

National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland



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Protocol and Policies Document

INTRODUCTION

Note: Nothing in this Protocol Document will impede or interfere with the NCFFI Constitution issued in 1998. Both documents should be read in tandem. As part of an ongoing review, the Constitution issued in 1998 will be examined with a view to amendment where necessary.

This Protocol Document approved by the Executive of the NCFFI was ratified by Club delegates present at the AGM held on the 15th March 2008 for inclusion in the updated Constitution.

This document deals with issues of protocol relating to the NCFFI, its elected representatives, provincial councils, member clubs, team management, representative teams, team selection, flags, emblems and anthems.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland is a non-political, non-racial and non-religious organization established to represent coarse fishing within the whole of Ireland (32 Counties) without bias or favor.

Members and representatives of the Federation are expected to act in a respectable and responsible manner at all times.

Fairplay in fishing and observance of all rules and regulations is a fundamental requirement of our sport.

Members and representatives of the Federation are bound by this document and its general principles to the true intent and meaning thereof whether specifically detailed or not.

FLAGS, EMBLEMS AND ANTHEMS

The National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland is a 32 County body and as such will have as its banner the Four Province flag except in circumstances where this may cause difficulty or offence to the people representing the Federation at any level. The only deviation permitted is the use of the Tricolor.

All emblems displayed or worn by the Federation members or representatives will be done so as not to cause offence or discomfort to the Federation personnel, other organizations or members of the public. When wearing national dress only emblems representing the NCFFI and our sport shall be allowed.

The National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland is a 32 county body and as such the anthem will be “Ireland Call” except in circumstances where this may cause discomfort or embarrassment. On such occasions the only permitted deviation allowed is “Amhran na Bhfiann”.

In all circumstances no dishonor, disrespect or shame shall be brought on the Federation flag or anthem, our National flag and anthems or those of visiting or competing nations or nationals.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

For the purpose of this document, elected representatives are defined as Executive Committee Member’s Provincial Delegates and any other persons nominated or co-opted to the Federation.

Representatives of the Federation, its Officers and officials are bound by the general principles contained in this document and are charged with the following additional responsibilities.

- The purpose of elected representatives is to manage the day to day running of the NCFFI and to advance and promote the best interests of the Federation.
- All elected representatives will act in consort with all other elected members.
- Elected representatives will present a good image of the Federation.
- Elected representatives shall at all times act with tact, dignity and diplomacy.
- All elected representatives will deal freely with their fellow representatives.
- All elected representatives shall act in a voluntary capacity.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Council members, their officials and delegates are bound by the general principles contained in this document and are charged with the additional following responsibilities:

- The purpose of the Provincial Council is to manage the day to day running of the regional council and to advance and promote the best interests of the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland.
- Provincial Councils shall in no way commit themselves or the parent body (NCFEI) to any formal undertaking or financial obligation without prior written approval.
- Elected representatives shall at all times act with tact, dignity and diplomacy.
- All elected representatives will deal freely with their fellow representatives.
- All elected representatives shall act in a voluntary capacity.
- Provincial Councils must bring to the attention of all their member clubs the following documents, the NCFEI Constitution (issued 1998), the NCFEI Club Pack and the NCFEI Protocol Document and any pertaining correspondence received from the NCFEI.
- Report regularly the activities of the Council and members clubs to the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland.
- The Council elected shall meet at least 3 times during its term of office.
- Copies of minutes for all Council meetings may be requested by the NCFEI and AGM' minutes must be forwarded to the NCFEI within one month after the meeting.

Election of the Regional Council will take place at their AGM by their member clubs and shall have by obligation the following positions;

CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
TREASURER
YOUTH/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Names and addresses of these elected representatives to be forwarded to the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland within one month of the date of their appointment.

ANGLING CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Federation Clubs and Associations, their Officers, officials and members are bound by the general principles contained in this document and are charged with the additional responsibilities.

Henceforth, Clubs seeking affiliation or renewal of affiliation to the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland must adhere to or fulfill the following minimum criteria.

- To be affiliated to the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland in the first instance.
- To be affiliated to their respected Regional Council in the second instance.
- Names and Addressed of the clubs current elected representatives to be forwarded as:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

TREASURER

YOUTH/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- Attendance at AGM's and Provincial Council Meetings.
- The Club should provide details of match venues and stretches they propose to use.
- Make known previous and present positions held by club members on any angling related organization or bodies.
- The Club shall be obliged to return progress reports to include the details of the clubs activities and events held.
- The Club shall be required to show that they actively encourage and promote the development of our sport especially in the area of youth development.
- Clubs should be conscious of environmental issues, legal issues and issues relating to rights of ways, etc (please see NCFFI Club Pack).
- Clubs will be requested to participate in the effective running of National/International events hosted by the NCFFI and provide personnel if possible.
- Clubs must bring to the attention of all their members the following documents, the NCFFI Constitution (issued 1998), the NCFFI Club Pack and the NCFFI Protocol Document and any pertaining correspondence received from the NCFFI.
- Ignorance of these documents is not a defense in the event of disciplinary action being brought on that club/individual.

It will be a requirement of all affiliated clubs to be actively involved in youth development angling and each club shall appoint a Development Officer to this effect. (This is imperative for the continued increase in number of anglers to the ranks of the NCFFI and for the development of our sport).

Clubs are required to assist and co-operate with neighboring clubs, visiting anglers and events. Reasonable care should be taken to avoid disputes, block booking, prebaiting and signposting or any other restrictive or unsporting practice.

Failure of a club to comply with above criteria will render that club subject to review for affiliation when it falls due. That club may have to reapply for membership.

Note: it is not in the interest of the NCFFI to affiliate clubs purely for the purpose of them obtaining insurance cover.

IRISH TEAM MANAGEMENT

MANAGER & CO-MANAGER

The National Team Manager(s) will be bound by the general principles contained in this document and is charged with the following additional responsibilities:

- Management and control of selected teams.
- Review all potential anglers through selection process.
- Team funds and expenditure.
- Co-ordination of travel/accommodation arrangements.
- Both Managers will be present at the Senior World Championships.
- At least one Manager will be present at all other International Events.
- The Managers submit reports on all activities pertaining to team, management and finance will be maintained and submitted to the Executive Committee after each match or when ever requested. All fixtures match reports and results must go on the NCFFI web site.
- Criteria set out must be strictly observed.
- The position of both Managers will be for 3 years.
- The NCFFI Committee will seek applications for Manager(s) and decide on Candidate(s) who will then go before an AGM or EGM for Adoption.
- The Manager(s) must forward details of all Anglers that are selected to represent Ireland in all events no later than the 31st March each Year, to the Committee of the NCFFI for accreditation and adoption to ensure the Criteria is met.
- The Manager(s) performance will be reviewed at each AGM.
- The Manager(s) may remain in office at the behest of the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MEMBERS

Selected team or events members will be bound by the general principles contained in this document and are charged with the following additional responsibilities:

- Team members will strive to serve the team to the best of their ability, unselfishly and with pride.
- Team members are on duty at International events as representatives of their Country. In this respect, dress code and appearance should be of a high standard on and off the bank. Team Management will advise on the suitable attire to be worn at official functions.
- Team members will be required to enter into a contractual agreement annually where they agree to abide by Management and Executive Decisions.

IRISH TEAM SELECTION

- Selection by Qualification in National Qualifier.
- 4 National Qualification Matches will be organised. (*possible to hold over one weekend*)
- All Matches will be Three Hours.
- All Matches will be fished to Cips Rules. (*FIPsed rule book will be issued*)
- Location of Matches will be as central as possible.
- Matches will be held on venues suitable for Cips International Matches. (*rivers & Lakes*)
- The Managers will agree on all Venues that are suitable they may also seek help from people for pegging venues the draws, weigh in etc..
- Matches will be divided into equal sections, e.g., if you have 50 anglers they will draw for 5 sections of 10. Position points will be awarded in each section.
- Anglers selected must have fished all 4 matches to qualify.
- At the end of the qualifier the top 19 Anglers or how ever many are needed for events will be the panel to represent Ireland at the World & European Championships & the Celtic Cup the following Year provided they can fulfil the Criteria set out. (the Six Nations has been taken off the Calendar)
- The possibility of introducing Future Young and Inexperienced Anglers to the International scene must also be considered.
- Each Anglers selected must be given the opportunity to fish one event.
- A substitute Angler will be included with each Team.
- The panel of Anglers will fish practise matches for the Managers to decide who goes to which event.
- National Team practise must be attended by all selected Anglers.
- An Entry fee will be charged for the Qualifiers and the funds raised from this will go towards Team costs.
- Any sponsorship or grants etc will go towards the funding of these Championships, this however won't cover the total costs so Anglers will have to pay whatever is needed so they will have to fund themselves or raise their own sponsorship. This could cost individuals €1500 or more.
- All fees from Anglers going to events must be paid in full before the 18th April of that Year.
- The NCFEI will write to all affiliated Clubs seeking their nominations of Anglers wishing to be considered to represent Ireland before the start of each Qualification process. Application forms will be provided by the NCFEI.
- No Anglers from unaffiliated Clubs can represent Ireland.

DISCIPLINE

Breaches of the Constitution and Protocol rules will incur disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will usually result in an Executive decision on whether the club or individual is re-affiliated or not.

Disciplinary action as drawn up will apply to all NCFEI members namely:

Executive Members.

Committee Members.

Nominated/Co-opted Representatives.

Provincial Councils.

Provincial Delegates.

Club Individual.

Team Management.

Representatives Team Management.

Disciplinary action:

Warning -Verbal warning given by the Executive Committee or Team Management.

Suspension -Written warning or suspension shall be given by the Executive Committee or Team Management.

Expulsion -Expulsion will be by the Executive Committee only.

Determinations of the gravity of the breach or offence shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Expulsion will entail a meeting of the Executive Committee and if applicable Team Management.

Members will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing and an appeal if appropriate to the Executive Committee only.