



The National Fly Fishing Championship ([www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com](http://www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com)) is held in Colorado during the first week of October. It constitutes the final round of a series of regional competitions held across the United States. Fifteen of the competitors will be chosen by the coaching staff to represent the United States in the World Fly Fishing Championship and other International events.



The National Championship is sponsored by Colorado Trout Unlimited and the associated Trout Unlimited Chapters in the State of Colorado.

The Federation Internationale de Peche Sportive Mouche (FIPS Mouche) is the official sanctioning body for World Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium. Since 1981 the US has fielded a team.

In 1997 when the World Championships were held in Jackson Hole Wyoming, Team USA changed direction. Under the coaching leadership of Jack Dennis and the support of the Board of Directors a new mission was adopted. Build a highly competitive team from the ground up by finding and developing the best and most aggressive fly fishermen in the country. Moreover, to recruit the most capable coaches, support staff, and sponsors that were willing to take up the challenge of producing a winner. Since that time Team USA has moved from the bottom to a contender.

In the 2007 Finland World Championship our team finish in sixth place but we won't be happy until we reach achieve gold.

The men and women that compete in the National Championship come from all over the country and from all walks of life. They are guides, business and trades people, medical professionals and more. No compensation, cash awards or special incentives are provided to the competitors or members of Team USA. The only benefit is the honor of representing this country in the World Championships. Many businesses associated with fly fishing and/or competitive sports have provided money and materials to support this organization. All of the coaches and support personnel volunteer their time and pay their own way. The dedication and sacrifices by all involved are substantial.

The 2007 National Championships program will host 11 US teams including existing Team USA members and 4 to 5 international teams which translates into 75 to 80 contestants. They will compete over a three day period in 5 different fishing locations (accessible to the public). There will be a number of special events & programs culminated by a medal awards ceremony.

This event is growing at a rate of 40% a year. In a matter of two to three years it will be as large as the World Championship. In five years we expect the World Championship in Colorado.

Why is Colorado Trout Unlimited involved? The answer lies in a shared vision and common purpose. Look at the strategic objectives of these two organizations

**Colorado Trout Unlimited**

Promote the conservation of Colorado's trout resources ...advocacy & on-the ground resources

Enhance the organizational health of CTU & its chapters ....expand staff .... diversity of fund raising efforts

Improve CTU's internal & external communications ...increase media presence ... marketing capabilities ... pursue partnerships

**National Fly Fishing Championship**

Generate public awareness of cold water fisheries issues ... create a forum to disseminate information

Secure human and capital resources committed to the long term development of fly fishing and Team USA .... build bridges to sponsoring entities

Generate interest, enthusiasm, and commitment for fly fishing ... emphasis on youth participation ... create the opportunity to develop angling talent

We need volunteers to make this event possible. You'll be right where the action is and we'll guarantee you will learn something new about the sport. To register, please visit the National Fly Fishing Championship web site – [www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com/forms/v\\_signup.html](http://www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com/forms/v_signup.html) and fill out the volunteer form.