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"PROMOTING COMPETITION SPORTS FLY FISHING IN AUSTRALIA"

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XXXII Australian Fly-Fishing Championships
2025 Nationals – Banjo Paterson Inn, Jindabyne
19-22 November 2025
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Fly Fish Australia Inc (FFA) is staging the XXXII Australia Fly Fishing Championships from the Banjo Paterson Inn, Jindabyne NSW. The event is being hosted by the FFA NSW/ACT Chapter. All key event activities will be conducted from the championship headquarters at the Banjo Paterson Inn. Competitors will need to make their own accommodation and meal arrangements. The exception being at registration on the 19th November there will be finger food provided and the closing ceremony meal on the 22nd November. Closing dinner is ticket only purchased at registration on line.

The 2025 Nationals are the final qualifying event for selection of international teams in 2027. The waters chosen for this year's Championships are:

Sector I – Kalkite (Lake Jindabyne) – loch style boat
Sector II – Murray River, Tom Groggin– River
(alternate Hatchery Bay, Lake Jindabyne – bank session)
Sector III – Braemar (Lake Eucumbene) – loch style boat
Sector IV – Caddigat Lake (Dixieland) – loch style boat
Sector V – Rodney George (Dixieland) – bank session

Detailed information on the sectors, meeting places, travel times and sector rotations can be found in the "Sectors and Rotations" details attached below.

The organising committee reserves the right to vary these sectors in accordance with the FFA Competition Rules should it become necessary. Please note the change to Sector IV which was Lake Eucumbene (Frying Pan) and is now Caddigat Lake at Dixieland. Any other changes will be notified on the FFA website or at the competitor briefing.

Registration Desk - Competitors must **register** and sign in at the registration desk at the competition HQ on Wednesday evening before the start of competition and prior to the competitor briefing as per the championships program. You will be given a registration package including your personalised beat/draw for the competition.

Transport: In line with the previous Nationals the organising committee has decided to use private vehicles. Competitors will be asked to carpool within their seeded group.

We invite you to read the following event information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Jane.

On behalf of the organising committee, I look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 Nationals and seeing you in Jindabyne.

Tight lines,

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NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

When you pay your entry fee to Fly Fish Australia (FFA) you are declaring that you have read and accept all the details and conditions of entry as set out in the following pages.

1. If you have any problems with the entry fee or the proposed basis for running the competition you must resolve those issues prior to paying your entry fee. Once you pay your entry fee for the 2025 Nationals, via the online nomination system on the FFA website www.flyfishaustralia.com.au you agree to the entry fee and the basis of running the competition. No correspondence will be entered into once you pay your entry fee.

2. FFA maintains a current Amateur Sports Insurance Policy including Volunteers Insurance, Public Liability Insurande and Indemnity Insurance. A copy of the Certificate of Currency is available on the FFA website. There are limits to the coverage afforded by this insurance and **all participants** are advised that they must ensure they have their own insurance coverage to protect them outside of the FFA insurance policy cover.

3. Studded and felt wading boots **must not** be worn on boats or transport provided. Penalty: You will incur disqualification from the session and personal liability to repair any damage.

4. It is the competitors and controllers responsibility to check the FFA website for any updates www.flyfishaustralia.com.au – please report any errors or omissions to the competition organiser at nswactchapter@flyfishaustralia.com.au

5. All competitors and controllers are responsible for their own personal protection equipment including hats, sunblock, sunglasses, water etc.

The competition headquarters including the venue for registration, introduction briefing, the NSW/ACT Chapter AGM, The FFA AGM and the Presentation Dinner will be:

Banjo Paterson Inn
1 Kosciuszko Road
Jindabyne
02 6456 2372
Website: banjopatersoninn.com.au

COMPETITION PROGRAM

Notes:

1. The details below may change at the discretion of the organising committee
2. Competition HQ is the Banjo Paterson Inn, Jindabyne
3. Competitors MUST report to the Sector Judge at the Muster Station at least 30 mins prior to start of each session – last minute safety instructions / meet controller. No extra time if you are late.
4. Sector V (Lake Bank, Rodney George lake) – 3x1hr periods on beat rotation with 15 minute changeover – note also **15 minute early start to coincide with boat steaming time.**
5. Scorecards **MUST** be signed by competitor (each fish) and signed off at end of session and handed to the Sector Judge (Lake Boat sessions) or Controller (River and Lake Bank sessions). It is recommended that competitors photograph their scorecard at the end of the session in case of dispute. Any protest details to be recorded on score card and to inform Sector Judge **before** departing Sector.
6. Boat Partners **MUST** help boat operators with launch and retrieval of boats and with drogue deployment if requested during the competition. Out of simple courtesy and to assist with efficient transfers.

Wednesday 19 November 2025		
10am	Controller Briefing and Beat Familiarisation (Murray River sector) TBC by Rob Staples Head Controller	Head Controller will brief controllers at Tom Groggin muster station (toilet block)
4pm – 5.30pm	Registration (pick up competition draw)	Competition HQ
5pm – 6pm	Finger Food (canapes)	Competition HQ
6pm – 7pm	Competitor Briefing – Mandatory Controllers – welcome / discretionary attendance	Competition HQ
Thursday 20 November 2025		
6am	Departure for Competition Sectors	As arranged by Groups
7.45am -8am	Steaming time for lake sectors	**Start Time 'Rodney George'**
8am – 11am	Session 1 – Competition	**ALL Other Sectors**
11am – 2pm	Changeover period / lunch	Movement to next Sector
2pm – 2.15pm	Steaming time for lake sectors	**Start Time 'Rodney George'**
2.15pm – 5.15pm	Session 2 - Competition	**ALL Other Sectors**
5.15pm	Return to Jindabyne	As arranged by Groups
Friday 21 November 2025		
6am	Departure for Competition Sectors	As arranged by Groups
7.45am -8am	Steaming time for lake sectors	**Start Time 'Rodney George'**
8am – 11am	Session 3 – Competition	**ALL Sectors**
11am – 2pm	Changeover period / lunch	Movement to next Sector
2pm – 2.15pm	Steaming time for lake sectors	**Start Time 'Rodney George'**
2.15pm – 5.15pm	Session 4 - Competition	**ALL Other Sectors**
5.15pm	Return to Jindabyne	As arranged by Groups
Saturday 22 November 2025		
6am	Departure for Competition Sectors	As arranged by Groups
7.45am -8am	Steaming time for lake sectors	**Start Time 'Rodney George'**
8am – 11am	Session 5 – Competition	**ALL Other Sectors**
11am – 2pm	Return to Jindabyne	
2pm – 3pm	NSW/ACT Chapter Annual general Meeting (AGM)	Competition HQ
3.15pm – 4.45pm	FFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Competition HQ
6pm -	Presentation Dinner	Competition HQ

COMPETITION RULES AND RULE MODIFICATIONS

The FFA Competition Rules 2025 (FFACR) apply to this competition. The following Rules are also highlighted:

Article 10.3 – Boats are **NOT** to be operated 'on the plane' during the first five (5) minutes of steaming time and boat operators must ensure every step is taken to minimise wash during this critical period of operation. There is no planing at all on Caddigat Lake (Sector IV).

Article 11.3 – Session competition times will be 8am to 11am for morning sessions and 2.15pm to 5.15pm for the afternoon sessions. Sector V Rodney George (lake bank) will be slightly longer (30 minutes) as there will be three rotations, i.e. 1 hour fishing, 15 minute rotation, 1 hour fishing, 15 minute rotation, 1 hour fishing. Rotation will be in a clockwise direction. Note start times for this sector to coincide with steaming time start (ie 0745am and 2pm respectively).
Article 25.1 – Minimum eligible size limit of fish for scoring purposes is 180mm.

The following rule modifications are included:

Article 10.11 – Steaming time for this competition has been extended to 15 minutes noting also that in the first five (5) minutes Article 10.3 is in force.

FISHING LICENCES AND NATIONAL PARK PERMITS

ALL anglers are required to hold a valid NSW State Recreational Fishing Licence.
As per NSW Fisheries regulations for rivers, you may carry four rigged rods but you can only fish with one rod at a time. This also applies for Sector V, Rodney George.

ALL vehicles entering the Kosciusko National Park (Murray River Sector) must obtain a day pass for their vehicle.

GROUP ROTATIONS

Sector I – Kalkite (Lake Jindabyne – loch style boat
Sector II – Murray River– River (alternate Hatchery Bay, Lake Jindabyne – bank session)
Sector III – Braemar (Lake Eucumbene) – loch style boat
Sector IV – Caddigat Lake (Dixieland) – loch style boat
Sector V – Rodney George (Dixieland) – bank session **Note: Session start same time as steaming time commences ie 0745 morning and 2pm afternoon. 3x1hr Rotations – 15 minute changeover.**

SESSIONS	1 Thursday Morning	2 Thursday Afternoon	3 Friday Morning	4 Friday Afternoon	5 Saturday Morning
GROUPS	8am – 11am	2.15pm – 5.15pm	8am – 11am	2.15pm – 5.15pm	8am – 11am
A	**I**	**II**	**III**	**IV**	**V**
B	**II**	**III**	**IV**	**V**	**I**
C	**III**	**IV**	**V**	**I**	**II**
D	**IV**	**V**	**I**	**II**	**III**
E	**V**	**I**	**II**	**III**	**IV**

SEEDING, TEAMS AND RAMDOM DRAW

The Board of FFA has advised that to maintain angling equality between the groups all anglers have been seeded into their groups in accord with rankings and the methodology published on the FFA website.

The random draw for group numbers and beat/boat numbers has been undertaken using the FFA endorsed random draw and scoring program by members of the organising committee witnessed by Board Members of FFA and any other observers available.

PRESENTATION DINNER

To attend the presentation dinner on Saturday evening, you must have pre-purchased a ticket.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Competitor must provide their own meals and refreshments for all meals during the event except for the finger food provided on Wednesday 19th and the Presentation Dinner on Saturday 22nd (which is a ticketed event). Please note that drinks are not included but may be purchased at the bar.

ACCOMODATION

All accommodation arrangements are the choice and responsibility of the competitors/controllers. There are ample accommodation options in Jindabyne including hotels, caravan parks and Air BNB.

TRANSPORT

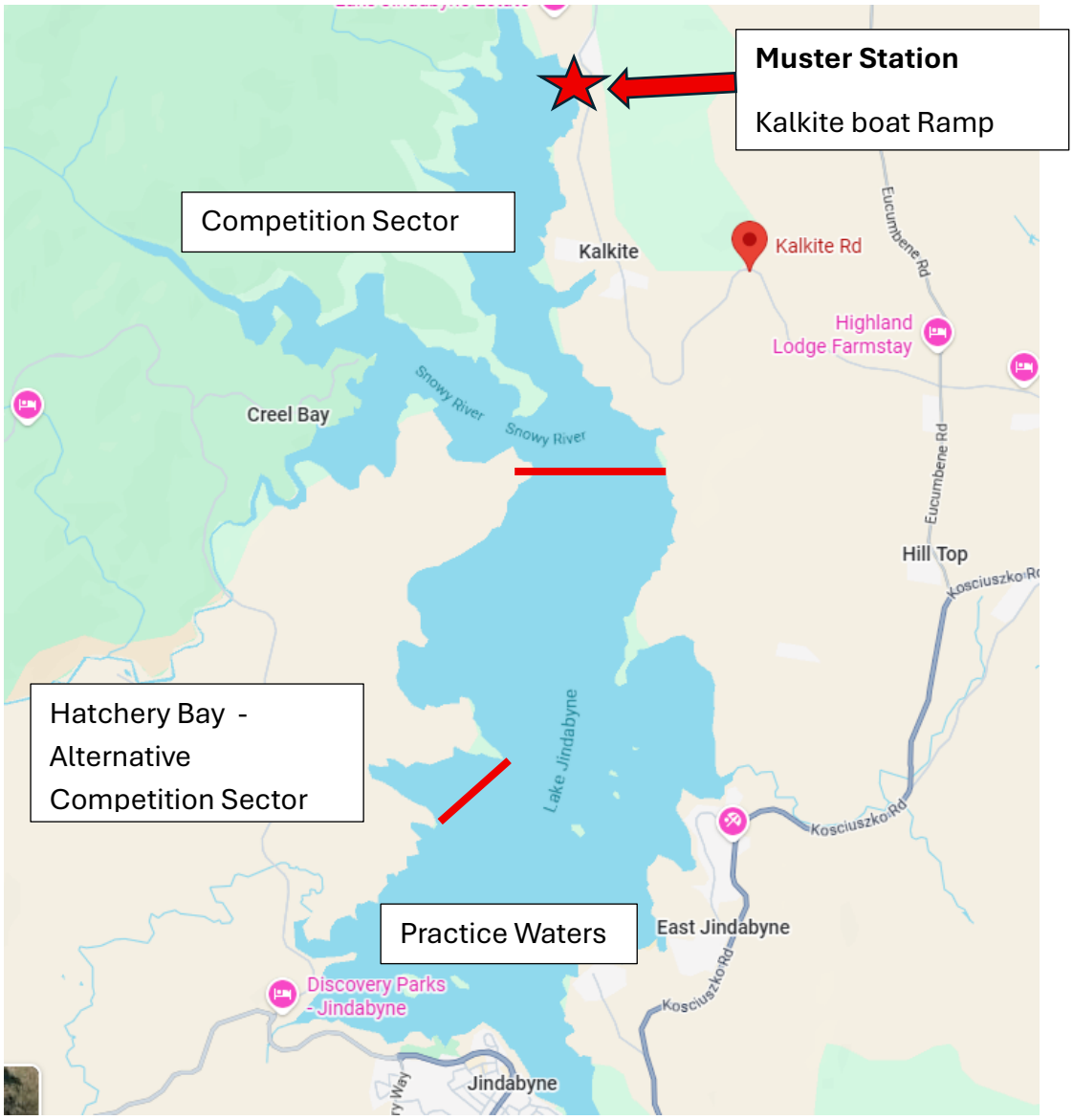
Private vehicles are to be utilised for transport to and from competition sectors. All competitors must report to the sector judge at the sector muster station when arriving.

PRACTICE WATERS AND CLOSURE OF COMPETITION SECTORS

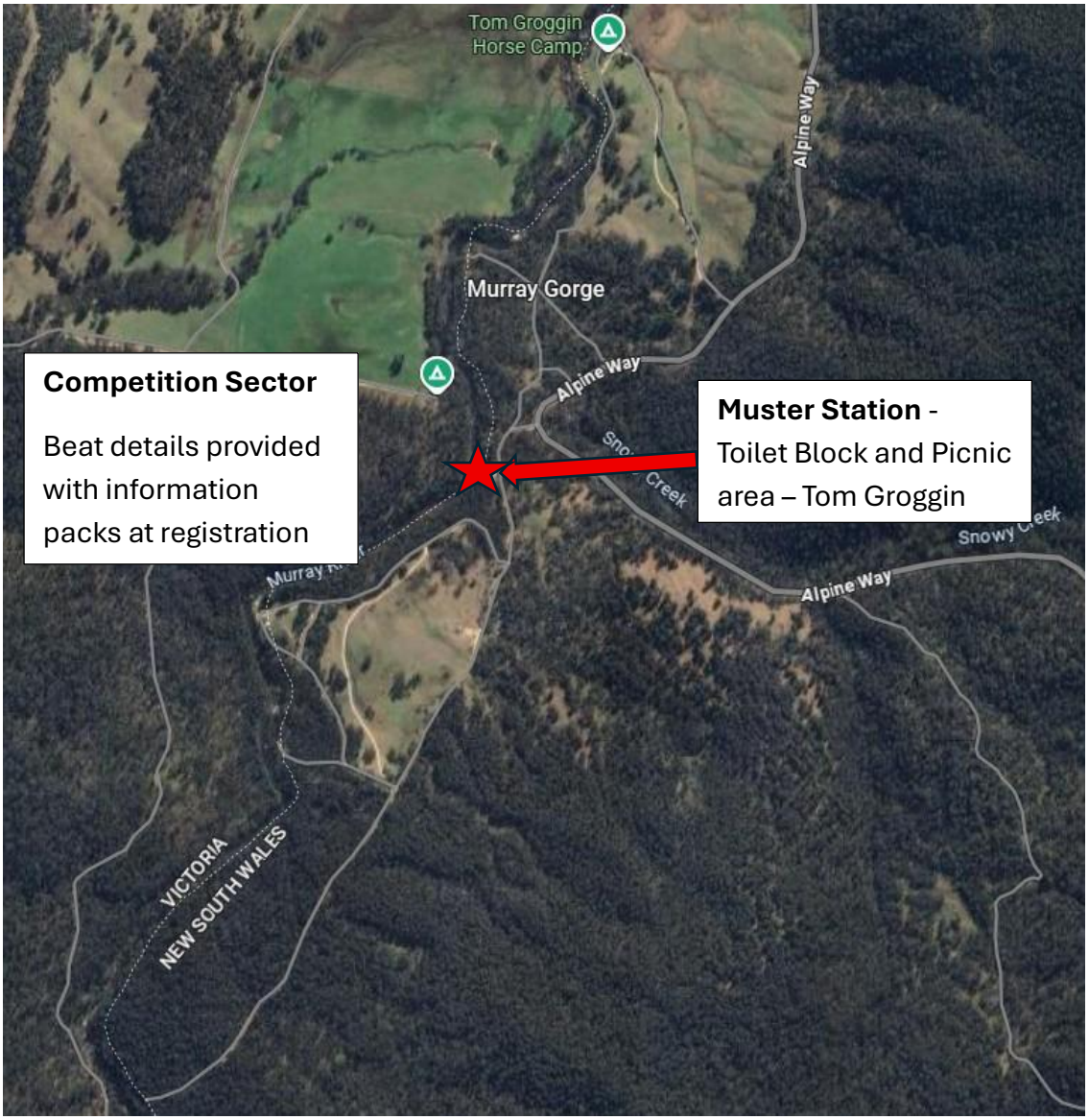
Competition waters for rivers and lakes (bank and loch style) are subject to a 21 day closure prior to the first competition day being 11.59pm on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Practice waters are all those waters not specifically identified as competition sectors and as noted on the sector maps. Sector maps and practice waters details provided below.

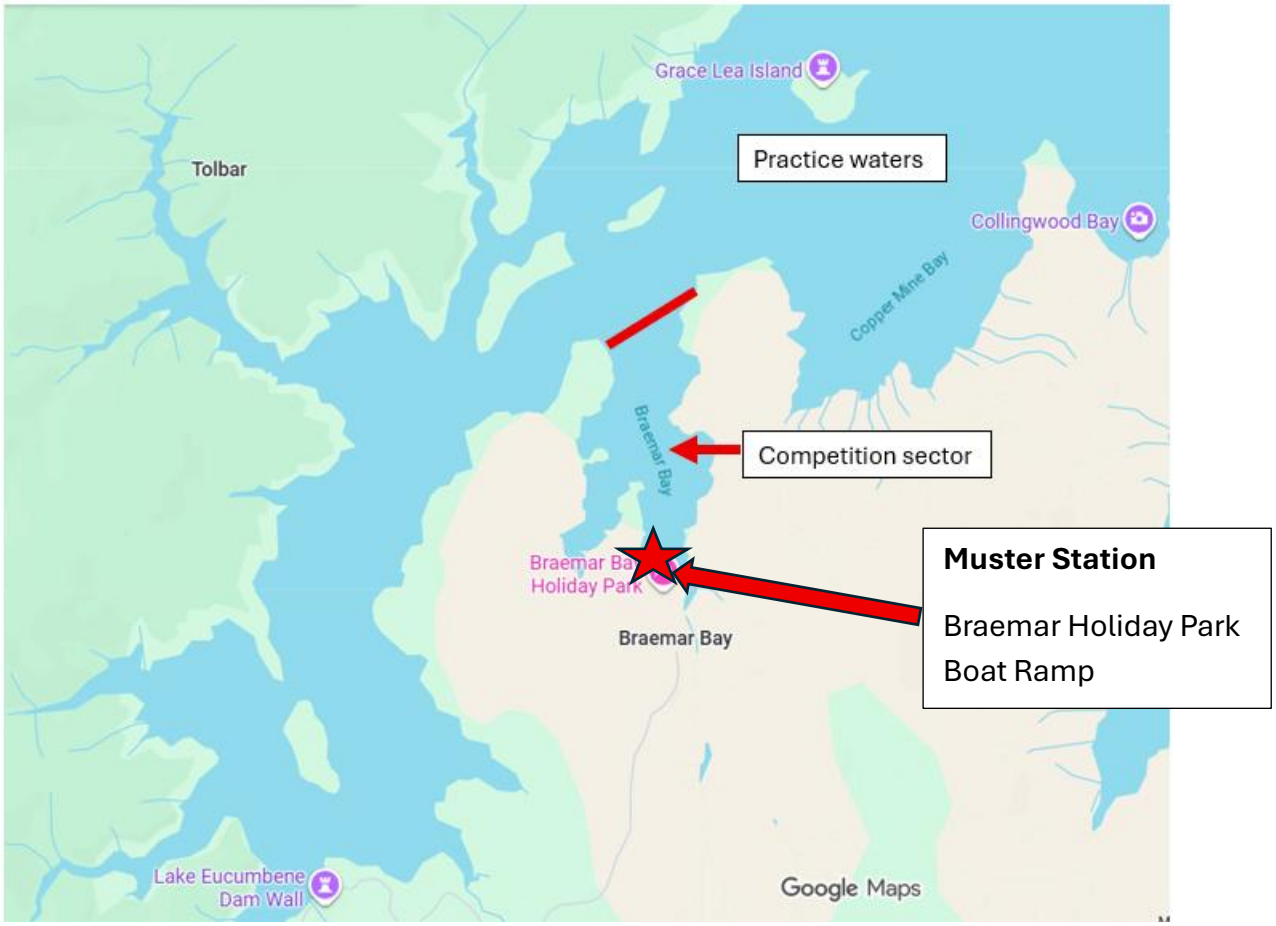
SECTOR I - Kalkite and Hatchery Bay (if required) Sectors and Practice waters.



SECTOR II – Murray River (Tom Groggin Camping area - KNP) – No practice waters permissible on Murray River

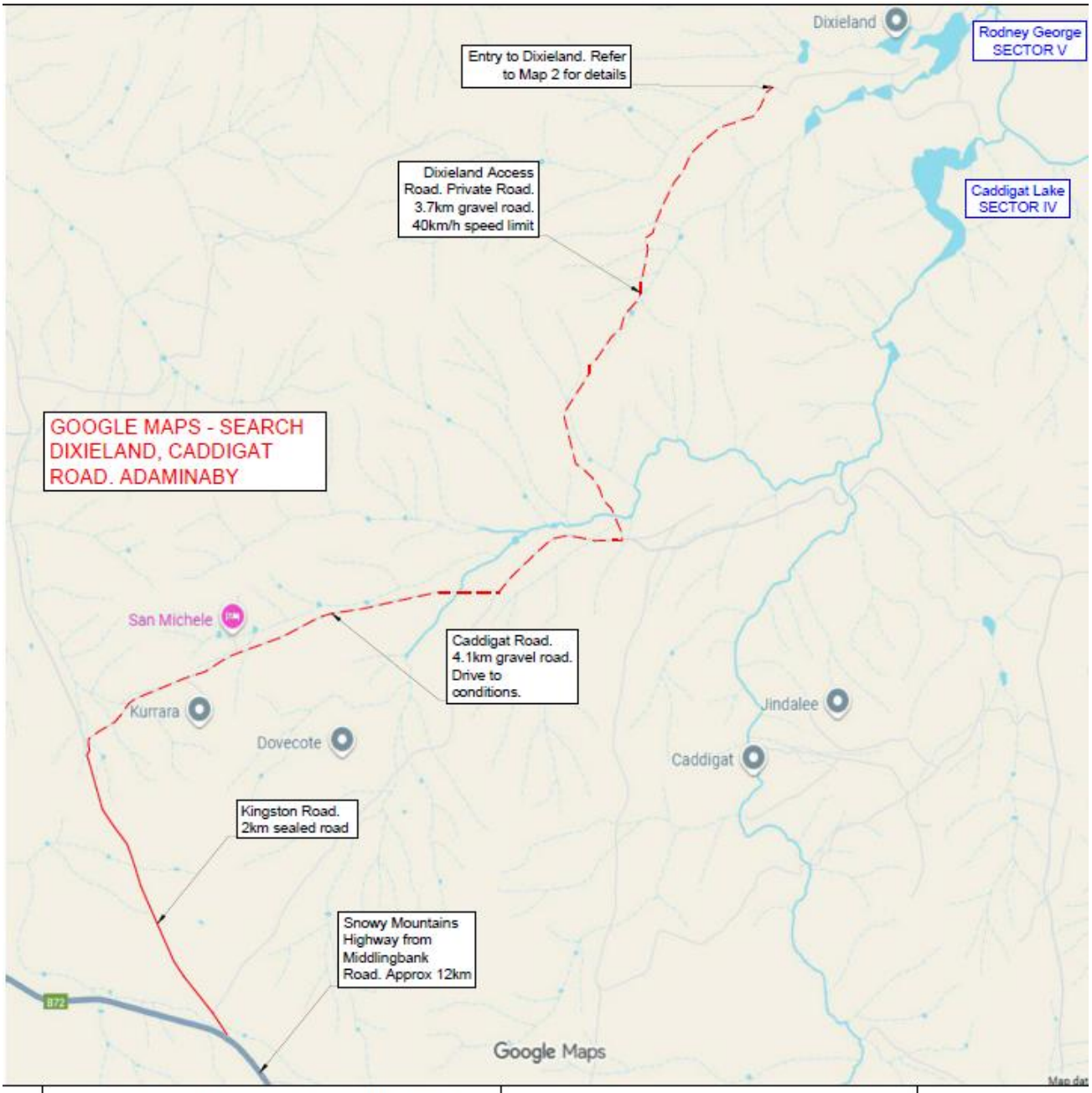


SECTOR III – Braemar Competition Sector and Practice Waters

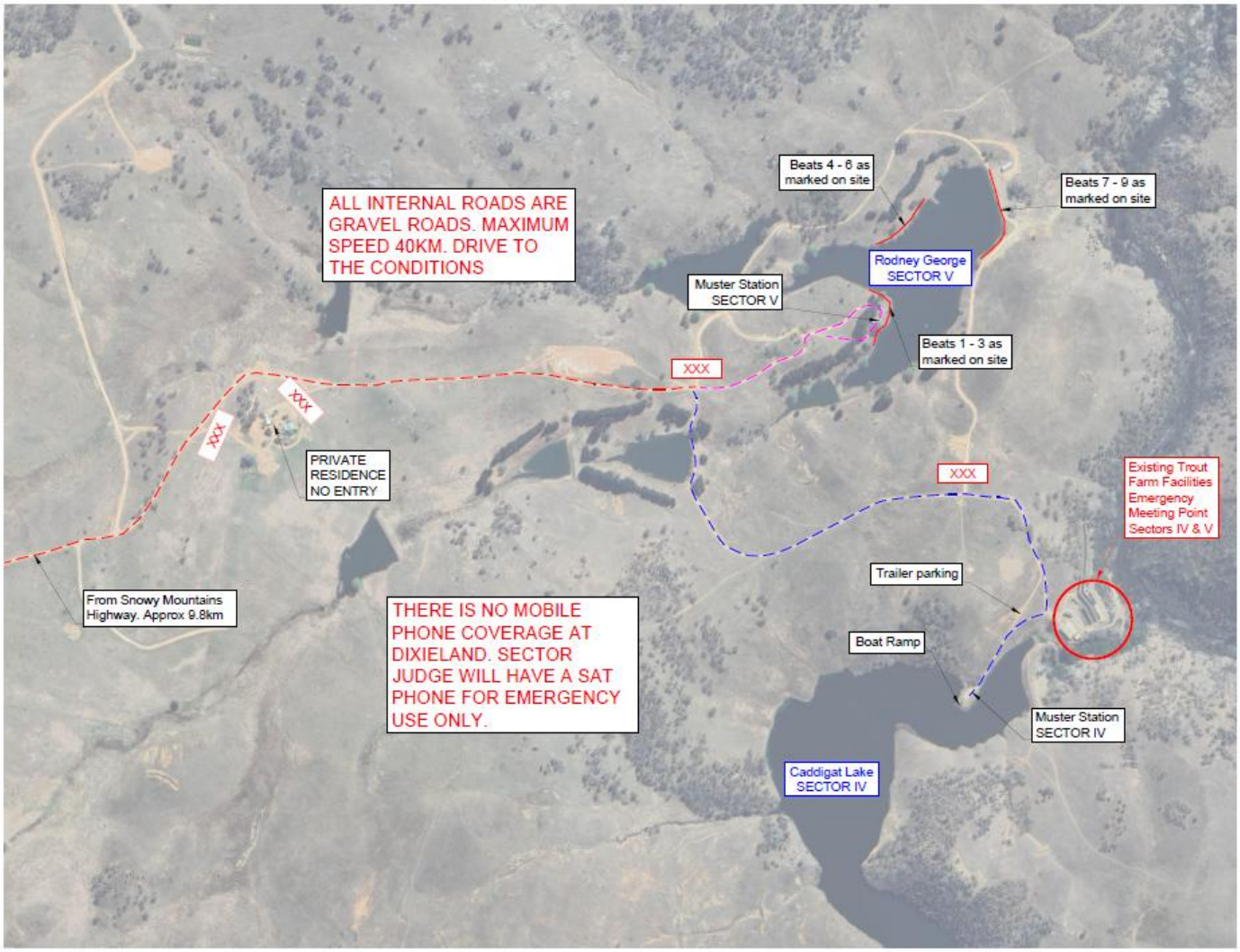


SECTOR IV – Caddigat Lake, Dixieland, Adaminaby (Private fishery)

SECTOR V – Rodney George Lake (Lake bank), Dixieland, Adaminaby (Private fishery)



FLY FISH AUSTRALIA 2025 NATIONALS SECTORS IV & V Dixieland	MAP 1 DIXIELAND FROM SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY	



	FLY FISH AUSTRALIA 2025 NATIONALS SECTORS IV & V Dixieland	MAP 2 DIXIELAND OVERVIEW MAP

SAFETY

PFD **are** mandatory in the Alpine Region on all lake sectors. Competitors are to provide their own PFD. It is recommended to wear one in the river as NSW rivers can be treacherous. Radios will be provided to each boat for use in an emergency. Mobile phones can only be used in the event of an emergency although there is no coverage at the river. Sector judges will have satellite phones at Dixieland and the Murray River sectors. Alternate arrangements have been made so the Sector Judge can contact emergency services if required. There will be snake bite bandages available on the Murray River (Sector II) and at Rodney George, Sector V.

COMPETITION BOATS

Boats at the loch style sectors will be taken out of the water at the end of each session by the boat owner who will then move to the next sector with their boat. Boats should be at least 4m in length, meet the NSW Maritime Safety Regulations and be fully fitted for competition use, including a drogue. The use of electric motors is not permitted unless in the case of an emergency. Each competitor must have their own landing net and compliant PFD.

SCORE SHEETS AND RESULTS

Please ensure all score sheets are fully completed, legible, signed, initialled and that fish lengths are recorded in millimetres. **DO NOT** round up the lengths.

All score sheets are to be handed to the Controller at the conclusion of the river session and the Sector Judge at Lake Sectors. Anglers are encouraged to take a photographs of their score sheet in the event of a dispute. Score sheets **MUST** be returned even if a blank as this is a safety check to ensure all competitors have returned. This will also allow our scorers to know they have all scores accurately recorded.

A blank will be equal to the number of competitors in the largest group.

PROTESTS

All protests will be addressed in accordance with the FFA Competition Rules 2025. Protests are to be noted on the scorecard and Sector Judges must be informed of any protest.

NOTIFICATION AND CHANGES

Any changes relevant to the competition or its running will be posted on the FFA web site www.flyfishaustralia.com.au

FFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note the FFA AGM will be held on Saturday 22 November at 3.15pm at the Banjo Paterson Inn.