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39th FIPS MOUCHE
WORLD FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

Australia is privileged to be selected as host for the World Fly Fishing Championship in 2019. The event will be staged from 30th November - 8th December and will be an opportunity for world-class anglers to fish Tasmania's pristine lakes and rivers. There are set criteria and rules devised by FIPS Mouche International that must be adhered to during the event.

Some 40 countries are eligible to send a team of five anglers plus support personnel.

Fly Fish Australia Inc. (the host organisation) has appointed an organising committee which is tasked with arranging and conducting the event.

THE EVENT PROGRAM

Early planning is to have the Launceston City Council take on the role of the host city and a street parade and opening function is planned to be held within the city confines.

Anglers (both men and women) will fish on various types of waters both rivers and lakes for rainbow and brown trout and the competition will all be on a 'catch and release' basis. All flies will be tied on barbless hooks. There will be five competition venues and all anglers will rotate through them over a five-day period with a maximum of four hours fishing per venue per day.

Final angling venues have not been decided but will be confirmed prior to September 2019. However, a ruling (unless an exemption is applied for) states that all angling venues must be no further than 1.5 hours travelling time from the Event Headquarters which will be based in the Launceston area.

On the final day of the program a Conservation Symposium (on a topic usually related to the host country's conservation issues) will be held and will be open to the public.

The end of the event is culminated by a Gala Dinner and medal presentation of Gold, Silver and Bronze individual and team medals. It is intended that all persons with any involvement in the event will be invited to this function which will be held in the Launceston area.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO STAGE AN EVENT OF THIS KIND

It is anticipated that some 30 of the 40 eligible countries will supply Fly Fishing teams and will travel to Tasmania to fish in the 2019 WFFC.

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Should the program call for three lake venues then some 45 boats will be required for five days. Budgeting is under way to compensate boat owners who supply and manage boats for the event. For river bank and lake bank venues, if selected, one controller (a person whose task is to monitor the angler who is fishing, measure and record the fish caught) will be required and the estimated numbers are in the order of 80 for a period of five days. This is a great opportunity for locals to volunteer as a controller and get to see and meet the best anglers from countries around the world. For enquiries on how to volunteer to be a controller, please email controller.coordinator@gmail.com

TRANSPORTING ANGLERS TO THE ANGLING VENUES

All anglers must travel in arranged transport.

A fleet of small buses (able to negotiate our unsealed roads) will be required and volunteer bus drivers will be sourced for five days including an overall transport coordinator for that period.

The Organising Committee understands that not all volunteers can commit to a five-day program so a controller coordinator has been appointed to manage this aspect of the program.

Some of Tasmania's angling clubs have indicated they would be happy to take on the control of a particular venue.

PRE EVENT ACTIVITY AND SUPPORT

Given that at least 60% of the visiting teams will be used to driving on the opposite side of the road to Australia and in a lot of cases spoken English will be limited, a program of appointing a team host is to be offered to incoming teams. The team host will liaise with his or her team some time prior to arrival and help with the arrangements for pre/post event accommodation outside the official 30th November – 8th December and assist with vehicle bookings, local knowledge and assistance.

For persons interested in filling a position of team host please contact Malcolm Crosse at malcolmcrosse@gmail.com. On the team's arrival the host will assist in helping the team assimilate to Tasmania and its fishing.

F.A.Q.

1. How will the event impact on local angling?

- As the event is totally catch and release there will be little if any impact on local fish stocks.

In the best interests of a fair competition, consideration is being given to closing some of the waters during the event. This is a one off chance to showcase Tasmanian angling opportunities to the world and the aim is to give competitors the best possible experience.

2. With the opening ceremony can anyone attend?

- Definitely yes to have good public support for the opening parade.

For further information, please contact Glen Eggleton, International Organiser: 0414754114 or Malcolm Crosse, Event Director: 0429870550, Randal Moore, Secretary WFFC Organising Committee: 0416016364