



# EURO-25

FIPSeD 25th European Coarse Angling Championships  
River Bann, Portglenone, Newferry-Bellaghy. Northern Ireland



The Honourable  
The Irish Society



Comhairle Ceantair  
**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council

29 & 30 June

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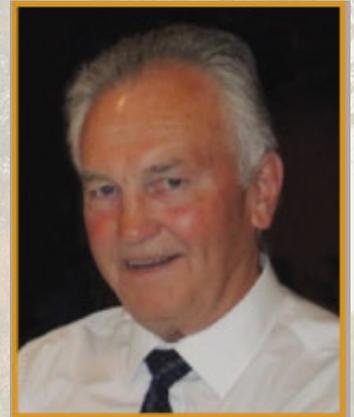
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## WELCOME

Dear President,

On behalf of the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland, NCFI representing coarse and predator angling on the island of Ireland. I am honoured with the privilege of inviting you to the 25th Anniversary edition of the FIP Sed European championships.



The magnificent River Bann, has a long-standing history with coarse angling and perhaps is most famous for the Bann Bonanza festival which has for many years attracting anglers from across Europe. Important for the future of our sport is the Mid Ulster Angling Facility at Portglenone, already the venue of the annual fishing competition for schools, the venue will be developed further to suit junior development and a multi amenity recreational trail, creating the only River venue of its kind in Northern Ireland.

I am looking forward to your visit and participation in this great contest and look forward to extending to you a warm Irish welcome and memorable experience.. We hope you will have good fishing and enjoy your visit.

Oliver McGauley  
Hon. President  
NCFI





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## INTRODUCTION

See for yourself the magical landscapes, forbidden forests and glacial valleys captured in the Game of Thrones or visit the worlds leading visitor attraction Titanic Belfast. Take the captivating coastal road to see the Giant's Causeway, one of Europe's most celebrated natural wonders, or feel the spray from the other side of the Atlantic.





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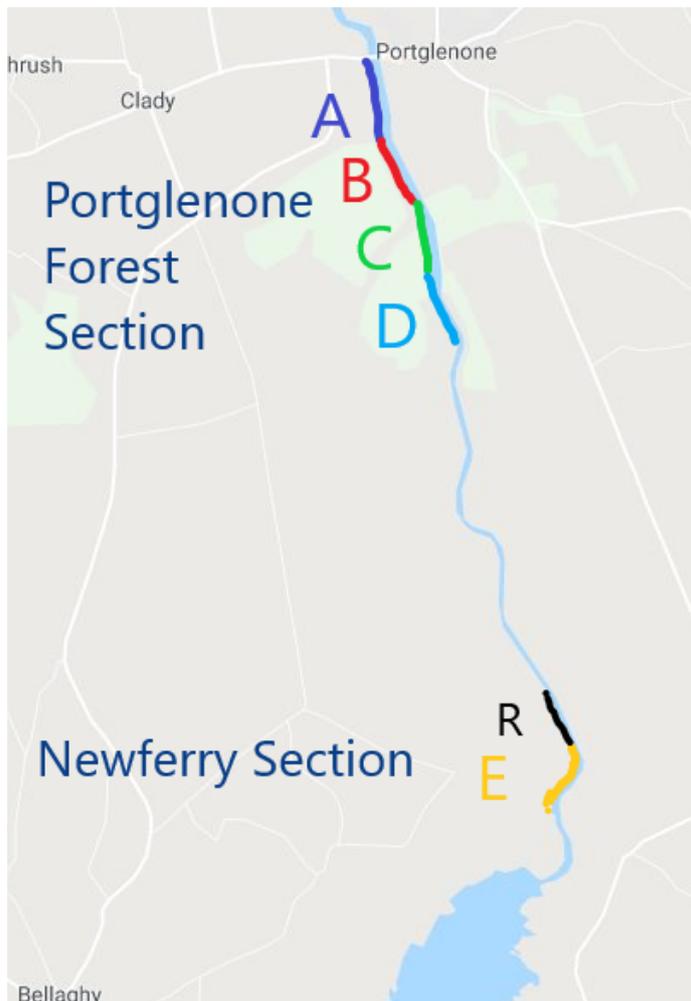
## LOCATION

The locality of the championships is based around two rural communities in the Central and Mid Ulster area of Northern Ireland, an area of natural beauty & heritage close to the city of Belfast. The village HQ for the Championships is [Bellaghy, Co. Londonderry](#). Standing at the heart of the place and the people who so inspired him is the Home Place of the poet and Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney where a stunning exhibition interprets his work. [Portglenone, Co. Antrim](#) nestles on the banks of the River Bann where you can walk from the town bridge to the area of Ancient Woodland where the River Bann flows through the forest. The current angling facility here is being upgraded paving the way for a multi-activity recreational trail alongside the River Bann and onto the community of [Newferry, Co. Antrim](#)



## VENUE

The River Bann is the longest river in Northern Ireland, the Upper and Lower Bann together reaching 129km winding its way to the North West coast widening in the middle at Lough Neagh. The Lower Bann at Portglenone has a rich angling heritage home to a number of large coarse angling festivals in years gone by.



The [Lower River Bann](#) is a canalised waterway of 60km with navigational locks. Popular with water enthusiasts it has minimal commercial traffic. Roach are the predominant species with hybrids, perch and the bonus bream.

The Championships will be based around the [Portglenone Forest](#) section with average depths of 5 to 7m. Here the river is lined with mature trees interspersed with angling stands at approx. 18m, accessed by a compact gravel road. A further section will be available downstream at [Newferry](#) with similar characteristics fishing from the bank surrounded by open grassland.





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## OPENING & CLOSING

### OPENING & PARADE OF THE NATIONS

**Thursday 27th June 18:00hrs**

The local community welcomes all representatives to congregate at the [Seamus Heaney Homeplace](#) in Bellaghy at 5.30pm to prepare to parade the nations to the [GAA Hall](#) for the official opening event.

### PRIZE GIVING

**Sunday 30th June 19:00hrs**

We welcome everyone to the presentation of medals at the [GAA Hall](#) in Bellaghy.



### GALA DINNER

**Sunday 30th June 20:00hrs**

We invite you to join us for an evening of celebration at the [Wild Duck Inn](#) on the banks of the river.

Portglenone, Ballymena BT44 8HR  
[www.wildduckinn.net](http://www.wildduckinn.net)



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## INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

Your country's delegation must proceed to the **GAA Hall** at Bellaghy, BT45 8LD for registration where the organisers will be present from 11:00hrs to 18:00hrs on Sunday 23rd June

Organiser Contacts:

Jack Tisdall + 44 7813 333694 Helen Rainsford + 44 7711 607200  
Tommy Lawton + 353 86 104 3040

At registration each team must provide their national flag and anthem.

### OFFICIAL TRAINING

For official training the drawing of the boxes will take place at the **GAA Hall** at Bellaghy, BT45 8LD on Monday at 07:00hrs.

**Training Times:**

**Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June, 10:00 to 18:00hrs**

**Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June, 10:00 to 14:00hrs**

### CAPTAINS MEETING

The Captains Meetings and Draws will take place at the Championships HQ. Bait supplied will also be delivered here.

**GAA Hall, 12 Ballyscullion Road, Bellaghy, Magherafelt BT45 8LD**

Close by is main street, Bellaghy where you will find a café serving breakfast, takeaway food and grocery supplies.





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## COMPETITION PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 28**

**15:00** Captains Meeting and drawing of sectors at [GAA Hall](#)

**SAT  
JUNE 29**

**07:00** Drawing of positions & distribution of back numbers at [GAA Hall](#)

**08:00** 1st Signal - Competitors may enter their box

**08:45** 2nd Signal - 5 min warning ahead of bait check

**08:50** 3rd Signal - Bait/Ground Bait checks commence

**09:50** 4th Signal - Heavy baiting, No fishing

**10:00** 5th Signal - Beginning of competition

**13:55** 6th Signal - 5 min warning to end of fishing

**14:00** 7th Signal - Stop fishing. Weigh-in commences.

**16:00** Day One Results published at [GAA Hall](#)

**17:00** Captains Meeting and Draw at [GAA Hall](#)

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 30**

**07.00** Drawing of positions & distribution of back no's.

**08.00** 1st Signal - Competitors may enter their box

**08.45** 2nd Signal - 5 min warning ahead of bait check

**08.50** 3rd Signal - Bait/Ground Bait checks commence

**09.50** 4th Signal - Heavy baiting, No fishing

**10:00** 5th Signal - Beginning of competition

**13.55** 6th Signal - 5 min warning to end of fishing

**14.00** 7th Signal - Stop fishing. Weigh-in commences.

**16.00** Day Two & Final Results published at [GAA Hall](#)

**19.00** Prize Giving Ceremony at [GAA Hall](#)

**20.00** Gala Dinner at [Wild Duck Inn](#)



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## TRAVEL

### BY AIR

The locality of the championships is just 30km and half an hours drive from Belfast International Airport which the gateway to many destinations across Europe and the USA.



#### **Belfast International Airport**

Belfast, BT29 4AB

[www.belfastairport.com](http://www.belfastairport.com)

#### **George Best Belfast City Airport**

Belfast BT3 9JH

[www.belfastcityairport.com](http://www.belfastcityairport.com)

#### **City of Derry Airport**

Eglinton, Co. Derry BT47 3GY

[www.cityofderryairport.com](http://www.cityofderryairport.com)

### BY SEA

Belfast and Troon ferry ports are within a 40 minute drive away and offer several sailings from the UK.

#### **P&O Ferries**

Larne to Cairnryan & Troon

[www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com)

#### **Stenaline**

Belfast to Cairnryan, Belfast to Liverpool

[www.stenaline.co.uk](http://www.stenaline.co.uk)

Dublin airport is located 200km and 2hrs, 20m drive away and provides access to further destinations. Dublin Ferry Port offers additional sailings to and from Holyhead, Wales with Stenaline and Irish Ferries.

Please check visa requirements if travelling via the Republic of Ireland



# ACCOMMODATION

A hotel in the beautiful countryside, friendly B&B, quirky guesthouse or self catering - there is an array of accommodation and over 1000 beds available within 15 miles of the venue, just waiting to make you feel at home.

## Walsh's Hotel Maghera

Walsh's Hotel is built on the site of the historic "Inn of Maghera". A family run hotel, all 17 bedrooms are en-suite and beautifully decorated in keeping with the history of the hotel. Enjoy a quality meal in the elegant Silverhill Restaurant or in Jack's Bar. Live music every weekend in Jack's Bar and DJ in our basement night club. Conference and functions are catered for in the Great Hall or Tower Room. Centrally located at the foot of the Sperrin Mountains, only 27 miles from the North Coast, 31 miles to Derry City and 40 miles to Belfast.

**Rates:**  
B&B from €65 single,  
€89 Double per night.



53 Main Street,  
Maghera, BT46 5NB  
T: (028) 7954 9100  
E: info@walshshotel.com  
W: www.walshshotel.com

## Homeplace Retreat Bellaghy Bellaghy

Spacious 4 bedroom house finished to a very high standard with patio and large mature gardens to rear. Large kitchen, dining and lounge with attractive furnishings. Large patio area to rear looking out onto woodland garden and garden reading room. Situated on the Ballymacombs Road near St Mary's Chapel Bellaghy and within minutes of the Seamus Heaney HomePlace, 45 mins from Belfast, Giant's Causeway, North Coast Beaches, Bushmills Whisky Distillery and minutes away from golf courses, forests, hill walking and fishing at Fisherman's Walk Portlengone.

**Rates:**  
See [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) (vary according to duration and season)



Homeplace Retreat The Wood  
100 Ballymacombs Road Bellaghy BT45 9JP  
T: 079 1278 2056  
E: bookings@homeplaceretreat.com  
W: www.homeplaceretreat.com

## An Teach Glas \*\*\*\* Maghera

Situated at the foot of Carntogher Mountain, these houses offer fully equipped self-catering accommodation. Centrally situated just off the Glenshane Pass (A6) between Belfast and Derry. Also convenient to Maghera and Causeway Coast. Teach Loch Bran and Teach Shul Finn, offer three bedrooms with two having en-suite facilities. Each house sleeps 8 with a double, twin and triple room. Open plan Kitchen/Dining/Living Room areas are exceptionally well appointed and equipped.

**Rates:**  
From €120 per night



132C & 132D Tirkane Road, Maghera,  
Co. Derry BT46 5NH  
T: (028) 7954 9978  
E: anteachglas@ancam.org  
W: <http://ancam.org/en/hire-our-facilities/an-teach-glas>

## Tafelta Cottage \*\*\*\* Magherafelt

A luxury 4 bedroom country cottage, located just 2 miles from Magherafelt with views over the Sperrins. Tafelta Cottage, is situated in rural Mid Ulster with all the main attractions within a 40 mile radius. C/W Kingsize beds, one ensuite, upstairs bathroom. Ground floor bedroom with Kingsize bed and adjacent bathroom, with wheelchair access. Taxi service available from family run business with car and 8 seater bus with electric wheelchair lift.

**Rates:**  
From €500 per week



9c Ballymoughan Lane,  
Magherafelt BT45 6HW  
M: 078 5041 8618  
E: sidneyscott@hotmail.com

For a full range of accommodation  
& further information please visit

[www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)



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## USEFUL LINKS

The official website providing all the information you require about the championships including a wide range of accommodation in the local area.

[www.ncffi.ie/Euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/Euro25)

For further Information visit:

[www.midulstercouncil.org/tourism](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/tourism)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com)

[www.honourableirishsociety.org.uk](http://www.honourableirishsociety.org.uk)

[www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org)

[www.bluewaysireland.org](http://www.bluewaysireland.org)

[www.angling.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.angling.nidirect.gov.uk)



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## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

CATEGORY	NO. OF PERSONS
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS	
EXTRA GALA DINNER TICKETS REQUIRED	
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING	
ARRIVAL DATE	
ACCOMMODATION NAME	
TOTAL PAID	€

<p>Registration: FIPS-ed Fee €150          6 Angling permits &amp; licenses &amp; 9 Gala Dinner Tickets: €1300          Cost of additional Gala Dinner Tickets: €60          Nations are responsible for their own accommodation costs and expenses</p>	
Account Name	National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland
Payment Reference	EURO25 + YOUR NATION
Bank	Allied Irish Bank
Address	Lisduggan, Co. Waterford, Ireland
IBAN	IE37AIBK93411910478129
BIC	AIBKIE2D

Register on-line at [www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)  
 OR download form and email to [secretary@ncffi.ie](mailto:secretary@ncffi.ie)  
 Registration Enquiries Tel: + 353 86 104 3040

Payment and Registration no later than **30th April 2019**





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## ENTRY FORM

<b>NATION</b>	
<b>FEDERATION</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CONTACT</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	

	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME (FAMILY NAME)</b>
<b>CAPTAIN</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> CAPTAIN</b>		
<b>ATHLETE</b>		
<b>RESERVE</b>		
<b>DELEGATE</b>		

Register on-line at [www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)

OR download form and email to [secretary@ncffi.ie](mailto:secretary@ncffi.ie)

Registration Enquiries Tel: + 353 86 104 3040

Registration & Payment no later than **30th April 2019**

Download the Entry Form at [www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)





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## ANGLING INFORMATION

The competition venues on the Lower River Bann at Portglenone and Newferry will be closed to all competitors for the period Monday 10th June to Sunday 23rd June.

### LICENCES & PERMITS

Licences and Permits will be distributed on Sunday 23rd June for the six championship anglers. You will be asked to provide the information required to process these documents when you register for the competition.

To fish on the River Bann outside of the training & competition days a License and a Permit is required.

#### Licence

You require a [Licence Only for Coarse](#)

Price: 14 Day £9.00 3 Day £3.50

Buy on line here [www.angling.nidirect.gov.uk/citizen](http://www.angling.nidirect.gov.uk/citizen)

#### Permit

You require a [Coarse Angling Permit](#)

Price: 8 Day £20.00 3 Day £10.00

Email: [theirishsociety@btconnect.com](mailto:theirishsociety@btconnect.com)

Tel: + 44 (0) 28 7034 4796

[Download the Permit Order Form at www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)





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## BAIT

### BAIT & GROUND BAIT LIMITS

Ground Bait Maximum 20L Total. May include earth, gravel, corn, maize, wheat, hempseed and other natural items.

Bait Maximum 2.5L Total. Of which a maximum 0.5L may be Joker. Bloodworm for the hook only. A maximum of 0.5 Ltires of earthworms are allowed in the total baits.

### BLOODWORM & JOKER

Klásek Trading will deliver by road Bloodworm & Joker ordered in advance to the venue on Monday 24th June. For the competition days new supplies will be flown in for collection on Thursday 27th June.

ITEM	DELIVERY Mon 24	DELIVERY Fri 29
Bloodworm	€90 1kg	€120 1kg
Joker	€18 1kg	€30 1kg

To order contact Petr Klásek tel: +420 776 888 889 OR by Email: [petr.klasek@klasektrading.cz](mailto:petr.klasek@klasektrading.cz)

All bait supplies will be available for collection on the specified days at the [GAA Hall](#) in Bellaghy.



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## OFFICIAL BAIT PRICES & ORDER FORM

LIVE BAIT	€	Monday	Wed	Sat			Total
Dendrobaena Worms	1kg						
	€27.00						
Casters	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
White Maggots	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
Fluro Maggots	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
Yellow Maggots	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
Red Maggots	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
Pinkies Red	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
Pinkies Mixed	1 Ltr.						
	€7.25						
<b>BULK BREADCRUMB</b>							
Black Crumb	20kg						
	€35.00						
Brown Crumb	20kg						
	€30.00						
<b>HEMP PRODUCTS</b>							
Crushed Hemp	500g						
	€4.00						
Canned Hemp	350gr						
	€3.00						

### IRISH BAIT & TACKLE LTD



Country:

.....

Contact:

.....

Total:

**Please mail your order to Irish Bait & Tackle Ltd by 31st May 2019 to guarantee delivery.**

Tel: + 353 49 952 6258

Email: [enquiries@irishbaitandtackle.com](mailto:enquiries@irishbaitandtackle.com)

Download the Bait Order Form at [www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)





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## ESSENTIAL ANTI-DOPING ADVICE

**Athletes are reminded if they take any medication they must check it against the WADA Prohibited Substance & Methods list.**

Particular attention must be paid to the use of anti-hypertensive agents, especially diuretics, which are popular in singular preparation and/or in a combination with other normally permitted drugs. Diuretics are always forbidden.

**Every athlete  
has a right to  
clean sport**



WORLD ANTI DOPING AGENCY

For these reasons, it is necessary for every athlete or National Federation to check the list for prohibited substances and process a TUE as necessary. The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must be granted before taking a prohibited medication.

An application for a TUE must be requested 30 days before taking part in the championships. The application forms must be filled in carefully with your physician/doctor who must authorise the application. A physician's certificate or prescription on its own does not mean that the athlete has permission to use the prohibited substance or method.

The application should be completed either in English or French directly to the office of the CIPS President.

Email: [office@cips-fips.com](mailto:office@cips-fips.com)

**Download the List & TUE Form at [www.ncffi.ie/euro25](http://www.ncffi.ie/euro25)**





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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Money

The currency of Northern Ireland is £ Sterling. Main credit cards are in general use. € Euro is the currency in the Republic of Ireland, although most large stores in Northern Ireland will accept Euro notes, they will not accept coins. It is recommended that you enquire about exchange rates and charges.

Banks are generally open Mon to Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm. ATM machines are widely available.

### Telephone

The international dialling code for Northern Ireland is + 44, for the Republic of Ireland it is + 353.

To dial a local number when in Northern Ireland dial + 44 28 and then the 8 digit number.

Mobile coverage can be limited in rural areas. There are no roaming charges but please check with your provider.

WIFI is widely available.

### Driving

Drive on the Left and overtake on the Right is the rule of the Road on the island of Ireland. In Northern Ireland distance is advertised in miles and speed recorded in miles per hour (mph). Speed limits are 30mph in towns unless shown otherwise, 60mph on single carriageway roads and 70mph on dual carriageways and motorways.

Seat belts are mandatory for drivers and all passengers. If travelling through the Republic of Ireland some motorways are subject to tolls.

### Visa

Please also check visa requirements if travelling through the Republic of Ireland.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Call **999** in an emergency to contact the Police, Fire, Ambulance or Coastguard.

### Accident & Emergency

Craigavon Hospital  
Craigavon, Co. Armagh

Tel: + 44 28 3833 4444

Out of hours Doctor: + 44 28 3839 9201

### Minor Injuries

Mid Ulster Hospital  
Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry

Tel: + 44 28 7936 6720

Out of hours Doctor: + 44 28 2566 3500

Omagh County Hospital  
Omagh, Co. Tyrone

Tel: + 44 28 8283 3100

Out of hours Doctor: + 44 28 7186 5915

South Tyrone Area Hospital  
Dungannon, Co. Tyrone

Tel: + 44 28 8771 3599

Out of hours Doctor: + 44 28 3839 9201

### IMPORTANT

You are advised to purchase suitable health insurance ahead of travel.

If you take medication you must check it against the Prohibited List as issued by WADA.

A Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must be granted before taking a prohibited medication. An application for a TUE must be requested 30 days before taking part in the Championships.