

Nationals: Proposal C

Regional Championships

1 day events

Held between May & July

Teams of 10

Any method

Local Venues

Run by locals clubs or associations

Use current points system

Top teams qualify for National Premiership*

National Premiership

1 day event

Fixed date in calendar – weekend before August bank holiday weekend

Teams of 8 (from same regional squad)

Any method

Venues rotate North, Mids, South over 3 years

Use current points system

Managed by Angling Trust

Top 10 automatically retain place in Premier league in following year

Float National

1 day event

Early October

Teams of 5

Multiple entry possible

(teams/clubs can submit more than 1 team of 5)

Winner to represent England at FIPS-ed World Club Championships 2016

Fished to International FIPS-ed Fishing rules

Team orientated pay-out with section winners & runners up

Commercial National

Retain the same format, structure and date

Points of Note:

Cease to run Div 1 & Div 2, combine both events and rebrand as Regional Championships and National Premiership

Cease to run Individual National Championship as stand alone event. Individual Champion crowned at the National Premiership

Ladies, Veterans, Jnr/Cadets/Intermediates, Disabled Nationals would remain the same

* Number of qualifying teams depend on how many regions and teams entering. Aim would be to have 30-35 teams of 8 in the Premiership each year. With 5-6 regions of 15-25 teams.

** The top 6 teams from Div 1 and top 4 teams from Div 2 in 2016 would automatically qualify for the Premiership in 2017

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Rationale

Creating regional championships would allow local teams & clubs to compete on a venue that is within easy reach of all eligible anglers thereby reducing the current potential cost barriers of excessive travel and overnight accommodation. There is further possibility to schedule and select the venue to ensure good fishing, suitable access and parking for both the sections and headquarters due to the requirement of less pegs. Timing allows up to six weeks of river fishing.

The "elite" top ten premiership teams would not be required to fish the regional qualifiers. This would also help to overcome the perception that some clubs are unable to compete equally against the top teams nationally.

The Premiership event should become the flagship of team fishing and be a grandstand type event on a suitable venue for spectators, sponsorship and potential media coverage.

| Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May/June/July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| | Winter League Final | | Commercial National | Regional Championships | National Premiership | | Float National & Local Winter League | Local Winter League | Local Winter League |