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2026 COMPETITIONS CORBET LOUGH & RIVER BANN

EXPECTED CODE OF CONDUCT

Club Members and Day Ticket holders are expected to behave in an orderly, courteous and sportsman-like manner towards each other, Officials and Club Bailiffs of Banbridge Angling Club Limited at all times.

Unbecoming behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in the Member or Day Ticket holder being asked to leave the waters or premises.
Members may be subject to disciplinary action by the committee and Day Ticket holders may be refused future entry to Club waters or premises.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRANCE TO COMPETITIONS

If any prize winner does not attend the Club's annual prize presentation ceremony to collect their prizes, he/she forfeits all prize money accrued during the year. This will be donated to a local charity.



NOTE:

Anglers to note applicable regulations for each competition.

The Captain of the Day's decision is final.

**All Corbet Lough Competitions will be shore angling only,
unless otherwise stated.**

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Senior & Juvenile Competition Dates 2026

March 7th

BOBBY BLAKLEY CUP & MARTIN DYNES CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

March 21st

BRUCE CARSON TROPHY & CARSON CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

March 28th

ANGELA MURTAGH CUP & IDEAL FLOORING CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

April 4th

DOMINIC DOWNEY CUP & PADDY DOWNEY CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

April 6th

LINDA MCCANDLESS CUP

River Bann 10am-5pm Catch & Release as per competition rules

April 18th

AIB CUP (ADULTS ONLY)

Lough Lene 10.30am-6pm
(Boat Fly Fishing only) -
(Adults only) Lough Lene,
Collinstown, Co. Westmeath
10.30am - 6pm. 2 fish bag
limit, start and finish point
to be the Boat Jetty Car
Park. Weigh in 6.00pm Sharp.
(Heaviest Bag)

May 4th

BRENDAN DOWNEY CUP (FLY ONLY) & CORBET JUNIOR CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 2pm-8pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

May 16th

STRAGHAN CUP (ADULTS ONLY)

Emy Lough Co. Monaghan
10.30am-4pm Catch &
Release as per competition
rules

May 20th

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION EVENING

Corbet Lough 7pm-9pm
(weather permitting)

May 30th

JIM LEDLIE CUP (FLY ONLY)

Corbet Lough 6.30pm-11pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

June 6th

PATSY MCGIVERN SHIELD & WILSON CLINGHAN CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 6.30pm-11pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

June 13th

LINDA CLINGHAN SHIELD

Lough Melvin 10.30am-
5.30pm Catch & Release as
per competition rules

June 20th

OTTERBURN TROPHY

Corbet Lough 6.30pm-11pm
Catch & Release as per
competition rules

June 25th - 26th

BOAT ANGLERS CUP (ADULTS ONLY) HEATS

Corbet Lough 6.15-10.15pm
Evening Sessions

June 27th

BOAT ANGLERS CUP (ADULTS ONLY) FINAL

Corbet Lough 6.15-10.15pm
Evening Sessions

July 4th

WOODS/MCCLORY CUP & CORBET CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 6.30pm-11pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

July 25th

DESSIE SMYTH CUP

River Bann 6.30pm-11pm
Catch & Release as per
competition rules

August 1st

JORDAN CUP & BARLOW SHIELD (JUV)

Corbet Lough 3pm-10pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

August 15th

SHOOTER CUP & GRAHAM CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

August 29th

HANLON CUP & HANLON CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

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September 12th

TOASTY JARDINE SHIELD & BANBRIDGE AC CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

September 26th

HUGH SAVAGE CUP & SUPER FRY CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

October 10th

GOWDY CUP & DYNES CUP (JUV)

Corbet Lough 11am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

October 24th

JOS WILLIS CUP & PERCY TROPHY (JUV)

Corbet Lough 10am-5pm
(Heaviest bag) (No Brown Trout to be dispatched)

A draw for boat partners will take place after the Linda Clingan Shield Competition on Saturday 13th June. Boats must be paid for by the date of the draw. Cost per competitor, shall be 50% of a four hour boat hire session, Payment and names can be given to Boat Attended or to any Banbridge Angling Club Committee member, this money is nonrefundable; no entries will be accepted after this date. Normal Competition fees shall apply and will be collected on day of the Competition.

RULES AS FOLLOWS:- 1. Competition will be fly-fishing from boat only. 2. Competition will be held on a catch and release basis, scorecards and measuring tapes will be provided. Anglers will record their catches on scorecards that will be signed off by their boat partner. Time & length of first fish caught, will be recorded on your card, and signed off by your boat partner. In the event of a draw of number of fish caught by anglers, the angler who caught their first fish in the shortest time shall win. If there is, still a tie after this then the angler who caught his or her third fish and longest fish in the shortest time will win competition, all measurements of fish shall be nose to fork of tail. 3. All Rainbow trout caught that are bleeding from being deeply hooked,

or show signs of non-recovery shall be immediately dispatched the fish will still count as part of his or hers overall fish caught tally and will be recorded on scorecard. All Brown Trout caught must be returned to the lake irrelevant of the condition the fish is in and will count as part of the anglers catch & release total. Corbet Lough bag limit will be implemented during competition as adopted at yearly AGM therefore, if an angler has to dispatch his or her bag limit of fish due to injury or non-recovery he or she must immediately stop fishing in accordance with the relevant Corbet Lough rules being implemented at time of competition. 4. Boat anglers to remain in the boat for the duration of the competition, boat anglers to agree between themselves who controls the boats engine, and the time duration of each anglers control of the boat. 5. All flies are permitted - fabs, boobies or any other floating flies used on sunken lines must be barbless or have barbs squeezed. - In addition to the above rules, all rules relating to boat angling on Corbet Lough also apply.

Note:

**Adult & Juvenile Competitions
Worm fishing in club competitions
to comply with Corbet Lough rule
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JARDINE CUP

Heaviest Game fish caught outside Competitions by a Juvenile angler. Must be weighed on Club Scales. Points awarded. Corbet Lough Rainbow Trout Only. River Bann Brown Trout Only.

KERR CUP

Heaviest Game fish caught outside Competitions on club waters by a senior angler. Must be weighed on Club Scales. Points awarded. Corbet Lough Rainbow Trout Only. River Bann Brown Trout Only

BRIAN COBURN CUP

Presented to the most promising Junior angler each season. No points awarded..

Additional Competition Rules

1. All Competition monies to be paid to Competition Secretary, no entries or money to be made with or left with the Boatlodge Attendant.
2. Anglers who are running late for a Competition start time or who know they will be late for the start time of a Competition, must inform the Competition Secretary via telephone or text (Contact details printed on front of the Competition sheet). No names shall be accepted for Competition entry after the start time of the Competition has elapsed. Responsibility for ensuring a name is registered for any given Competition rests solely with the individual angler.
3. All river Competitions are for Brown Trout only... Escaped Rainbow Trout do not count and will not be eligible to be weighed into a River Competition.
4. All river Competitions will be on a catch and release bases. Measuring mats will be supplied together with colour coded tags. Dated and timed photographic evidence of the anglers catch on the tagged measuring mat to be provided at the weigh-in.
5. All Brown Trout caught on Corbet Lough, must be returned to the Lough. No Brown Trout may be kept by any angler on Corbet Lough; anyone caught in the possession of a Brown Trout will face disciplinary action by Banbridge Angling Club Committee. This also includes Competitions. Any angler weighing in a Brown Trout in any Corbet Lough Competition will be disqualified and will face disciplinary action by Banbridge Angling Club Committee.
6. Additional rules relating to weigh-in procedures apply. Please refer to Competition Secretary, Club Website or Club Facebook page for details.

Please note that all anglers taking part in any Club Competitions shall do so at their own risk.

CORBET LOUGH RULES - 2026

- Lough will open March 1st.
- Fishing hours March to May and September to October inclusive will be 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. June, July and August will be 8.00 a.m. to midnight.
Anglers to be in car parks outside of these times.
- Methods will be orthodox fly fishing and spinning only. **Maggot fishing or ground baiting strictly not permitted.**
- Worm fishing will begin on **July 1st.**
- Anglers will be confined to one hook only when worm fishing. No droppers.
- Two rods may be carried but one rod must be completely unassembled at the Lough – **No reel mounted.**
- Rods unattended or left in charge of other anglers while assembled is strictly prohibited.
- Spinning is permitted from the Newcastle side of the Lough only.
- 9. Bag Limit** – Bag limit for all methods will be two Rainbow Trout
- 10. Brown Trout** – All Brown Trout caught must be carefully released regardless of angling method.
- 11. Fly Fishing** – Anglers who are fly fishing from the shore are permitted to dispatch two Rainbow Trout and continue fishing catch and release.
- 12. Spinning** – Spinning will be catch and release using baits with one single barbless hook or de-barbed hook. No treble or double hooks permitted. Anglers who are Spinning from the shore are permitted to

dispatch two Rainbow Trout and continue fishing catch and release. All fish being released must be un-damaged.

- 13. Worm Fishing** – All Brown Trout caught using worms must be released undamaged. All Rainbow Trout caught using worms must be dispatched. Two fish Bag limit. Once bag limit is attained anglers must dismantle their rod and detach the reel.
- Anglers must use front entrance only when entering or leaving the Lough.
- The wearing of chest or waist waders is permitted, but anglers are prohibited from exceeding thigh wader level.
- Lighting of fires is prohibited.
- Strictly no litter must be left at the Lough, or where cars are parked. First offence under this rule will mean expulsion from the Club.
- Any fish dispatched at the Corbet Lough must be kept by the angler for inspection and must not be given into the possession of anyone else whilst the angler is still at the Corbet Lough. This is to include the car park at the front of the Lough.
- Net to be used for landing all fish.
- The three stands on the Banbridge shore are for disabled anglers use only.

Note: worm fishing at Lough is confined to Club members and holders of disabled day tickets from July 1st.

Note: Corbet Lough boat rules apply. These can be obtained from the Booking Office at Corbet Lough or Downloaded from the Club's web site at www.banbridgeanglingclub.co.uk

RIVER BANN RULES - 2026

- River Bann will open on 1st March.
- All fish caught on the River Bann are to be returned
- No maggots or grub fishing.
- No ground baiting.
- The lighting of fires is prohibited.
- Strictly no litter must be left along the riverbank or where cars are parked.
- Leave gates as you find them (either open or closed).
- Permit holders must confine to one rod only at a time
- Permit holders must observe and obey any Club Notices which are erected on stretches of the river (e.g. No Sunday Fishing, No Spinning, etc.)

- Permit holders must only use the stiles which are provided and must not break down any fences or ditches.
- Permit holders must respect any Crops and Livestock and not cause or be the cause of any damage thereto.
- Permit holders must obey the directions and orders of any duly authorised Officer or Bailiff of the Club and produce the permit when requested so to do by such Officer or Bailiff.
- The Club reserve the right to alter or revoke these conditions, or to withdraw this permit at any time
- Anglers to note separate Competition Rules. These can be obtained from the Club's

Competition Sheet and/or the Competition Secretary.

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All anglers fishing the River Bann to fish catch and release. Banbridge Angling Club encourages all anglers to use single barbless/de-barbed hooks to help conserve the indigenous wild brown trout.

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COMPETITION NOTE:

For any river competition where conditions are deemed unsuitable for angling the river competition will be transferred to the Corbet Lough. Additional time will be allowed for this change. Competition Secretary to advise full details to Competitors at the competition.

