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Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships 2025

Dear Team Captains,

Following the CWFF England Committee meeting we can now officially announce that the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Competition will be held from the **18th May to the 24th May 2025**.

Once again, we will try to hold an Alumni event, but only if we have enough entries to make it worthwhile.

We will have to cap the number of entries to eighteen teams on a first come first served basis.

The competition will be held on Rutland and Grafham waters from boats and from the bank at a lake to be confirmed.

We have chosen a hotel which is roughly 30 minutes' drive from all three lakes, it has good parking with easy access from the main road.

As always, we will endeavour to keep the costs down as much as possible and so are still in negotiations with the relevant parties, but what the hotel has said is that whatever we agree on then the same cost will apply to any team staying there beforehand.

Our next meeting will be in the first week of May where I will need to secure the rooms at the hotel, so I will need the following information by the 1st of May please.

If you intend bringing a team/teams

Preferred rooming arrangements.

This information will aid the committee to negotiate the best deal.

There will be a ladies home international on Rutland water the week before so we are limited to the number of practice boats we can have there. So, to ensure teams can practice we have booked all 22 available boats from 12th to 15th May 2025 inclusive.

We have also booked the remaining 23 boats on Grafham from 13th to 16th May 2025 inclusive. Practicing on the bank venue will stop the week before the competition.

Please note, we have these boats for the dates stated. It is now up to individual teams to book the number of boats, days required and venue yourselves. This can be done on line by visiting the Anglian water web site. While on line it might also be worth thinking about the three-day package they offer, this is a good deal.

Rutland and Grafham provide Nets, drogues and life jackets, these nets and drogues provided must be used. Do not bring or use your own (Bio-security).

As I said, the bank venue has yet to be confirmed, but if we get the go ahead this will be closed for practice to competitors from Sat 10th May. Practicing on all venues before these dates is of course possible, but it's up to you.

As well as these tickets you must buy an Environment Agency rod licence for the duration of your stay, again, can be purchased on line.

This is all the information I have for now. We have started the ball rolling and all seems to be going well. There will be another update after we have had another meeting in mid-May.

Tight lines

On behalf of the CWWF England Committee.