

# European Species Championship 2021 • Olafsvik May 2021

## Newsletter no. 1

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The European Species Championship 2021 will be held from Olafsvik, West-Iceland from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May. EFSA Iceland will not issue a brochure for the Championship but instead issue a regular Newsletter that will be sent out to all the Sections and published on EFSA Iceland and EFSA HQ websites, [www.efsa.is/](http://www.efsa.is/) <http://efsafishing.org>, and on Facebook.

### Information

**Entry fee and closing date of entry:** Entry fee is ISK 45.000. Bait included. Registration before **28th February 2021**. Price for Gala Dinner not decided. If you want to have the entry form on Word form please contact Thorir Sveinsson and he will sent it to you by e-mail.

**The rate of exchange.** On 10<sup>th</sup> of July the rate of exchange for the Icelandic krona was approx. 1 € = 160 ISK krona and 1 £ Sterling = 180 ISK krona.

**The Organizing Committee and e-mails:** Helgi Bergsson Chairman, [salo@simnet.is](mailto:salo@simnet.is), Thorir Sveinsson Secretary, [thosve@snerpa.is](mailto:thosve@snerpa.is), Sigurjon H Hjelm, [sigurjon.hjelm@gmail.com](mailto:sigurjon.hjelm@gmail.com), Gunnar Jónsson, [guz@mmedia.is](mailto:guz@mmedia.is), Hersir Gíslason, [hersirg@web.de](mailto:hersirg@web.de), Kristbjörn Rafnsson, [vakt350@gmail.com](mailto:vakt350@gmail.com).

**The fishing spots:** We will be fishing from the fishing banks near Olafsvik and the Snæfellsness peninsula.

**Fishing rules:** See below.

**Fish to catch:** Cod and Coalfish. Other fish do not count for points.

**The fishing:** All the good size **fish must be killed by bleeding**. You will be provided with a bucket for your fish. The skipper will bleed the fish, the Crew measure and the Fish captain writes down on the Scorecard. After that put the fish into the common box. If you got a record fish or if it is your personal record you can tag it and bring it in for measuring.

**Bait:** We will use Blue eye and/or Mackerel.

**Teams:** It is free of charge to register into teams. Your Secretary will register your Section's teams in due course.

**Tackle shop:** There is no tackle shop in Olafsvik.

**Clothing:** It can be cold and windy in May in Iceland. Bring with you your warm cloths and boots.

**Travel information to Olafsvik:** See below.

**Spouse tour:** There will be no spouse tour organized by the Organizing Committee. But there are many places near Olafsvik worth visiting.

**EFSA uniform:** You must wear EFSA uniform at the Prize giving Ceremony and at the Gala dinner.

**Helgi Bergsson**

**Chairman EFSA Iceland**



**Dear fellow anglers and friends.**

For the third time EFSA Iceland welcome you to Iceland for the European Species Championship in May 2021 in Olafsvik, West-Iceland. Our first was the European Species Championship 2007 in the Westman Islands where we fished for four species, Ling, Catfish, Tusk and Haddock. Our second was in 2014 in Olafsvik where we targeted big Cod on 15 boats with 81 anglers from 12 Sections. The total number of Cods accounted for was 3.516.

In this European Species Championship, we will be targeting big Cod and Coalfish. We will fish from the same fishing banks as in 2014 and the fishing is unlimited. The point system is divided into four length categories: 35 cm to 55 cm, 56 cm to 75 cm, 76 cm to 100 cm and over 101 cm.

The weather in Iceland in May can be windy and cold so remember to bring with you some warm cloths and boots.

I am sure that you will enjoy your stay in Iceland and in Olafsvik and I and all our members look very much forward to see you.

# Organizing Committee



Helgi Bergsson Chairman



Þórir Sveinsson Secretary



Sigurjón H Hjelm



Gunnar Jónsson



Hersir Gíslason



Kristbjörn Rafnsson



# Olafsvik Iceland 2021

## EFSA European Species Championship Programme and Timetable of Events

<b>Thursday 20 May</b>	<b>Registration</b>
20:00	Registration
<b>Friday 21 May</b>	<b>Cod and Coalfish</b>
06:30	Assemble at Pier Olafsvik
07:00	Boats depart for fishing grounds
08:00	Lines down
14:00	Lines up
16:00	All boats must be in harbour
19:00	Days results displayed
<b>Saturday 22 May</b>	<b>Cod and Coalfish</b>
06:30 – 16:00	Same as Friday
19:00	Days results displayed
20:00	Presentation of awards
21:00	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 Species Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals and EFSA Pins	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
Team of Two	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (2)	1st – 3rd
Executive Team	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)	1st – 3rd
Team of Four	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)	1st – 3rd
National Team Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (5)	1st – 3rd
Longest Cod	Gold	1st – 3rd
Longest Coalfish	Gold	1st – 3rd

### Accommodation in Olafsvik

Name	Address	E-mail	Website
Náttskjól	Brautarholt 2	nattskjol1@gmail.com	
Gisting & Gallerí	Brautarholt 7	guesthousegalleri.net	
Heimagisting Skálh.	Skálholti 6	ragvig@simnet.is	
Við Hafid Guesthouse	Ólafsbraut 55	vid.hafid@hotmail.com	
Hotel Olafsvik	Ólafsbraut 20	info@welcome.is	hotel olafsvik.is

## Point system, boats, fishing gear, fishing technique

**The point system and fishing.** The Championship is a Specie Championship with unlimited amount of Cod and Coalfish to count for points. Cod and Coalfish 35-55 cm 1 points, Cod and Coalfish 56-75 cm 4 points, Cod and Coalfish 76-100 cm 15 points, Cod and Coalfish 101 cm or longer 50 points. All other fish 0 point.

**Boats.** The boats in the Championship will mainly be small size fibre plastic fishing boats. Experienced skippers on each boat know where to catch the fish. The skipper can net/gaff the fish for the anglers if requested and they will gill all fish for the anglers. They can be of help in all troubles for example tangled lines or breaking the line but they may never bait the hooks for anglers or touching the rod when the trace is down. The boats will be drifting all day when fishing.

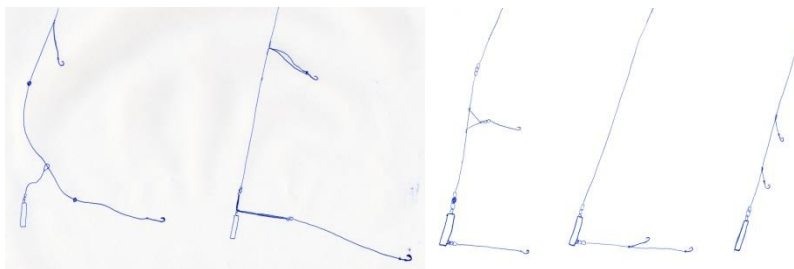


### Fishing. Gear and technique.

In the EFSA Species Championship we will be fishing similar as in other EFSA Championships and with strong rods and reels. Bait will be supplied by the organizers and no other bait is allowed other than caught by the angler that day.

Fishing will mainly be on baited traces, paternoster or similar. Pirks and artificial lures can also be used. Pirking can sometimes be useful for an experienced angler.

Please just keep in mind, have the fish netted/gaffed when brought to the surface or try lifting the fish by getting hold of the line and bring it in carefully that way. Please do not lift the fish on board with the rod. If the fish in the process falls off the trace or the pirk it can cause severe personal damage.



Examples of common traces

Lead can be bought from EFSA Iceland at the Championship but notice there is no tackle shop in Olafsvik. The weather condition in May can be cold and windy with heavy sea so it is necessary to bring warm cloths and glove and rubber boots. Especially we recommend waterproof pants and jackets or anoraks.

# Championship Rules 2021 Olafsvik Iceland

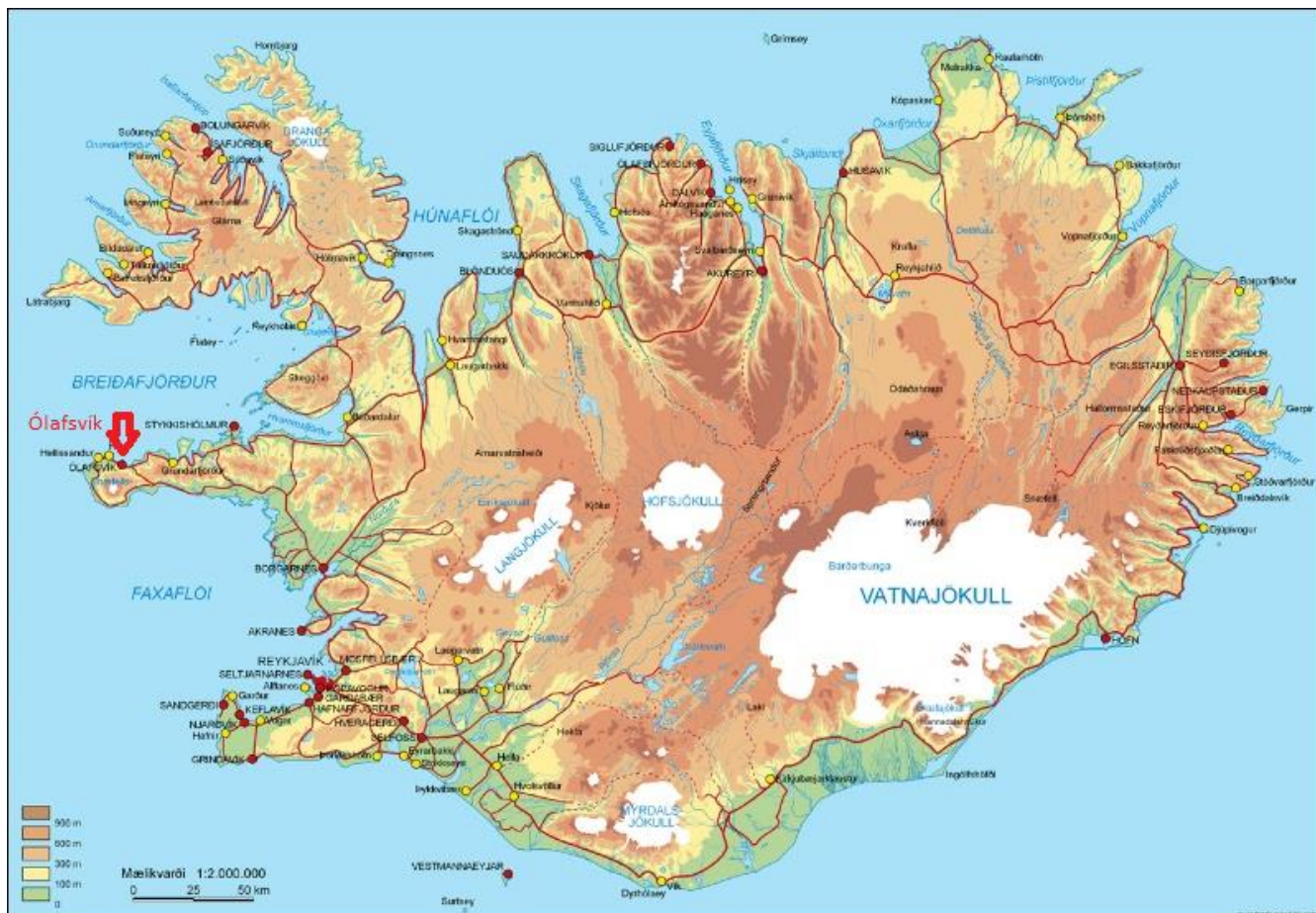
## General Fishing RULES

1. The Championship will be fished to the EFSA rules governing at the time of the Championship unless otherwise stated.
2. The fishing will take place the 21 and 22 of May 2021.
3. The boat draw will take place in public at least one month before the Championship.
4. A husband and wife, parent and child may apply to be drawn on the same boat but a request to do so must be clearly stated on the entry form.
5. Fishing captain will be appointed for each boat and his duties will include: Ensuring that the Championship rules are obeyed. Responsible for drawing of places on board the boat. Observance of start and finish times. Complete the "Fish record card" for the anglers Liaising with the boat skipper.
6. Fishing area each day will be directed by the Organizing Committee who will be guided by prevailing weather conditions.
7. The Committee has the power to abandon that day's fishing or confine all boats to safe area. The Committee's decision will be final.
8. Bait will be supplied to each angler at the boat before each day's fishing. The only other bait allowed will be that caught by the competitor that day. Bait or baitfish may not be retained at the end of each day. Bait must not be shared.
9. Artificial lures are permitted.
10. Any fish used as bait shall have its tail cut off and cannot be eligible for points.
11. Anglers may receive assistance to net or gaff a fish.
12. A fish counting shall immediately be gilled and it is not permitted to start fishing again until it has been done.
13. A foul hooked Cod or Coalfish does not count and shall immediately be put in a common container aboard the boat.
14. Casting from a boat is only permitted using an under arm method with the terminal tackle and trace outside the boat at all times during the cast.
15. Only one trace at a time is permitted. Maximum of two hooks is permitted on a trace. One of the hooks can be double or treble hook but must then be assembled to a pirk. Double or treble hooks may never be baited. Length of a trace should not exceed 4.5 meters.
16. Lifting a fish and bring it aboard with the rod is not permitted.
17. Skipper or Boat Captain may:
  - a) Assist with gilling a fish.
  - b) Help anglers with mixed or tangled lines.
  - c) Gaff or net fish.
  - d) Break the line for anglers in case of the trace being stuck on the bottom.
  - e) Retrieving hooks from fish.
18. Skipper or Boat Captain may not:
  - a) Touch the angler's rod when the tackle is down except when trace is stuck on bottom.
  - b) Bait the hooks for anglers.
19. Only fish recorded on an angler's "Fish Record Card" count for points.
20. All anglers shall assemble at the harbor at 06:30 each day. Boats can leave harbor at 07:00. Lines down at 08:00. Lines up latest at 14:00. Boats shall be in harbour no later than 16:00 hour. If boats arrive at fishing grounds before starting time and all anglers are ready it's permitted to start fishing. Then the lines shall be up after exactly six hours.
21. Boats shall contact Organizing Committee immediately in case of a breakdown. The Organizing Committee decides if an extra fishing time is granted in each case.
22. Fish points are given by point system shown on the Scorecard. It is a part of the rules.
23. Each angler is responsible for checking that his/her catch is correctly entered on the Scorecard.
24. The Boat Winner each day will get 100 boat points and the other anglers will have their boat scores expressed as a percentage of the Boat Winner's score.
25. In case of a tie the angler with most fishing point will win. If two or more anglers are still equal the angler with fewer fish shall win.
26. Results will be published on a scoreboard at the Headquarters before 19:00 each day.
27. Any claim regarding a day's fishing shall be brought to the Organizing Committee no later than 17:00 that day.
28. Any claim regarding a day's result shall be brought to the Organizing Committee soonest possible, no later than 08:00 the following day.
29. Point system. Cod and Coalfish 35-55 cm. long 1 points, Cod and Coalfish 56-75 cm. long 4 points, Cod and Coalfish 76-100 cm. long 15 points, Cod and Coalfish 101 cm or longer 50 points. All other fish 0 point. Unlimited fishing.

## Travel information to Iceland and Olafsvik

There are several international airlines with regular flight schedules to Iceland.

- Icelandair. [www.icelandair.com](http://www.icelandair.com)
- Various international airlines from Europe.



**Drive from Keflavik to Olafsvik approx. 235 km.**

- Rent a car at the airport and drive to Olafsvik - approx. 3 hours. 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 Hvalfjörður, free of charge, and drive to Borgarnes. When out of Borgarnes turn left and you will see a road sign to Olafsvik 119 km.

# Entry Form

## EFSA Species Championship 2021

### Olafsvik Iceland

### 20th –22nd May 2021

1. Angler details:

Surname and title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section : \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Membership Class: Please mark in front of all relevant with **X** that apply:

Annual member   Life member   Lady   Senior (65 and over)   Junior (under 18).  
 Junior and Senior age at start of event to count.

3. Non-fishing companions:

Surname and title..... First Name.....  
 Surname and title..... First Name.....

4. Entry costs:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Sub-total</u>
Shore Championship	ISK 45.000	ISK 22.500	.....	ISK.....
Gala Dinner	ISK x.xxx	ISK x.xxx	.....	ISK.....
<b>Total amount due:</b>				<b>ISK .....</b>

5. Account details:

Account name            EFSA Iceland  
 IBAN                        IS54 0324 2600 6906 6906 0628 30  
 SWIFT Code                esjaisre  
 Bank address                Borgartun 19. 105 Reykjavik. Iceland.

**All entry forms must be sent to your own Section Secretary by the date specified by your Section. Your Section Secretary is responsible for forwarding all entry forms and cleared payments prior to close of entries which are due prior to: **February 28th 2021. No refund.****

The sender is responsible for all transmission charges imposed by the sending and receiving banks and this must be allowed for in any funds sent. Receipt of payments and entries received will be acknowledged to the relevant Section Secretary within one month of close of entries.

**Section Secretaries only may send entry forms to:**

EFSA Iceland Secretary  
 Thorir Sveinsson, Njörvasundi 1, 104 Reykjavik, Iceland.  
 E-mail: thosve@snerpa.is

6. I agree to be bound by the rules of the event and will not hold the Organisers or Federation responsible for any loss, damage or accident caused to myself, my companions or property during the event programme.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_