will be signs in the ground to indicate where zones start and end and a map will be available in the lodge
6. Anglers will draw for which zone (group) they start fishing in
7. Anglers will be dismissed from the lodge area to their zone in (group) order, which will be announced by the organizer. There will be a 5 minute gap between each zone group being dismissed
8. Anglers will fish and stay in each respective zone for 1 hour and 30 minutes even if 3 fish bag limit is reached, except in session 4 when they may make their way back to the lodge
9. Fishing for each of the four sessions will be started and ended by the horn
10. There will be a 15 minute gap between zones with a 30 minute break half way through the day
11. There are some exclusion zones for fishing which are the dam, the causeway and the pontoon
12. Anglers may fish anywhere apart from these zones
13. Any anglers **running** at any point will be disqualified immediately
14. Rainbow trout and Blue trout only – Browns **must** be returned
15. Bag Limit is 12 fish per person – **MAXIMUM OF 3 PER ZONE**
16. When anglers have caught 3 fish in a zone they must move back and allow other anglers to move into their swim
17. If anglers catch 3 in a zone, you must remain in that zone until the session has ended – you must not enter the next zone until the horn to end the session has sounded
18. There is no time bonus for anglers who catch 12 fish early
19. Any Rainbows or blues must be killed and not returned
20. Each person will receive 12 numbered cable ties when they register. When a fish is caught you must put a cable tie through its gills immediately. When the weigh in is done your cable tie numbers will be checked.
21. Anyone with incorrect cable tie numbers will be disqualified. Any fish without a cable tie will not count.
22. Only fly fishing tackle may be carried. Loose feed or pellets in any form may not be carried. Any rod in use must be held at all times whilst the fly is in the water.
23. Anyone fishing before the 9:30am horn will be disqualified
24. Any fish hooked before the session finishing horn but landed after the horn will count
25. Any fish hooked on retrieving when the session end or final horn has sounded will count but flies must be retrieved immediately when final horn sounds
26. No angler shall fish within 10 meters from the next person
27. Maximum of 3 single hook flies per cast (3 hook points)
28. There is **NO WADING**. Anglers may walk into shallow water to land a fish if necessary
29. Dogs are not permitted to accompany anglers
30. When fishing has finished anglers must return to the permit room for weighing in no later than 5pm. NIL returns are also required.
31. The winner will be the person with the heaviest bag of fish (brown trout and coarse fish do not count). In the event of anglers having the same weight the largest number of fish will win, if still a tie the largest individual fish from the bag will win
32. Marshalls will be patrolling the banks throughout the competition

To explain the zoning once you have drawn your starting zone here is a simple chart of which order you will fish each zone and the timings:

	9:30 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:45	1:15 - 2:45	3:00 - 4:30
Start ZONE	A	B	C	D
	9:30 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:45	1:15 - 2:45	3:00 - 4:30
Start ZONE	B	A	D	C
	9:30 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:45	1:15 - 2:45	3:00 - 4:30
Start ZONE	C	D	A	B
	9:30 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:45	1:15 - 2:45	3:00 - 4:30
Start ZONE	D	C	B	A

There will be print outs of this for everyone on the day once you have drawn your starting peg.

Good Luck to everyone.