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CADET, JUNIOR & YOUTH
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**



Makins Fishery

Cadet and Junior National
Saturday 27th June 2026

Youth National
Sunday 28th June 2026

General Information

Headquarters: Makins Fishery, Bazzard Road, Bramcote, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 6QJ

Website: <https://www.makinsfishery.co.uk/>

Refreshments: Food and drink are available from the on-site café before and after both matches.

Draw:

Cadet National: 08:45am on Saturday June 27th.

Junior National: 9:00am on Saturday June 27th.

Youth National: 9:00am on Sunday June 28th.

Teams must register their attendance **before** each draw takes place.

Fishing Times:

11:00am – 3:00pm (**Cadet**) duration four hours

11:00am – 4:00pm (**Junior**) duration five hours

11:00am – 4:00pm (**Youth**) duration five hours

Licenses: Competitors aged 12 years and under do not need an Environment Agency rod licence. However, competitors aged 13 to 16 years of age do require a rod licence, which can be obtained for free by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence>. All competitors over 16 years of age must be in possession of a current Environment Agency rod licence, which can be purchased from <https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence>.

Any competitor reported by the Environment Agency to the Angling Trust Competitions team for not having a valid rod licence on the day of the match will be disqualified.

Eligible fish: All coarse fish caught are eligible for weighing in, except pike. Game fish do not count.

Rules: Please visit <https://www.makinsfishery.co.uk/> to find the fishery match rules. They are also included in this booklet. **Please note that Makins match rules take precedence over Angling Trust rules.**

Consent: The Angling Trust may be taking photographs and/or recorded images of the competitors for use in publicity documents, press releases and other materials.

If you **DO NOT** wish for any of your participants to be included, please put this in writing via e-mail to kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net by no later than Friday June 26th 2026.

Results: The results will be processed and published via the HotFishin' results service. If any angler does not wish for their name to appear in the published results, please inform the Angling Trust via e-mail to kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net by Friday June 26th 2026.

All competitors taking part must be Individual Members of the Angling Trust. Individual Membership can be obtained by telephoning 0343 507 7006 (option 1), or by visiting www.anglingtrust.net/join.

Your Individual Membership must be valid when taking part in the Nationals.



IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND

Stewards/Parents - Cadet Junior Youth Nationals 2026

The Cadet, Junior, and Youth Nationals are for the young anglers - this is their moment to show how good they are in a competitive match angling environment.

Therefore, we are politely requesting that parents/guardians/family members keep back a **minimum of 10 metres** (where applicable) from their young person during the match times and let them enjoy and express themselves without input or interference from adults. This is how they learn and grow in confidence.

Parents/guardians/family members **WILL** be permitted to help the angler to their peg and get them set up, but they **WILL NOT** be able to touch any angling equipment, prepare or restock bait, feed, or land fish for them once the match starts and for the duration of the match.

Parents/guardians/family members **WILL** of course, be able to ensure that the child is hydrated and/or suitably protected from the sun during the match.

Owing to the scale of this year's Nationals, and how the lakes being used at Makins are set out, we want every angler to be supported on the day and therefore we will require clubs/teams to provide stewards for each National. Each club/team must nominate up to three named individuals a minimum of a week before the matches and provide a telephone number to the Angling Trust Competitions team.

A total of three Stewards per club will be required for Saturday's Cadet National, three stewards per club for the Junior National, and three per club for Sunday's Youth National.

Stewards will be issued with Angling Trust Steward bibs on the morning of the matches and nominated the section/lakes they will monitor.

They will be positioned at the sections/lakes throughout the duration of the match and will be there to offer support to **ALL ANGLERS** (not just those from their club/team) in instances of fish or angler welfare issues only.

Only designated Stewards can help a child on the day unless there is risk of immediate danger when a parent/guardian/family member can step in. This

support must be reported immediately to the nearest Steward or Angling Trust Competitions team staff member.

Stewards can also give permission for a parent/guardian/family member to support if they are unable to help at sufficient speed or there is a medical issue.

Any parent/guardian/family member who is reported to the Angling Trust for helping the angler without Steward permission runs the risk of the child being disqualified from the match.

We all have a duty of care to each other, and we want to make this a fun event for all involved, especially the young anglers taking part.

****** Anglers who have specific needs for a parent/guardian/coach to support them on a one-to-one basis for the duration of the matches will of course, be allowed assistance, but permission must be obtained beforehand by emailing Steve Fitzpatrick, Head of Competitions, at competitions@anglingtrust.net *******

Thank you for your understanding and support. Here's to a great championship, with plenty of fish!

Angling Trust Competitions team

Cadet National – Sections and Lakes

Snake Lake (Phase Two)

- A Section (7 pegs)
- B Section (7 pegs)

Derwent Lake (Phase Three)

- C Section (7 pegs)
- D Section (7 pegs)

Thames Lake (Phase Three)

- E Section (7 pegs)

Avon Lake (Phase Three)

- F Section (7 pegs)

Junior National – Sections and Lakes

Lake 2 (Phase One)

- A Section (22 pegs)

Lake 4 (Phase One)

- B Section (22 pegs)

Lake 5 (Phase One)

- C Section (22 pegs)

Lizard Lake (Phase Two)

- D Section (22 pegs)

Reptile Pool (Phase Two)

- E Section (22 pegs)

Lagoon Pool (Phase Two)

- F Section (22 pegs)

Youth National – Sections and Lakes

Lake 2 (Phase One)

- A Section (11 pegs)
- B Section (11 pegs)

Lake 4 (Phase One)

- C Section (11 pegs)

Lake 5 (Phase One)

- D Section (11 pegs)
- E Section (11 pegs)

Derwent Pool (Phase Two)

- F Section (11 pegs)



Draw Procedure

- Before each draw on the morning of the match, a team 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 Lake 2 peg 28. Therefore, John Smith fishes Lake 2 peg 28.

Organising Team

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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 e-mail: kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net

Makins Fishery Match Rules

1. Fishery pellets only. You can use any pellet for the hook.
2. No marine halibut pellets or trout pellets.
3. Maximum three tins of luncheon meat allowed (no dog or cat meat allowed).
4. No throwing unused bait in after the match. Please put it in the bins or take it home.
5. Keepnets must be pegged out for an hour before the match starts. Nets to then be placed into the water 15 minutes before the start of the match.
6. Minimum of two keepnets to be used and these must be in the water from the start of the match.
7. Carp and silverfish to be separated - carp up to 2lb and silverfish in one net, carp over 2lb in the other.
8. Maximum of 60lb of carp and 50lb of silvers in any keepnet – carp weights of 60lb to 70lb to count only as 60lb, silverfish weights of 50lb to 60lb to count only as 50lb. Carp weights above 70lb and silverfish weights above 60lb will see the whole net disqualified.
9. All fish that are netted must be transferred into the keepnet via a landing net, not dropped in.
10. Barbless hooks only, maximum size 8.
11. No feeding with a pole while fishing rod and line.
12. No braid allowed for either mainline or hooklength.
13. No wading.
14. No damage to the otter fencing.
15. Basic gardening allowed although no chopping of large branches or ripping out reeds from the root. If in any doubt, ask.
16. Standing up to mug is allowed, but only if the next peg is unoccupied. No standing on your seatbox to do so.

*** Please note, fishery rules on pole limits do not apply to the Cadet, Junior, and Youth Nationals. Maximum length of poles: Cadet National 11m, Junior National 13m, and Youth National 13ms. Floating poles are not permitted. We actively encourage anglers to measure their poles and make tape markings. Aspects like the use of shorter top kits and short No 4 sections should be taken into account. ***

Angling Trust Junior & Youth National Championship Rules

1. The Sections to be used in each National Championship will be closed for fishing to all competitors in that event from 5pm on the day prior to the National. Please check with the fishery about open matches.
2. The National Championships will be “pegged down” competitions, pegs to be preferably 15m apart, or more where practicable. And pegs must be a minimum of 30m away from any overhead power cables.
3. Member clubs and associations are entitled to enter more than one team consisting of six anglers in the Cadet, Junior, and Youth Nationals. Member clubs and associations shall not be entitled to compete with teams consisting of less anglers than those referred to in this rule unless prior written consent has first been obtained.
4. To qualify to compete in the National a member association/club must have paid its subscription for the current year.
5. The age categories are as follows:

Cadet – 10 to 12 years of age on the day of the Championship

Junior – 13 to 15 years of age on the day of the Championship

Youth – 16 to 20 years of age on the day of the Championship.

Anglers may move up into the next category above if their manager/coach feels it suits the angler's ability, but they cannot move from the Cadet to Youth category or move down a category.
6. Where the event is held over two days anglers can only compete in one category i.e. they cannot fish for a Junior team on the Saturday then the Youth team on the Sunday.
7. Stewards will do their utmost to prevent spectators approaching or interfering with the competitors.
8. ALL Team captains or managers shall report to the Angling Trust Competitions team prior to the draw whether or not they have any team changes to make.
9. A team representative will draw a peg set on the day of the National. Team members MUST fish the section/peg shown in the peg set as drawn for them.
10. Team members MUST fish the section/peg shown in the peg set as drawn for them. No competitor will change their section. Any angler who commences fishing at the wrong peg will be disqualified.
11. Competitors must plan to use private transport in every case to transfer from HQ to their section and return.
12. Any angler may bring someone to help carry and setup their tackle to their peg. Once the match has started no further assistance is allowed apart from the following exceptions:
 - A fish welfare issue, e.g. an angler is having difficulties unhooking a fish.
 - An angler welfare issue, e.g. an angler's line is stuck in vegetation/bank/platform, and they are having to 'pull for a break'.

13. No competitor will have live or dead fish in their possession before the National.
14. The duration of both the Championships will be five hours for Junior and Youth categories and four hours for the Cadet category.
15. Before the starting signal no competitor must on any account groundbait or loosefeed the swim but will be allowed to:

- Wet a line
- Plumb the depth
- Test their floats
- Mix or wet groundbait
- Clear their peg of weed or obstructions
- Position their equipment

You cannot:

- Cast a feeder – a bomb must be used
- Ship out any form of pot (pole-mounted or cupping kit) over the water

16. Anglers may fish no further than half the distance between themselves and the next occupied peg. Where anglers are drawn on opposite banks, the limit of the swim is the line halfway between each bank or any physical obstacle that cannot be fished over (i.e island/rope/fence etc).

If there is ONE (1) unoccupied peg between anglers, they may each go as far as the nearest platform leg when fishing in the margins. When there are TWO (2) or more unoccupied pegs between anglers, each may go up to the far leg of the next platform.

If any clarity is required on the day, the assistance of a steward or Angling Trust Competitions team member should be sought immediately. Competitors, parents and guardians are reminded to act in a sporting manner at all times, and that pole limits do apply.

17. In an extreme situation e.g. snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from their neighbour/neighbours before moving from their designated peg to try and remedy the situation. Young anglers may also be assisted in this instance (where necessary) by a guardian/parent/coach to prevent them from coming to harm.
18. No competitor may leave their peg during the Championship other than to go to the toilet. However, in the event of an emergency and/or severe weather conditions, a competitor may leave their peg but only with permission from the steward. In such circumstances the senior steward may decide in the best interests of the competitors that fishing should be suspended. In a worst-case-scenario, fishing may be terminated by the senior steward upon an instruction from the Angling Trust Competitions team.
19. A competitor must not cause annoyance to seek to interfere with another competitor during the course of the National. They must act in a sporting manner at all times.
20. 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 in a position behind them, providing no such other tackle is baited.

21. Maximum length of poles: Cadet National 11m, Junior National 13m, and Youth National 13ms. Floating poles are not permitted. We actively encourage anglers to measure their poles and make tape markings. Aspects like the use of shorter top kits and short No 4 sections should be taken into account. Fishery rules on pole limits will not apply.
22. Braided hooklengths are not permitted.
23. The use of live or dead fish, spinning baits and artificial lures as baits is banned.
24. Surface floating baits, either as hook or feed are not allowed.
25. The use of electronic fish finders is forbidden.
26. 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.
27. All feed may be introduced by hand, catapult, throwing stick, swimfeeder, bait dropper or pole cup/pot, but no other mechanical means of projecting feed is allowed. Spodding is not permitted. No bait shall be introduced with an extra pole or rod while continuing to fish.
28. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish from the confines of their own peg. (see rule 16). Hand-lining fish is not permitted - this includes hand lining elastics and line.
29. All keepnets, landing nets and tackle must conform to national Environment Agency byelaws.
30. 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 all-in.
31. All fish caught are eligible for weighing except game fish and pike. Crustaceans (e.g crayfish) do not count.
32. Competitors must, if possible, 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 match and return the fish alive to the water.
33. 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.
34. All competitors will remain at their pegs until details of their weight have been recorded by the steward, except for the purpose of clearing litter from their swims or as defined in rule 18.
35. 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.
36. Both the competitor and weigher in MUST ensure that the correct procedure for transferring fish from a keepnet to weigh net is followed. This MUST utilise either: pulling a lower ring through and sliding fish into the weighing sling or swimming them up the keepnet, then sliding.
37. The individual weight of each competitor will be recorded to the lowest possible denomination on the scales provided.
38. Each competitor will be responsible for ensuring that the weight of their catch is correctly recorded by the steward on the weigh sheet.

39. Any dead fish should be weighed and recorded separately; the steward will clearly mark this on the weigh sheet. The decision as to whether the dead fish will be added to the weight of the anglers catch will be at the discretion of the Angling Trust Competitions team.

40. The result of the team competition shall be determined on a penalty points system. The top weight in each section shall receive one point, the second highest weight one point more and so on. In the event of anglers failing to catch a fish, together with absent or disqualified anglers, they shall receive section maximum points.

41. In the event of more than one competitor recording the same weight in the same section, those competitors will receive equal points. For example, if two anglers were to tie in fifth place, they would both receive five section points. The angler with next lower weight will then be awarded seven section points.

42. In the event of more than one team having the same total points, their final positions will be decided by total team weight.

43. All competitors must conform to Environment Agency byelaws. Any competitor reported to the Angling Trust Competitions team by the Environment Agency for being unable to produce a valid fishing

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.

44. Any challenge must be lodged with a member of the Angling Trust Competitions team or senior section steward no later than one hour after the end of the match and before the results are published. Irregularities which are brought to notice at a later date may be dealt with only by and at the discretion of the Angling Trust Competitions team.

45. If in the opinion of the Angling Trust Competitions 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 Angling Trust Competitions team that there has been an alleged breach of the rules, the Angling Trust Competitions team shall make a decision on all available facts and that decision will be final and binding.

46. Any team or competitor proved to be in contravention of these rules will be disqualified.

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The Angling Trust believes in clean sport and supports the anti-doping policies and anti-doping rules of [WADA](#), UKAD and the [International Angling Confederation](#) (CIPS) to ensure the integrity of our sport is protected. For further information, see our website.