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# **ANGLING TRUST ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Packington Somers Fishery**

## Angling Trust Anglers with Disabilities National Championship

### Countdown

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from 5.00pm** Closure of water for practice purposes  
**(Please check with Fishery for their open matches, could be subject to change)**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021** Angling Trust Anglers with Disabilities National Championship.

**Please note** this event is ran in conjunction with the Ladies National Championship.

**Please note:** **All competitors taking part must be Individual Members** of the Angling Trust. Individual Membership can be obtained by telephoning 0343 507 7006 (option 1), requesting a form in the post or by visiting [www.anglingtrust.net/join](http://www.anglingtrust.net/join). Your individual membership must be valid when taking part in the Championship.

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A big thank you and appreciation must go out to all our volunteers who give up their time to assist with our competitions. Without their help and continued support we would not be able to provide competitions on the scale that we do for our members.

If you would like to offer your assistance to act as a volunteer at any of our competitions please contact Kirsty Marshall, Angling Trust via email; [kirsty.marshall@anglingtrust.net](mailto:kirsty.marshall@anglingtrust.net)

## Angling Trust Anglers with Disabilities National Championship

### General Information

#### Headquarters

Packington Somers Fishery

Somers Road

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**Website:** <https://www.packingtonestate.co.uk/sporting/coarse-fishing/>

The onsite Café opens from 7am

#### Draw

To be conducted on AT Competitions Facebook

[www.facebook.com/anglingtrustcompetitions](http://www.facebook.com/anglingtrustcompetitions)

**4.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

#### Fishing

11:00am-4:00pm (Duration 5 hours)

#### Licences

All competitors must be in possession of a current Environment Agency Rod Licence. Any competitor reported by the Environment Agency to the resulting team on the day of the match will be disqualified.

#### Keepnet

Minimum length of 2 metres

#### Rules

See Fishery Rules and Angling Trust rules apply

# Angling Trust Anglers with Disabilities National Championship

## General Information

The Lakes reserved for the National Championship are:

### **Siblings A & B**

Redeveloped in 2014, these pools are canal type match lakes with 40 pegs between the two pools. Carp, F1 hybrids, skimmers, tench, ide and barbel are the main target species.

### **Little Gearys**

A very prolific match and pleasure lake with 30 pegs, stocked with F1 hybrids, carp, bream, tench and roach. Match weights to over 230lb have been recorded on Little Gearys.

### **Packington Somers Fishery & Match**

1. Barbless hooks only. Maximum size 10.
2. No braided line of any form to be used.
3. Cat/dog food can only be used on the hook not loose fed.
4. No halibut, trout or high oil pellets allowed.
5. Only fishery feed pellets to be used.
6. Minimum of 3 keepnets to be used.
7. Keep nets must be dipped at the Lodge and then laid out to dry and not put into the water until 15 minutes before match starts.
8. 60lb weight limit per net. Anything over 60lb will not count. Fish to be split evenly between nets.
9. No Floating baits.
10. A float must be used when fishing the pole.

## Anglers with Disabilities National Championship Rules 2021

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1. The Angling Trust (AT) will organise a National Championships each year for Anglers with Disabilities. The elected Officers will appoint a Committee who will be responsible for supervising the arrangements.
2. The Sections to be used in the National Championship will be closed for fishing to all competitors in that Championship from 5pm on the day prior to the National Championship. **Please check with the Fishery about their open matches.**
3. The National Championships will be “pegged down” competitions, pegs to be preferably 20 yards (18 metres) apart, or more where practicable. And must be a minimum of 30 metres from overhead power cables.
4. The Championship is open to all Anglers with Disabilities who are AT Individual members.  
  
In order to qualify to compete in the National Championships Entrants must have paid their subscription for the current year entry. **N.B. All competitors taking part must be Individual Members of the AT.**
5. It is the responsibility of the competitor to return the fully completed form plus entry fees and pools by the closing date.
6. All Competitors must have registered their disability with the Angling Trust on the entry form provided.
7. Competitors may receive assistance to or from their peg for themselves and their tackle.
8. Each Competitor is allowed one helper (who must be identifiable) at their peg. **Helpers must not fish.**
9. Competitors may receive assistance above the normal extremes of their capability but within the bounds of rules relating to helpers.
10. The Senior Stewards will have the right to examine all containers carried by competitors prior to the Championship at their pegs.
11. Stewards will do their utmost to prevent spectators approaching or interfering with the competitors.
12. The Draw for pegs will take place the day before the match on the AT Competitions Facebook.
13. No competitor will change his/her section. Any competitor who commences fishing at the wrong peg will be disqualified.
14. No competitor or their helper will have live or dead fish in their possession before the Championship.
15. The signal to commence and cease fishing will be given by the Senior Section Steward in each Section.
16. The duration of the Championship will be 5 hours.
17. Before the starting signal no competitor or their helper must on any account ground bait or loose feed the swim but will be allowed to wet a line, plumb the depth and test the float, mix or wet ground bait, clear his/her fishing ground of weed or obstructions and position his/her equipment. On no account must a feeder be used prior to the starting signal.
18. Wading is only permitted to position Keepnets and bank sticks and clear any obstructions.
19. Every competitor must fish from within one metre either side of his/her designated peg. On flowing water, he/she will fish from their position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg.
20. On still waters he/she may fish as far as half the distance between his/her peg and the pegs either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be the middle between each bank. The competitor will restrict their activities completely to these boundaries, neither his/her person, tackle, bait, groundbait or hooked fish may intrude into a neighbour’s swim.
21. In an extreme situation e.g. snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from his neighbour/neighbours before moving from his/her designated peg to try and remedy the situation.

22. No competitor or helper may leave his/her peg during the Championship other than to answer the call of nature. However, in the event of an emergency and/or severe weather conditions, a competitor may leave their peg but only with the express permission of the Senior Section Steward. In such circumstances the Senior Steward may decide in the best interests of the competitors that fishing should be suspended. In the worst-case fishing may be terminated by the Senior Steward upon an instruction from the Angling Trust's team of Championship adjudicators.
23. A competitor must not cause annoyance to, seek to interfere with another competitor during the course of the Championship.
24. A competitor shall have in use one rod or pole, one line and single hook at one time, but may have other poles or rods and tackle assembled behind them where possible, providing that tackle is not baited.
25. Any bait, subject to the local rules appertaining at the time of acceptance as a National Championship venue, may be used during the National Championships, except live or dead fish, spinning baits and artificial lures.
26. Maximum length of poles permitted is 13 metres, floating poles are not allowed.
27. Braid hook lengths are not permitted.
28. Floating baits either hook or feed are not permitted
29. The use of electronic fish finders is forbidden.
30. No competitor shall present their baited hooks into their swim by any means other than the pole or rod to which the line is attached.
31. All feed may be thrown in by hand, or by the use of one or two-handed catapults, throwing sticks, swim feeders, bait droppers, bait cups and bait shuttles, but no other mechanical means of projecting feed is allowed. No bait shall be introduced with a pole or bait dropper attached to an extra pole or rod whilst continuing to fish. Helpers are permitted to assist the competitor provided such help is beyond the competitor's normal capability. Spodding is not permitted.
32. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish from the confines of their own peg. (See Rule 20). Hand lining fish is not permitted, this includes hand lining elastics and line, also not allowed is the practice of trapping stretched elastic with the hand down the length of the pole, fish should never be bullied like this. **This does not affect the use of Pulla bungs and similar devices.**
33. All helpers must remain seated when assisting a competitor to land a fish.
34. Competitors must retain all fish in a keepnet that complies with the relevant Environment Agency bylaws.
35. All fish caught are eligible for weighing except Game Fish, Pike, Zander and Crustaceans.
36. Competitors must, if practicable, keep all fish caught alive. If for any reason competitors cannot keep fish alive the Stewards shall have the power to weigh in during the Championship and return the fish alive to the water.
37. Competitors must cease fishing at the signal. Should a competitor still be playing a fish hooked before the signal is given, they will be permitted no more than 15 minutes after time has been called to land the fish.
38. All competitors and their helpers will remain at their pegs until details of their catch have been recorded by the Steward, even if they have caught no fish, except for the purpose of clearing litter from their swims (as defined in Rules 19 and 20).
39. Competitors and/or their helpers are responsible for ensuring their pegs are clear of litter and no competitor shall have their catch weighed in who has litter on the banks of their swim.
40. Both the competitor or their helper and Scales Steward MUST ensure that the correct procedure for transferring fish from a keepnet to weigh net and back to the water is followed.
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- Keepnet to weigh net: - (a)** Swim the fish from the bottom of the Keepnet to the top, ensuring that the top ring is out of the water, and gather the rings up from the bottom as the fish move up. Once the fish are between the top ring and the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> ring (depending on the number of fish in the net), remove the keepnet from the water and gently slide the fish into the weigh net. Should the number of fish require more than one weigh only slide sufficient fish into the weigh net for the first weigh. Whilst the weigh is taking place hold the remaining fish back in the water until required for weighing and repeat until all fish have been weighed.
- (b)** Remove the keepnet from the water collapsing the net down, until the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> ring from the bottom can be reached from inside. Pull the chosen ring through the top ring and then gently slide the fish into the weigh net. Should the numbers of fish require more than one weigh, only slide sufficient fish into the weigh net for the first weigh. Whilst the weigh is taking place, hold the remaining fish back in the water until required for weighing and repeat until all fish have been weighed.
- After each competitor has been weighed in at their peg, it will be the duty of the Scales Steward to return all the fish to the water.
42. The individual weight of each competitor will be recorded to the nearest 10 grams rounded up (Where 10Kg scales are used) and 20 grams, rounded up (Where 20Kg scales are used). Where electronic scales are used the recorded weight will be actual.
43. Each competitor or their helper will be responsible for ensuring that the weight of his/her catch is correctly recorded by the Record Steward on the Weigh Sheet and on his Peg Card. He/she MUST sign both to that effect. The Peg Card MUST be kept safe in case of query.
44. After being weighed any dead fish are to be suitably disposed of by the Scales Steward.
45. Any fish about which the Stewards have any doubt must be brought before the Management Team and the competitor's weight will not be confirmed until a ruling has been obtained. Even if the Steward recommends the disqualification of a competitor, they MUST weigh the fish in case their ruling is not upheld.
46. Any objections must be made in writing and lodged with a member of the Management Team or Senior Section Steward no later than one hour after the end of the Championship on the official form contained in the Record Stewards' Book. Irregularities which are brought to notice at a later date may be dealt with only by and at the discretion of the **AT Board**.
47. The holders of the trophies shall, upon presentation, be allowed time for photographs to be taken and then will be required to hand the trophy back to the Officials present.
48. The use of lead, including any alloy or compound of lead, in the form of split shot or any other suitable items for weighting fishing lines is prohibited. The prohibition does not apply to weights of lead, alloy or compound of lead, of 0.06g or less or of more than 28.35g or to weights of lead, alloy or compound less than 28.35g if the said lead, alloy or compound is incorporated in the construction of swim feeders or self-cocking floats.
49. All National Championships must conform to Environment Agency bylaws. Any competitor reported to the Resulting Team by the Environment Agency for being unable to produce a valid license shall be deemed to be in contravention of the Rules and shall be disqualified. All pools, entry fees etc. in respect of the said competitor shall be forfeited.
- 50. Local fishery rules will also apply.**
51. If in the opinion of the Event Management Team, any Individual is in breach of these Rules or is guilty of behaviour which is contrary to the best interests of the sport, or upon complaint being received by the Event Management Team that there has been an alleged breach of the rules, the Event Management Team shall make a decision on all available facts and that decision will be final and binding.
52. Any competitor proved to be in contravention of these will be disqualified.
53. Any angler deemed to be bringing the sport into disrepute will be severely dealt with by the Management Team.