

European Shore Championship 2019 • Akureyri May 2019 • Newsletter no. 3

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The organizing work for the European Shore Championship to be held from Akureyri, North-Iceland 1st May to 4th May 2019 is almost completed.

Information

Entries for the venue: There are 56 anglers competing in the Championship from 7 Sections; England (11), Germany (8), Iceland (5), Ireland (10), Netherlands (8), Scotland (6) and Wales (8).

The fishing spots: We will be fishing from three different shores/spots: Nearby the center of Akureyri, from the piers in Akureyri and from a nearby village of Hjalteyri. Information which spot we will be fishing will be announced at the registration or at the start of each fishing day.

Fishing rules: See below. A maximum of **two hooks** are allowed with minimum **size of 14 mm**.

Please note that this rule has been changed from minimum gape of 14 mm to minimum size of 14 mm.

The point system and fishing: The Championship is a Shore Championship with unlimited amount of fish to count for points. The calculation of each day result is done by adding the total running length of your fish with the number of your fish multiplied with a constant of five (Total length of fish + No. of fish x 5 = Total fish points of the day).

The zones: We will fish from 5 zones; A, B, C, D and E and your place will be drawn at the registration Wednesday 1st May. The winner of a zone each day is the angler with the most fish points that day.

The winner of the Championship: If two anglers are with the same total zone points for all the fishing days then the fish points will decide who is the winner. If two anglers are with the same total zone points and the same fish points, then the number of fish will decide who is the winner.

Fish to catch: Cod, Coalfish, Haddock, Dab, Catfish (Wolf fish) and Whiting. We expect to fish few Shorthorn Sculpin (Scorpion fish), Rough Dab, Flounder, Halibut and Plaice and maybe some Thorny Ray, Redfish and Pollock.

The fishing: Put all your fish into your bucket. You do not need to bleed the fish. The shore Stewards will measure and write your fish down on the Scorecard and take care of the fish. If the fish is live able it will be released. *Please note that this rule has been changed.*

Bait: We will use Blueeye and/or Mackerel.

Teams: It is free of charge to register into teams. The drawing into teams will be done with blind draw at registration on Wednesday 1st May.

Tackle shop: There is a tackle shop in Akureyri.

Clothing: It can be cold and windy in early May in Iceland. Bring warm cloths and boots.

Travel information to Akureyri: See below.

EFSA uniform: You have to wear EFSA uniform at the Prize giving Ceremony and at the Gala dinner.

Protest Committee: Phil Lusting (EFSA HQ), Helgi Bergsson (EFSA Iceland), and three other committee members from representing Sections. Protest Committee meetings to be held at Hotel Kjarnalundur the HQ hotel.

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EFSA European Shore Championship Programme and Timetable of Events

Wednesday 1st May

20:00. Registration and drawing of Zones at HQ Hotel.

Thursday 2nd May

10:00. Buses depart for Venues.

12:00. Drawing of Pegs at Zones, distribution of bait.

13:00. Start fishing - at signal.

18:00. Lines up.

19:00. Buses depart for Hotel.

Friday 3th May

11:00. Buses depart for Venues.

12:00. Drawing of Pegs at Zones, distribution of bait.

13:00. Start fishing - at signal.

18:00. Lines up.

19:00. Buses depart for Hotel.

Saturday 4th May

09:00. Buses depart for Venues.

10:00. Drawing of Pegs at Zones, distribution of bait.

11:00. Start fishing - at signal.

16:00. Lines up.

17:00. Buses depart for Hotel.

21:00. Prize giving and Gala Dinner.

The times and programme are subject to alteration at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Trophy and Medal List

European Shore Champion Prizes

Category	Medal/Pins	Prizes
Individual Shore Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals and EFSA Pins	1st – 3rd
Lady European Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd
Life Member Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd
Best Senior	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd
Best Junior	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd
Team of Two	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (2)	1st – 3rd
Executive Team	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (3)	1st – 3rd
Team of Four	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)	1st – 3rd
National Team Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (5)	1st – 3rd
Largest Fish	Gold	1st
Largest Flatfish	Gold	1st

The first three individuals will be rewarded with the Championships Shore Pins as European Shore Champions 2019.

Things to know

Our beaches are mainly rocky beaches therefore good footwear is recommended. Venues are at several places in Eyjafjordur area mainly in shorter distance than 30 minutes drive from HQ hotel. Fishing is usually very good, consisting mainly of Cod and Dabs. Several other species can be caught, Haddock, Coalfish, Long Rough Dab, Whiting, Plaice, Catfish, Thorny Ray, Shorthorn Sculpin, Halibut and Flounder.

You can unhook your trace after pulling in fish and put a new trace on and cast out again but you must unhook your fish, put it in your box/bucket (or releasing it if undersize) before pulling in again. Most of the fish will reach the minimum size, some codling and coalfish though can be too small. Fishing will take place in daylight so no headlights should be necessary.

Most common traces are Paternosters but one up/one down is also commonly used. In most cases gripped leads are not necessary, there is no heavy current but sometimes it can blow a little. The fish is both close to shore and further out so you do not have to be a super caster to fish. Sometimes it is even better to fish closer to the shore.

There can be a bit of seaweed few meters out so try to lift your fish from the bottom when pulling in. A maximum of two hooks with minimum size of 14mm are allowed and the bait will be Blueeye and/or Mackerel. Bait will be distributed at the drawing of Pegs one hour prior to fishing.

Championship Rules 2019 Akureyri Iceland

1. The Championship will be fished to the EFSA General Shore Fishing Rules governing at the time of the Championship unless otherwise stated.
2. Only one rod and reel may be used at the time, a second rod may be assembled but no terminal tackle attached.
3. A maximum of **two hooks** with minimum **size 14 mm** are allowed on a trace. No trebles are allowed.
4. Spare baited traces are allowed.
5. No wading above knee level.
6. Competitors must return to their peg on the foreshore after casting. Competitors are not allowed to leave their peg while their trace is in the sea.
7. No pendulum casting is allowed.
8. Anglers will be drawn into their zones at registration and must fish from their allocated peg as drawn at peg no. 1 at their zone, one hour prior to the session.
9. The only bait allowed is the one supplied by EFSA Iceland with NO bait additives.
10. Unused bait must be disposed of at the end of each session and not carried over.
11. Competitor must put all fish in a supplied box at their peg before he/she can reel in again.
12. Undersized fish must be returned.
13. Competitors trying to increase the length of any fish will be disqualified.
14. Stewards will be on each zone collecting and measuring the fish for the competitors and signing their score card. All fish caught is the property of EFSA Iceland.
15. Each angler must return their score card to the Steward at the end of the session and sign the Master-card for their score before leaving the beach. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
16. Anglers must remove all litter, bait and dead fish from their peg on the shore at the end of each session.
17. The Organizers shall not be liable for any loss or damage incurred during the Championship.
18. The relevant team captain must hand any complaint, in writing, to the Organizers within 1 hour of the end of the session.
19. All fish are measured in centimetres and must be over 20 centimetres except for Cod and Coalfish which must be over 35 centimetres. Ray or Skate must be measured across the wings.
20. The protest committee will consist of Phil Lusting (EFSA HQ), Helgi Bergsson (EFSA Iceland), and three other committee members from representing Sections.
21. The results will be published two hour prior to the Prize giving.

Travel information to Iceland and Akureyri

There are several international airlines with regular flight schedules to Iceland.
Icelandair: icelandair.com, Wowair: wowair.com, Various international airlines from Europe.

From Reykjavik (Keflavik) international airport to Akureyri.

Flying to Akureyri.

Drive from Keflavik to Reykjavik approx. 45 km. Domestic flights from Reykjavik to Akureyri. Air Iceland Connect. <https://www.airicelandconnect.is/>

Driving to Akureyri.

Rent a car at the airport and drive to Akureyri - approx. 5-6 hours and 433 km. At the airport there are several rentals i.e. Avis, Euro Car, Hertz, Budget Car and more.

Take the main road: Keflavik-Reykjavik 45 km. When you are in Reykjavik you will see a big mountain Esja in direction north. Drive towards the mountain and you will be out of Reykjavik. Take the A1 to the tunnel that goes under the fjord Hvalfjordur, free of charge, and drive to Borgarnes.

When out of Borgarnes, drive on and you will see a road sign to Akureyri 314 km.

The HQ hotel, Hotel Kjarnaskogur, is very near Akureyri's airport.