



Angling Trust Team England Fly Fishing (AT TEFF) Elite Performance Programme 2022

What is the EPP?

The EPP is the Elite Performance Programme, which is a competitive fly fishing programme established in 2018 in order to develop elite anglers and provide a framework for selections teams to represent England in World, European and now 5 Nation Championships.

Who runs the EPP?

For the 2022 programme official is Scott Nellins however assistance is requested to peg river sections.

The programme is supported by staff at the Angling Trust (AT) and Team England Fly Fishers (TEFF).

What is the timeframe for EPP?

The Elite Performance Programme will run between June 2022 and September 2022, running over 7 days (2 X 2 days and 1 X 3 day).

What is the format of the EPP?

The programme will have 16 places available and is based on 4 events

Rivers: 3 x 2-day events

Lake: 1 X 1-day event

A random draw will be used to determine anglers' groups, starting pegs and/or boat partners for event 1. For following events 2 & 4, anglers in an odd number league position will be allocated into Group A, and even number league placed anglers into Group B. Group's A & B will be announced before each event. For event 3, all anglers will be part of 1 group.

River event format:

3 x 2-day events will be fished over 3 weekends.

2 equal groups of anglers (Group A & B), matches fished to catch, measure & release.

Day 1- Group A anglers fish the am sessions & Group B fish the pm sessions. 60 mins per peg.

Start	End	Activity	Group Fishing	Group Controlling
08:30	09:30	Session 1	A	B
09:30	09:45	Travel to peg	A	B
09:45	10:45	Session 2	A	B
10:45	11:00	Travel to peg	A	B
11:00	12:00	Session 3	A	B
12:00	12:15	Travel to peg	A	B
12:15	13:15	Session 4	A	B
13:15	13:45	Lunch		
13:45	14:45	Session 5	B	A
14:45	15:00	Travel to peg	B	A
15:00	16:00	Session 6	B	A



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16:00	16:15	Travel to peg	B	A
16:15	17:15	Session 7	B	A
17:15	17:30	Travel to peg	B	A
17:30	18:30	Session 8	B	A

Day 2 – as above but Group B anglers’ fish am and Group A fish pm.

Number of River results: 3 sets of event scores





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Lake Boat Format

All anglers fish in the same group.

Anglers must change boat position (engine and point) between sessions. Anglers will also switch partners.

Anglers control each other, matches fished to catch, measure & release.

Start	End	Activity	Group Fishing	Group Controlling
09:00	13:00	Session 1	NA	NA - boat pairs control each other
13:00	14:00	Lunch		
14:00	18:00	Session 2	NA	NA - boat pairs control each other

Number of Lake Results: 1 set of event scores Total Number of Results: 4 sets of event scores

What are the EPP event dates and venues?

Dates are as follows. Venue/accommodation access/travel guidance will be constantly monitored in line with Covid-19 regulations.

Event 1

Venue: River Ure,

Date: 18th & 19th June 2022

Hours: 7:30am briefing (fishing 08:30am > 18.30pm)

Fishing Fee: £50 (payable to organiser)

Practise cutoff date: 17th June on designated practice water. 18th May on Match stretch.

Event organiser: Scott Nellins

Event 2

Venue: Llyn Brenig

Date: 12th August 2022

Hours: 8am briefing (fishing 09.00am > 17.00pm)

Fishing Fee: £34.50 (payable to the fishery)

Practise cutoff date: 11th July

Event organiser: Scott Nellins

Event 3

Venue: River Dee

Date: 13th & 14th August 2022

Hours: 7:30am briefing (fishing 08:30am > 18:30pm)

Fishing Fee: £44 (payable to the organiser)

Practise cutoff date: 11th August on designated practice water. 12th July on Match stretch.

Event organiser: Scott Nellins

Event 4

Venue: River Swale

Date: 10th & 11th September 2022

Hours: 7:30am briefing (fishing 08:30am > 18:30pm)



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Fishing Fee: £16 (payable to the organiser)

Practise cutoff date: 9th September on designated practice water. 10th August on Match stretch.

Event organiser: Scott Nellins



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How have the EPP event venues been selected?

Venues for the events are representative of those used for the forthcoming World & European Championships.

What is the EPP entry fee?

The entry fee for the programme is £110, this will be payable through the AT events website when entries open. In addition to the entry fee there are fishing fees to pay per event, these costs are variable depending on the venue.

Anglers entering the EPP will also need a valid EA rod license and AT membership subscription.

Who is eligible to enter the EPP?

The EPP will be open to active Angling Trust members meeting the following criteria;

1. Previous EPP entrants
2. At least 2 X international caps (any discipline)
3. At least 1 X international caps (any discipline) and a member of a current international team*

*Failure to compete in forthcoming International will result in eligibility to league being revoked

If the EPP is over-subscribed, invites will be awarded on the following basis.

1. Previous EPP entrants
2. Based on a ranking system where caps (past or current) are awarded points based on a system which reflects the dominance of river sessions at the World and European Championships (1 point for 5Nations, Loch Style and Stillwater Bank, 3 Points for rivers, 5 points for World or European). For example, angler A has two loch style caps resulting in 2 points total, where angler B has a bank cap and a river cap resulting in 4 points total and would therefore be offered a place in the EPP ahead on angler A.
3. If there are EPP applicants tied on points as a result of the ranking system, preference will be given to the angler with the highest number of River, World and European caps (summed together). Ranking positions still tied after that will be ranked based on total number of caps (past and current) followed by most recent cap. No further relevant ranking can be applied after this stage and a random draw would be used if further rationalisation is needed.





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How do I enter the EPP?

If you meet the eligibility criteria, please fill in an application form and send it to the email address on the form by the closing date. Once the applications closure date is reached the organiser's will contact all applicants to let them know whether their application into the EPP has been successful or not. Successful applicants will then be able to enter and pay for their entry via the AT events website.

The deadline for applications into the EPP is 13th March 2022. Applicants will be notified whether their application has been successful or not on the 5th April 2022 and they will have up until the 18th April 2022 to register and pay their entry fee otherwise their place will be offered to other applicants.

Selection for 2023

Due to Covid-19 postponing European Championships in Norway 2021, the 2021 EPP result gave teams for the 2022 World and 2023 European Championships as the team for Norway 2021 was rolled over to 2022.

With this in mind, we will be using EPP 2022 to 'Level Up' selection for future years as well as using EPP 2022 to select teams for the 2023 5Nations Championship due to be held in England. In short, EPP 2022 will be used to select teams for –

Placing 1 – 5	2023 World Championships
Placing 6 – 9	2023 5 Nations Championship
Placing 10 – 13	2023 5 Nations Championship

The appointed team managers will review the proposed teams and in co-operation with the anglers confirm the squads. Where it is deemed appropriate to take a traveling reserve to the 5N championships the anglers finishing in positions 14th & 15th will be invited. Should anglers decline their invite into the World and 5N squads their positions will be offered to other individuals but preference will be given to EPP anglers based on their league finishing position. Where it is deemed a travelling reserve is required for the World Championships, preference will be given to the angler in 6th place to travel as well being part of the 5N squad.

Anglers travelling to either the World or 5N championships will be either be fully self-funded or partially self-funded with support from AT TEFF grants subject to finances. Therefore, there is an expectation that anglers will need to undertake some form of fund raising prior to the championships, this will be made clear to anglers as part of the EPP application process. The World and 5N team managers will provide further angler guidance on this matter following team selection and budget setting.

Teams will be selected at the end of the programme for the following year, ensuring angler performance is as current as possible and less opportunity for personal circumstances to change. Matches would provide team members of that year with relevant competitive opportunities in the lead up to World & European events in that year.





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What are the EPP rules?

1. Participation by invitation
2. Anglers must meet the eligibility criteria
3. Fished to the FIPS-Mouche rules active at the start of each event. Rules modifications may be applied by the organisers and will be announced at least 24 hours before each event.
4. Yellow & Red card system operated for conduct and behavior. Unacceptable behavior or conduct from anglers within the Elite Performance Squad while participating in any AT TEFF event may result in a 1-year ban.
5. No practice is permitted on event venues in the 3-week period prior to the event, this includes requesting family members or friends to practice on behalf of EPP anglers.
6. All fish (excluding Salmon) over 20cm will count
7. Manufactured Barbless hooks only.

All events are strictly catch and release

8. Use of mobile phones are not allowed for communication during or between sessions but may be carried for emergencies
9. Any complaints must be supported by digital evidence or witnessed by an official
10. Anglers who missing an event will be awarded the maximum 16 points for that event.
11. When anglers are acting as a controller they must stay on their allocated peg and not give anglers fishing their or adjacent pegs any advice or material support during the event.
12. Anglers breaking the rules will be penalised in line with FIPS-Mouche rules. Significant and/or repeat infringements may result in the angler being disqualified from the league





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How are the EPP events scored?

1. All anglers fish all pegged beats in their group for River events.
2. For catch, measure and release events (River).
 - a. At the end of a session fish points will be totaled to give to give Session Fish Points.
 - b. Session Fish Points will create session placing Points i.e. 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points etc.
 - c. The total number of session points is then used to determine the angler's position in their group.
 - d. Where multiple groups are used, group positions are merged and ranked 1-16 to identify event positions.
 - e. All anglers tied in session, group and event places will be ranked based on fish points. Anglers still tied following this all be awarded the same score based on the lowest position for example anglers tied in first with the same number of points and fish points will both be awarded 1 point, the next placed angler would be awarded 3 points.
3. For catch and release events (Lake)
 - a. Each fish caught and unique peg a fish is caught on earns the angler 1 session point. The angler in each group with the most points wins the session for their group.
 - b. 8 scoring sessions per event to determine anglers' position in their group
 - c. Group positions are merged and ranked 1-16 to identify event positions.
 - d. All anglers tied in session, group and event places will be ranked based on number offish caught. Anglers still tied following this all be awarded the same score based on the lowest position for example anglers tied in first with the same number of points and fish will both be awarded 1 point, the next placed angler would be awarded 3 points.

