



# FLY FISH AUSTRALIA INC.

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## VICTORIAN FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 Round One – Eildon Pondage

Fly Fish Australia will be holding the first round of the 2008 Victorian State Fly Fishing Championships on Eildon pondage, Victoria. Individual competitors are most welcome to enter but must provide a boat.

### **FISHING VENUES:**

Eildon Pondage fishing out of boats.

### **DATE:**

April 12 and 13 2008

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

It is the competitors responsibility to organise there own accommodation.

### **FISHING SESSIONS:**

- Session 1 Saturday 9.00 am to 12.00 am
- Session 2 Saturday 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm
- Session 3 Sunday 8.30 am to 11.30 am
- Session 4 Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Competitors will be responsible for ensuring they are at the venue on time and for boat launching and retrieval

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The entry fee is \$35.00 per competitor. In addition, a \$30.00 insurance fee is required for each competitor who has not paid for insurance at a previous FFA event in 2008.

The announcement of winners and presentations will be 5.00 pm on Sunday at the rotunda.

All lunches and meals are the competitor's responsibility.

Each team or individual competitor is required to ensure they have a suitable boat.

All competition enquiries to Ross Stewart on 93992629.

### **REGISTRATION**

Competitors will be required to register on Saturday morning between 7.30 am and 8.00 am at the rotunda.

As each competitor is registered, fishing & boat licenses will be checked.

The competition briefing will be held at the rotunda at 8.15 am.

All boats will be checked for safety equipment, registration & full fuel tanks.

Boat registration numbers will be used as identification.

**If it is deemed that a boat fails to meet the safety standards required by the organising committee those competitors concerned will not be permitted to compete.**

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

If a boat requires assistance oars must be held vertically for the safety boat to see. The safety boat will render assistance.

In the event of an emergency on the lake mobile phones can be used to obtain assistance but are strictly prohibited for any other purpose.

**ROUND 1 - 2008 VICTORIAN STATE FLY FISHING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM**  
 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOUR PERSON TEAMS

**COMPETITION DATES April 12 and 13 2008**  
**VENUE: EILDON PONDAGE**

Registration: Saturday morning between 7.30 am and 8.00 am at the rotunda to be followed by the briefing.

**DO NOT PAY YOUR ENTRY FEE UNLESS YOU ACCEPT ALL THE DETAILS SET OUT BELOW.**

ALL TEAMS MUST PROVIDE TWO BOATS  
ALL INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS TO PROVIDE A BOAT.

Name of Boat Owner/s -----  
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Entry Fee: \$35.00 per competitor plus a one off \$30.00 insurance fee.  
 Entries close 31 March 2008 and fees must accompany the entry form  
FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT REGISTRATION

Send cheque and this completed application form to: Fly Fish Australia (Vic). Brian Hughes  
 70 Majorca Road Maryborough Victoria 3465. Phone 0419117946.

BOOKING OF ACCOMODATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITORS

Fly Fishing Club or Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: Please complete all details to assist FFA in contacting participants.

<b>1</b>	<b>Name:</b>  <b>Fish License No.</b>	<b>Address:</b>  <b>Boat licence No.</b>	<b>Email:</b>  <b>Qualifying for Nationals</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Name:</b>  <b>Fish License No.</b>	<b>Address:</b>  <b>Boat licence No.</b>	<b>Email:</b>  <b>Qualifying for Nationals</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Name:</b>  <b>Fish License No.</b>	<b>Address:</b>  <b>Boat licence No.</b>	<b>Email:</b>  <b>Qualifying for Nationals</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Name:</b>  <b>Fish License No.</b>	<b>Address:</b>  <b>Boat licence No.</b>	<b>Email:</b>  <b>Qualifying for Nationals</b>

Please indicate if nominating for the National Championships in this competition.  
 Competitors must be financial members of Fly Fish Australia prior to the commencement of the Victorian Championships to be eligible to qualify for the National Championships.

*Fly Fish Australia Inc. (Victorian Chapter) accepts no responsibility for any injury or loss incurred by any competitor, official or any participant or observer during the running of the Victorian State Fly Fishing Championships*

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## 2008 Victorian State Fly Fishing Championship

### Rules

Standard FFA competition rules will apply. These can be viewed on the FFA website at [www.flyfishaustralia.com.au](http://www.flyfishaustralia.com.au). Rule modifications (to account for local boating requirements etc) will be provided at the briefing.

#### **Local Competition Rules (or reminders)**

##### **Water Closure:**

Fishing in the competition waters is not permitted by competitors from Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2008.

##### **Boats:**

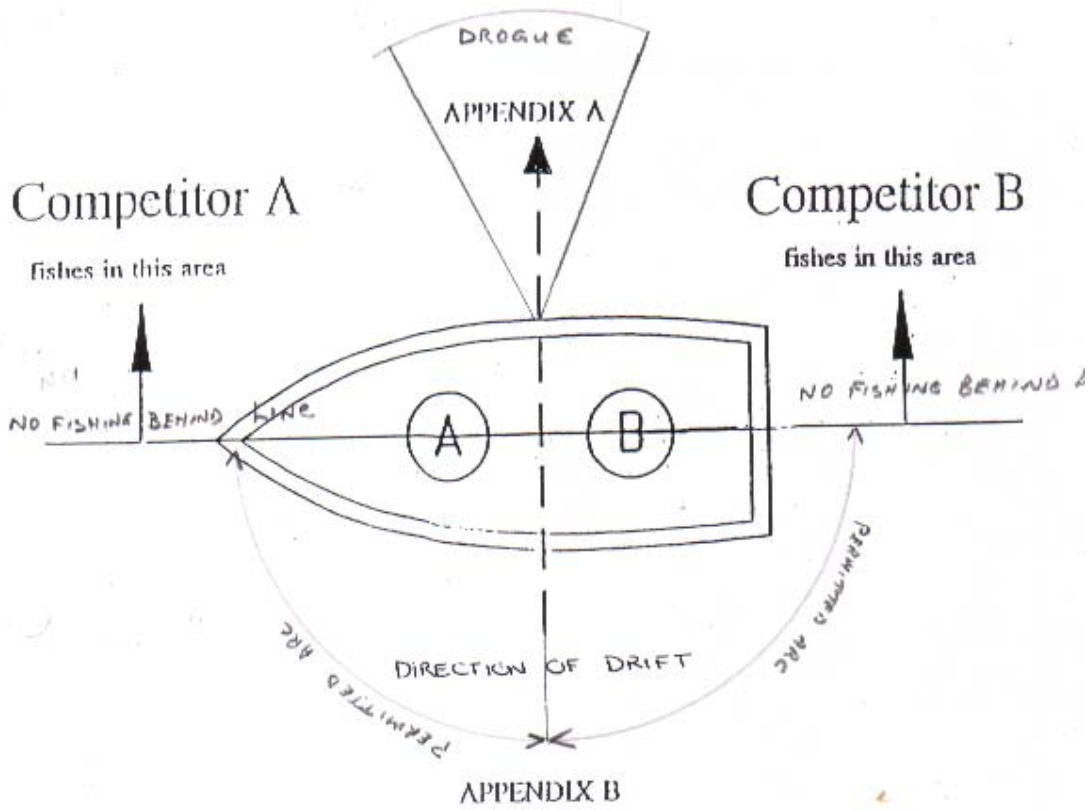
1. Each team must provide two reliable, registered open powerboats and carry all required safety equipment required by Victorian regulations. Boats without pedestal seats are required to have two thwart boards a minimum of 200 mm wide. The fuel tanks must be full & the engines with a minimum of 4 horsepower, serviced and in good reliable working order.
2. The minimum length of boats permissible is 3.3 metres. The maximum length of boats permissible is 5.5 m. **All boats must be open style without cabins.**
3. All boats will be inspected prior to the competition. If a provided boat does not meet the safety regulations the provider will be ineligible to compete.
4. Approved PFD1 Life jackets must be worn at all times while in boats. No Life jacket on, **Instant disqualification.**
5. All competitors must remain seated while fishing from boats. A competitor may only stand to net a fish.
6. No boat may plan while underway
7. **Any boat travelling at a speed of more than 5 knots will result in both boat competitors being disqualified. (Boats must not be seen to be on the plane)**
8. Boats cannot be anchored or moored in any way during fishing. A snagged drogue must be released immediately
9. Fishing from a boat under power from motor or oars is not permitted. Motors must be switched off and oars shipped before fishing. Line cannot be released from a boat under power. **In case of emergency an oar or paddle held vertically is a sign of distress.**
10. Each competitor must only fish from their half of the boat (see diagram) & only in an arc of 90 degrees from the centre of the boat to either the bow or stern. Fishing behind the centre line of the boat is not permitted. Fish hooked behind this line cannot be counted.
11. All boats must keep a minimum distance of 50m from another drifting boat. No boat shall motor across another boat's drift within 100 metres.
12. 15 minutes sailing time will be permitted before each session.

##### **Restricted water:**

1. No boat may enter:
  - a. either of the two channels leading into the Pondage (i.e. Tailrace and spillway), or
  - b. operate within 100 m of the pondage wall.
2. No boat may enter or a competitor fish within 20m of the bridge separating the top and bottom pondages during a session (movement between pondages is allowed before and after a session only).

##### **Prohibitions:**

1. The use of any electronic equipment on the water during the water closure period until after the competition, this includes sounders and mobile phones. Mobiles may be used in an emergency only.
2. Any action by competitors, organisers which would produce fraudulent or biased results.
3. A competitor, during a competition session, requesting or receiving advice relating to the fishing from anyone or accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone.



Validly Hooked versus 'Foul Hooked' Fish

