



INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE 2008 NATIONALS – WORK IN PROGRESS

As well as complying with all the items set out in the FFA document known as “STATE COMPETITION PROTOCOL” FFA NSW Chapter has pleasure in providing the following information in relation to the 2008 FFA Nationals.

Please note:

- **Do not pay your entry fee unless you accept all the details set out below. If you have any problems with the costing or proposed basis of running the competition you must resolve those issues prior to paying your entry fee. Once you pay your entry fee for the 2008 Nationals, to the Treasurer of FFA you agree to the costing and the running of the Competition. No correspondence will be entered into once you pay your entry fee.**

STAGING VENUE

The staging venue and the venue for registration, the Friday night dinner and the Saturday night dinner and presentation will be:

The Adaminaby Country Inn
Adaminaby
adamotel@bigpond.com

ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATIONS TO ATTEND.

Close 24/10/08. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.

At the time of registration for the Nationals those providing competition boats will be requested to nominate an alternate driver for their boat. The alternate drivers will be in different groups to the boat owner/drivers.

DATE OF 2008 NATIONALS (the week before the Adaminaby country races)

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| Registration | Thursday 13 th November 2008 |
| Session one & two | Friday 14 th November 2008 |
| Sessions three & Four | Saturday 15 th November 2008 |
| AGM | 9:30am Sunday 16 th November 2008 |

VENUES AND TIMETABLE

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| Thursday 13th November at the Adaminaby Country Inn | | | | |
| 6pm to 7:30 pm | Registration. | | | |
| 7:45pm to 8:15pm | Draw. All competitors must attend draw or make alternative arrangements with Chris Dawson or Rob Staples only. | | | |
| 8:30pm | Buffet dinner served. | | | |
| 9:15pm | Briefing | | | |
| Friday 14th November 2008 | | | | |
| <u>Session 1</u> | Groups A & C | Murrumbidgee with access via Bolero Station and Yaouk. | 8am | 11am |
| | Groups B & D | Tantangara Dam | 8am | 11am |

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| <u>Session 2</u> | Groups A & C | Murrumbidgee with access via Bolero Station and Yaouk. | 3pm | 6pm |
| | Groups B & D | Tantangara Dam | 3pm | 6pm |
| Saturday 15th November 2008 | | | | |
| <u>Session 3</u> | Groups A & C | Tantangara Dam | 8am | 11am |
| | Groups B & D | Murrumbidgee with access via Bolero Station and Yaouk. | 8am | 11am |
| <u>Session 4</u> | Groups A & C | Tantangara Dam | 3pm | 6pm |
| | Groups B & D | Murrumbidgee with access via Bolero Station and Yaouk. | 3pm | 6pm |
| Sunday 16th December 2008 | | Annual general Meeting and Election of Officers | 9:30am | |

For each competitor the proposed venues for the competition are:

1. Two river sessions on the Murrumbidgee with access via Bolero Station and Yaouk.
2. Two boat based sessions on Tantangara Dam.

Chris Dawson has had discussions with fisheries and both venues are well stocked with both brown and rainbow trout. Catch rates will of course depend on a number of factors but for both venues it is anticipated that more than 70% of competitors will catch fish in each session. If the wind is up on Tantangara catch rates have the potential to be much higher. Whilst not expected to be required we do have a fall back position in relation to the Murrumbidgee river venues in the event that water levels fall dramatically because of drought or other circumstance. If for any reason the river is un-fishable two boat session on Lake Eucumbene will be substituted.

COMPETITION TRAVEL

All competitors and controllers must muster 10 minutes before departure times and depart from the Adaminaby Country Inn as detailed below. If you miss departure you will not be eligible to fish in that session. The only two people who can authorise an alternative arrangement are Rob Staples and Chris Dawson but please note that alternate arrangements will only be agreed to for controllers that live close to venues they are controlling on.

Travel to morning sessions - departure will be 6:30am prompt from the Adaminaby Country Inn

River competitors will travel by designated bus.

Boat competitors travel in car and boat convoy. The boat operator and the boat passenger are required to travel together.

Travel back from morning river and lake venues to the Adaminaby Country Inn for lunch – departure from venues ½ after end of session.

River competitors will travel in the same bus they travelled to the session in back to the Adaminaby Country Inn for lunch

For boat competitors. Trailers and boats will be left at Tantangara under the supervision of Pat Kennedy. Boat competitors travel in the same car they travelled to the session in (without the trailer and boats in tow) back to the Adaminaby Country Inn for lunch.

Travel back from afternoon river sessions to the Adaminaby Country Inn

River competitors will travel in the same bus they travelled to the session in back to the Adaminaby Country Inn - departure from venues ½ after end of session.

Boat competitors will be required to load all boats back on their respective trailers and then travel in convoy back to the Adaminaby Country Inn. The boat operator and the boat passenger are required to travel together.

CLOSED WATERS FROM MIDNIGHT 1ST NOVEMBER 2008

- Tantangara dam will be closed to all competitors from midnight on the 1st of November. Any competitor fishing the dam or putting a boat on the dam after the close off will be disqualified from all session that they fish on the dam.
- The sections of the Murrumbidgee three miles east and three miles west of the Bolero bridge will be closed to all competitors from midnight on the 1st of November. Any competitor fishing that water after the close off will be disqualified from all session on the Bolero section of the river.
- The sections of the Murrumbidgee five miles east and three miles west of Yaouk will be closed to all competitors from midnight on the 1st of November. Any competitor fishing that water after the close off will be disqualified from all session on the Yaouk section of the river.

PRACTICE WATER

- Three Mile dam and Eucumbene Dam will be the nominated practice water.
- All water on the Murrumbidgee other than the closed water.

ENTRY FEE FOR THE COMPETITION

The organising committee have worked very hard in the planning stages of this competition to provide an affordable well run event. Entry fee for young Guns will be \$162.50 and entry fee for all other competitors will be \$325.00.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTING

The staging point for the 2008 Nationals will be Adaminaby which is located approximately equidistance between the two primary venues. There is a range of accommodation options available in Adaminaby including caravan park, hotel and motel accommodation.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ADAMINABY COUNTRY INN

Breakfasts:

Because not all competitors are staying at the Adaminaby Country Inn breakfasts have not been included in the competition registration fee. Breakfast will however be available at the Adaminaby Country Inn from 5:30am at a nominal cost. Please book your breakfast directly with and pay the Adaminaby Country Inn for breakfasts directly.

Evening Meals

The costing includes three evening buffet meals. I.e. on Thursday 13th November, Friday 14th November and Saturday 15th November.

Lunches on competition days

All competitors and controllers will be provided with "picnic boxed lunch" at 12 noon at the Adaminaby Country Inn.

All other meals, and special dietary requirements are to be provided by the competitors and others attending the competition at their own cost.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE COMPETITION

1. Adaminaby is located approximately equal distance from Melbourne and Sydney and is approximately 1hour and 40 minutes from Canberra. Air fares to the capital cities will range from

around \$100 upwards depending on how early competitors book their air fares and special offers that the air lines make available.

2. Hire car are available at each of the major airports and costs range from around \$70 per day upward depending on the quality and size of vehicle selected.

DRAWS AND SCORING

In the last 4 FFA NSW competitions FFA NSW has used a computer application to prepare random draws and then those draws have been “pick out of a hat” by each competitor at the briefing. The application takes into account the peculiarities of separating boat drivers and alternate drivers and has been well received by those attending FFA NSW competitions. FFA NSW intends to use this system at the 2008 nationals. The application also does all the scoring.

COMPETITION RULES.

FFA competition rules as set out on the website www.flyfishaustralia.com.au will be strictly enforced.

PROTEST RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Any dispute will be determined in accordance with the protest resolution procedure that was resolved by the board of FFA on 19/9/08. The procedure is posted on the web site under the Document and Forms link.