



Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships 2022

Islay, Scotland - 27th June to 3rd July 2022

Information Bulletin No 2

Hello all, we hope you are all safe and well in what continues to be a never-ending cycle of uncertainty and apprehension.

Since we last contacted you all we have been busy developing the CFFC 2022 event, finalizing the number of teams we can accommodate and calculating the entry fee costs.

But before we provide detail on this we need to address the current predicament we face with the latest COVID variant Omicron as once again we find ourselves in a world of uncertainty with the re-emergence of travel restrictions, worrying infection rate predictions and goodness knows what else over the coming weeks and months.

This uncertainty will undoubtedly have an impact on the decision-making process for teams booking their travel, pre-competition week accommodation, and ultimately if they are able to commit to attending the event.

As event hosts and organisers, we do not want to make any knee jerk decisions without consulting all member countries so that we can assess the current mindset and share this with the Commonwealth Committee so that an informed decision can be taken on whether we proceed as planned or postpone until 2023.

Some key factors to consider as Omicron spreads are:

- International Travel Restrictions – Red-Listing of Countries, COVID Testing, and quarantining in the event of testing positive.
- National and Local Travel Restrictions – Last year in the UK / Scotland had different rules and tiers of restrictions to differing parts of the country and travel between these areas was restricted, for example people from the mainland were not permitted to travel to the Western Isles which included Islay.
- With increased infections, transmissibility and likelihood of local restrictions how will that impact the ability of holding our event, and how will it be viewed by the people of Islay.
- Financial Implications – Cancellations of flights, accommodation, Machrie Hotel etc will come at a cost if we proceed now and are forced to postpone after committing.
- Where some member countries are prevented in sending a team resulting in reduced attendance and lesser event.

There will be numerous other factors we can add to this and while so much is an unknown we are all desperate for the event to go ahead and get back to some form of normality we have to consider the current situation and make a call. So, with this in mind I would be grateful if all member countries provide us with your views on whether we proceed as planned or postpone until 2023.

Team Entries

We have had an exceptional amount of interest from our member countries, namely 18 teams have confirmed their interest which is fantastic and shows how the Commonwealth Fly Fishing family has grown since 1988.

Unfortunately, we are unable accommodate all 17 teams in either the Competition Hotel or on the Comp Waters and have had to restrict it to 14 teams.

The provisional list of teams is:

Australia Ladies
Australia Men
Canada
Channel Islands
England Ladies
England Men
Isle of Man
New Zealand
Northern Ireland
Scotland Ladies
Scotland Men
South Africa Ladies
South Africa Men
Wales

Entry Costs

We have calculated the entry fee cost at £950 team member which is near enough the same cost as NZ 2020 which is calculated on 14 teams. In the event we end up with fewer team committing then this may have an impact on these entry fee costs. Guest cost will be £900 per person. We will be sending out entry fee forms in January looking for a 10% deposit per person. This is of course dependant on whether we proceed as planned or postpone until 2023.

Accommodation

If we proceed with the Championship next year as planned we will be signing the contract for the Machrie Hotel booking which we have to pay a 20% deposit. The hotel is provisionally booked in its entirety, room configurations while challenging with the numbers we will have has been agreed, and meal schedule developed.

To conclude we would ask that you submit your views on whether we proceed as planned or postpone until 2023 by 10th January 2022 so that we can enable the committee to decide way forward.

Have a Great Xmas and New Year

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