

2024



ANGLING TRUST FEEDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Aire & Calder Canal
Saturday 24th of August 2024**

General Information

Headquarters	Thornensians RUFC - The Rugby Clubhouse, Church Balk, Thorne DN8 5BU
Team Registration	5pm, Friday 19 th of July for Team Sheets, Entry & Pools
Section Draw	6:00pm Wednesday 21 st of August - Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page – this will be emailed out to team captains and posted on our social media.
Draw	08:00am (All teams must register before the draw)
Baiting Period	10:50am until 11:00am (duration 10 minutes)
Fishing	11:00am until 4:00pm (duration 5 hours)
Licences	All competitors must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Fishing Licence. Any competitor reported by the Environment Agency to the resulting team on the day of the match will be disqualified.
Nets	Big weights are possible, and a minimum of 2 keepnets should be taken by every angler. <u>All nets must comply with National Environment Agency Byelaws.</u>
Local Rules	Strictly no use of access points outlined as match day only. No filming or videography without prior consent from the organiser.
Eligible Fish	All fish coarse fish are eligible for weighing <u>except Pike & Zander</u> , which do not count. Game fish (salmonids, including grayling) do not count.

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to every angler, steward and volunteer involved in the 2024 Feeder National Championship. In this match booklet, you'll find all the relevant details for this year's event – from rules and procedures to practice and parking.

Our thanks must firstly go to Paul Caygill for all his hard work behind the scenes. Without organisers like Paul and the local knowledge they possess, matches of this scale would simply not be possible – especially given the difficulties with access and parking on so many venues around the country. Supporting this many competitors at the draw and results is also no mean feat, which is why I'd also like to pass on a sincere thanks to Thornensians RUFC for the use of their facilities as a Headquarters. Above all however, please accept my thanks to you, as an angler or volunteer, for being involved come the 24th of August. The bottom line is that matches like this don't happen without your support.

The Angling Trust Feeder National has come on in leaps and bounds since its introduction back in 2021, and we've evolved the competition again this year, keeping the international flavour of the event, but trimming the rules to make it easier to fish. Not only does this match present an opportunity for top feeder teams to take the title and World Club Feeder Championships qualification, it's also a great chance fish to fish a big match before the upcoming Division 2 National – with many teams using the Feeder National to hone their skills on the venue. Whatever reason you have for entering this match however, it promises to be cracker, with quality fishing for every angler.

I wish all the teams involved the very best of luck in their quest for medals.

-Steve Fitzpatrick, Head of Competitions, Angling Trust



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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 Kelly Latimer, Angling Trust via email: Kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net



Procedures

For Competitors

- Teams must submit a final 'team sheet' to competitons@anglingtrust.net by no later than 5pm on Friday the 19th of July. This should be filled in with:
 - 5 'fishing' anglers listed
 - Up to 5 anglers on the reserves list
 - Nominated steward and their mobile number

You should retain this team sheet for your records.

- On Wednesday the 21st of August at 6:00pm, a live draw will take place for sections on the Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page. Reference will be made to the order in which you number your anglers, so have this to hand.
- Before the draw on the morning of the match, at least one team member (captain or representative) must arrive to register their team's attendance and record any changes to the previously nominated team. Once all teams have registered, the draw will begin in the order of registration (teams will be called up to draw their peg set)
- At the draw, teams will select an envelope containing a 'peg set'. The envelope must be opened at the registration desk to allow the organisers to record which set you have drawn. Peg numbers will correspond to angler numbers on your team sheet to determine who fishes where – e.g Angler 1 on your team sheet is John Smith. Angler 1 on your peg set has drawn D9. Therefore, John Smith fishes D9.

For Stewards & Volunteers

- All teams are required to bring at least one steward to assist with the weigh in.
- We understand that some stewards will have a preference depending on who they are travelling with. Please notify us of any preferences as soon as possible.
- The exact duties of team-supplied stewards will be determined after the section draw on Wednesday the 21st of August. This is to allow the organisers to coordinate travel arrangements – e.g if a team's nominated steward is travelling with a particular competitor.
- All relevant information for stewards will be communicated via a WhatsApp group, which will be set up after the section draw has taken place. If you (as a steward or volunteer) can't use WhatsApp for any reason, please contact Alex Clegg on 07495 433613 or via alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net and other arrangements for communication will be made.

Sections & Maps

The following pages contain a guide to access on the stretches of canal being used in the 2024 Feeder National Championships. Please note that anglers should not travel to their sections before 8am as gates may not be open.

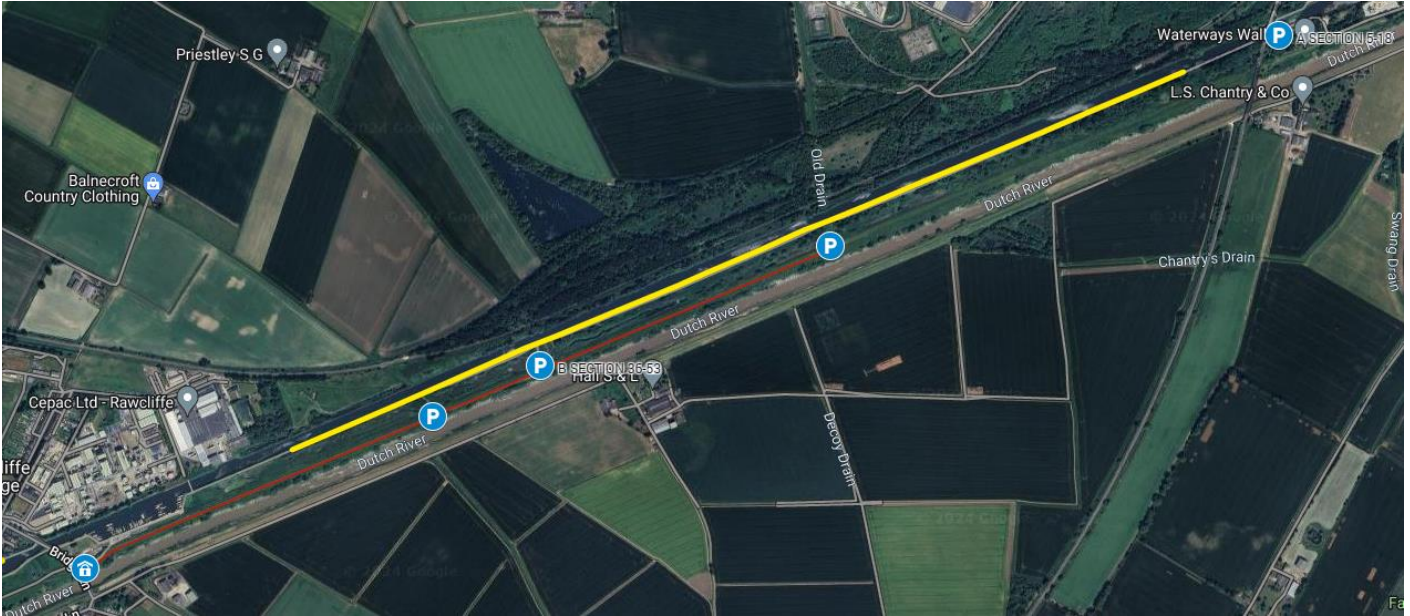
Paul Caygill reserves the right to resituate anglers in the event that moored boats interfere with planned pegging.

[CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

Parking Guide:

- HQ: Thornensians Rugby Club. What3Words:///roadmap.spreading.gathering. Nearest Postcode DN8 5BU.
- A5-A18: Park at Goole Docks. What3Words:///Existence.sifts.bigger. Nearest postcode DN14 5TB (not very accurate!)
- A20–34: Park sensibly approx. 1.25 miles up the track off Bridge Lane. Take care not to obstruct the cycle path. Nearest Postcode: DN14 8PN. What3Words: ///brighter.upsets.galloping (Gatehole off Bridge Lane W3W is ///bystander.reshaping.wizards)
- B36-53: Park left off the track approx. 0.75 miles up. What3Words:///streetcar.devotion.handwriting. Nearest Postcode: DN14 8PN. (Gatehole off Bridge Lane W3W is ///bystander.reshaping.wizards)
- B54-67: Park sensibly approx. 0.5 miles up the track off Bridge Lane. Do not block the trackway. What3Words:///pokers.parsnips.future. Nearest Postcode DN14 8PN. (Gatehole off Bridge Lane W3W is ///bystander.reshaping.wizards)
- C73-98: Park on the canalside car park to the left after Sugar Mill Ponds. What3Words:///rank.outnumber.toenail. Nearest postcode: DN14 8NR
- C103-111 & D113-139: Park in the area at the end of the track to the right after Sugar Mill Ponds. What3Words:///buggy.buzz.weeks. Nearest postcode: DN14 8NR
- D141-151 & E153-189: Park in the Alpaca Field. What3Words:///duet.falters.juggled. Nearest Postcode: DN14 8SX. (Gatehole off A614 for Alpaca Field is W3W///fishnet.spin.truckload)
- E191-193: Park in the car park off New Bridge. What3Words: ///shoebox.lamenting.tungsten. Nearest Postcode: DN14 8SX.

A&B Sections: Goole Dock to Rawcliffe Bridge



C&D Sections: Rawcliffe through M18 Bridge



D&E Sections: M18 Bridge through to New Bridge



Key Rules - Feeder National

In an effort to keep an international feel to the Feeder National without compromising on a competitive, yet enjoyable day, we've created a simplified set of rules.

Key Rules

- The match is feeder only, meaning you must use a feeder in conjunction with a rod and reel. Once the match starts, you cannot use a bomb.
- Plumbing up must be done with a bomb. No feeders to be cast out before the pre-baiting period starts.
- There will be a 10 minute pre-baiting period from 10:50-11:00am where anglers may begin introducing bait. You cannot have a hook on during this time.
- The match will be a 5hr match from 11:00am – 16:00pm.
- All bait must be introduced by a feeder at all times. No bait to be fed by hand or catapult. Spods, spombs, baitdroppers and similar devices are not allowed (bait up feeders are permitted).
- All rigs must be free running, with a minimum of 50cm of hooklength measured from the bottom of the feeder.
- Method feeders (including hybrid, banjo etc) are not allowed. Hair rigging is also not allowed.
- Natural baits only – maggots, pinkies, squatts, casters, worms, corn, and hemp. Groundbait, including crushed pellet-based mixes, can be used.
- All other baits are banned including, pellets, bloodworm and joker, and bread on the hook
- There are no limits on bait quantities and no bait checks at this event.
- Only fish which are 'landed' (i.e clear of the water) BEFORE the all out will count. Anglers will not have any 'playing time' after the match has finished.

Angling Trust Feeder National **Championship Rules 2024**

1. The Angling Trust (AT) will organise the Feeder National Championships each year. The AT Coarse Management Group will be responsible for supervising the arrangements.
2. The winning team will be invited to represent England in the Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs. In the event of the winning team not wishing to fish the event ,it will default to 2nd then 3rd and so on.
3. The Feeder National will be “pegged down”, pegs to be preferably 20 yards (18 metres) apart, or more where practicable.
4. Member Clubs and Associations are entitled to enter teams consisting of 5 anglers. Member Clubs and Associations shall not be entitled to compete with Teams consisting of fewer anglers than those referred to in this rule, unless prior written consent has been obtained.
5. To qualify to compete in the Feeder National a Member Association/Club must have a valid Angling Trust membership.
6. All competitors taking part must hold a valid AT membership on the day of the match.
7. No person will be allowed to fish the Feeder National if they are below the age of 16 on the day of the Qualifier, unless a Young Angler Exemption is attained from AT.
8. Stewards will do their utmost to prevent spectators approaching or interfering with the competitors. However, a maximum of 2 Bank Runners per team will be allowed who will be clearly identifiable. They may pass information to their own team members only.
9. ALL teams must send a representative to the HQ to register their team whether or not they have any changes to make.
10. A live draw for sections will take place on the Wednesday evening prior to the match. Once this draw has taken place, team changes may only be made from the Reserve List. Where any such change is made, the incoming angler MUST fish the drawn Section of the angler they are replacing.
11. Team members MUST fish the Section/Peg shown in the peg set they draw.
12. No competitor will change their Section. Any angler who commences fishing at the wrong peg will be disqualified.
13. Any angler may receive help to carry their tackle to their peg. Once at the peg no further assistance will be allowed.
14. No competitor will have live or dead fish in their possession before the National.
15. The Senior Section Steward will signal: (a) The start of a pre-baiting period 10 minutes prior to the start of the match. (b) The start of the match itself, and (c) The end of the match.
16. Ground baiting is only allowed by feeder. No hooklength is to be attached during the 10-minute pre-baiting period. It is forbidden to throw , catapult, cup, or use any other device for introducing bait.
17. The duration of the Feeder National will be 5 (five) hours.

18. Before the pre baiting signal no competitor must on any account ground bait or loose feed the swim, but will be allowed to wet a line and plumb the depth with a lead only (a feeder is not allowed), mix or wet ground bait, clear their fishing ground of weed or obstructions and position their equipment.
19. Only hookbaits of a natural original may be used. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Maggots, casters, pinkies, squatts
 - Worms
 - Hempseed
 - Sweetcorn
20. Anglers are reminded that bloodworm and joker is banned on this event. Crushed pellet based fishmeal groundbaits are allowed, but any form of paste, pellet, boilie, wafter, bread punch or similar on the hook is banned. Artificial baits (e.g fake maggots, lures etc) are banned. The use of live or dead fish as bait are not allowed.
21. Surface floating baits either hook or feed are not permitted.
22. A competitor may wade provided that the water does not extend above the knees, unless they can touch the bank with their fingertips, in which case the water can extend above the knees. When platforms are used, the water must not come over the angler's knees when standing on the river/lake bed.
23. Every competitor must fish from within one metre either side of their designated peg. On flowing water, an angler will fish from their position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg. On stillwaters an angler may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the angler on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be the middle line between either bank. The competitor will restrict their activities completely to these boundaries, neither their person, tackle, bait, groundbait or hooked fish may intrude into their neighbour's swim.
24. In an extreme situation, e.g., snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from his neighbour/neighbours before moving this from their designated peg to try and remedy the situation.
25. No competitor may leave their peg during the Feeder National 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 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 AT's team of adjudicators.
26. A competitor must not cause annoyance to, seek to interfere with another competitor, during the course of the Match.
27. Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help.
28. A competitor shall have in use, only one rod, one line and a single hook at one time, but may have other rods and tackle assembled, providing that tackle is not baited, and feeders are not filled.
29. Feeders must be free running and the hooklength must be a minimum length of 50cm from the bottom of the feeder.

30. It is forbidden to pass the hook length through the feeder in order to shorten the hook length.
31. Braid hook lengths are not permitted.
32. The use of electronic fish finders and drones is forbidden.
33. No competitor shall present their baited hooks into their swim by any means other than the rod to which the line is attached.
34. Competitors must retain all fish in a keepnet that complies with the relevant Environment Agency byelaws (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-rod-fishing-byelaws-for-england-freshwater-fishing-with-a-rod-and-line>).
35. All keepnets must be laid out on the bank before the start. Keepnets will only be allowed to be put into the water 15 minutes before the start of the baiting period (10:35)
36. A minimum of 2 keepnets must be taken by every angler as big weights are possible. It is not a requirement that both are used from the start, but we ask that anglers are sensible and deploy the extra net if reasonably needed. Competitors must lay BOTH keepnets out on the bank before the start, as per rule 35>
37. All fish caught are eligible for weighing except Game Fish, Pike, Zander and Crustaceans.
38. Competitors must, if practical, 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 competition and return the fish alive to the water
39. Competitors must cease fishing at the signal. Any fish not clear of the water at this point will not count.
40. All competitors will remain at their pegs until details of their catch have been recorded by the Steward, except for the purpose of clearing litter from their swims.
41. Competitors 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.
42. Both the competitor and steward\’s must ensure that the correct procedure is used for transferring fish from a keepnet to a weigh net. This MUST utilise either, pulling a lower ring through and pouring fish into the weighing net or swimming them up the keepnet and pouring.
43. The individual weight of each competitor will be recorded to the nearest 10 grammes rounded up (Where 10Kg scales are used) and 20 grammes, rounded up (Where 20Kg scales are used). Where digital scales are used the recorded weight will be actual weight displayed.
44. Each competitor will be responsible for ensuring that the weight of their catch is correctly recorded by the Steward on the Weigh Sheet and MUST sign the Weigh Sheet to that effect.
45. Any dead fish should be weighed and recorded separately.
46. 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.

47. Any objections must be made in writing and lodged with a member of the Management Team or Senior Section Steward no later than two hours after the end of the match at the Headquarters. Irregularities which are brought to notice at a later date may be dealt with at the discretion of the Management Team.
48. The result of the team competition shall be determined on a penalty points system. The top weight in each Section shall receive 1 point, the second highest weight one point more etc. In the event of anglers failing to catch a fish, together with absent or disqualified anglers, they will receive the highest number of points on offer for that section.
49. In the event of more than one competitor recording the same weight in the same section, those competitors will receive equal points. For example, two anglers tying for 5th in section will receive 5 points each, and the next lowest weight will receive 7 points.
50. In the event of more than one team having the same total points, their final positions will be decided by total weight.
51. All competitors must conform to Environment Agency bylaws. Any competitor reported to the Event Management Team by the Environment Agency for being unable to produce a valid licence 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.
52. If in the opinion of the Event Management Team, any Team or 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.
53. Any team or competitor proved to be in contravention of these rules will be disqualified.

Biosecurity for Competitors

Please help prevent the spread of invasive non-native species (INNS), diseases & parasites by practicing good biosecurity in the build up to this year's National. All anglers should follow the mantra of *Check, Clean, Dry* after every match or practice session.

What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity is about the measures we take to prevent the spread of unwanted plants, animals and diseases between waters. The things we could potentially transfer are wide ranging, but some common examples you might be familiar with include:

- [Koi herpesvirus \(KHV\) – viral disease](#)
- [Floating Pennywort – invasive aquatic plant](#)
- [Signal Crayfish – invasive aquatic animal](#)
- [Himalayan Balsam – invasive terrestrial plant](#)

Why is biosecurity important?

Invasive non-native species, diseases & parasites affect **your** fishing.

Match venues can be devastated by the arrival of invasive species or disease; whether it's a viral outbreak that kills fish, or plant growth that makes a stretch of water unfishable.

Invasive non-native species *are present* in and around the Aire & Calder Canal, which are currently being managed. Please respect our host clubs and your own waters by following the guidance on the next page.

How do I practice good biosecurity?



Bank-to-bank Floating Pennywort on a Southern River

Biosecurity is simple when carried out by following Check, Clean, Dry. You should pay particular attention to:

- Keepnets & landing nets – which should be clean and completely dry before they are submerged. (Note rule 38 RE keepnets)
- Stink bags – which should arrive at a venue dry. You should not under any circumstances bring your nets to a new venue in a wet/ damp stink bag which hasn't been dried or cleaned.
- Footwear – invasive terrestrial plants such as Himalayan Balsam can be easily spread by their seeds, which could be carried in the mud on your boots.

Team captains should ensure that all squad members are briefed on the above.

STOP THE SPREAD

Invasive plants and animals can carry diseases that kill fish, and block waterways and banks interfering with fishing. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

Protect the environment and fishing you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

Remember to check these places

CHECK **Check** your gear after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN **Clean** everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to nets, waders, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

DRY **Dry** everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for

- QUAGGA MUSSEL
- KILLER SHRIMP
- FISH DISEASES
- FLOATING PENNYWORT

Funded by the Aquatic Biosecurity Partnership:



Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:
nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry

For further guidance on biosecurity, visit:

[The GB Non Native Species Secretariat Website – Biosecurity for anglers](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/gb-non-native-species-secretariat)
[The Angling Trust Invasive Non Native Species Homepage](https://www.anglingtrust.net/invasive-species/)

Or contact Ian Doyle via ian.doyle@anglingtrust.net or on 07951037091

Practice Opportunities & Further Information

Day Tickets

Day tickets are available on the bank, costing £6 on the Aire & Calder (Boothferry ACJCC)

For further information on day tickets or membership, visit <https://bacicc-canalfishing.co.uk/>

Lineups

For bookings on the Aire & Calder, contact Paul Caygill on 07976 779 983

NO BAIT TO BE THROWN IN AFTER FISHING – NOTE THAT SECTIONS BEING USED IN THE MATCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRACTICE FROM 18/08/24

Practice Matches

Wednesday matches run by Dave Armitage (07939 358008) can be found on the Aire & Calder Match Group Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/431564930743619>

The details of official practice matches run by Paul Caygill (07976 779 983) will be advertised on his personal Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/paul.caygill.902>

Date	Match	Venue	Book on with...	Draw
07/07/2024	Practice Open	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
14/07/2024	Practice Open	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
21/07/2024	Practice Open	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
18/08/2024	Feeder Only Match	Aire & Calder Sections	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
24/08/2024	Feeder National	Aire & Calder Sections	Angling Trust	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU
01/09/2024	Yorkshire National*	TBC	Paul Caygill	Thornensians RUFC DN8 5BU

*The Yorkshire 'National' is an annual teams of 10 event organised by Paul Caygill. £500 entry, 8am draw at the Thornensians Rugby Club.

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