

REGULATIONS SECTION INLAND EVENTS **NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

These regulations shall constitute the ground rules and procedures governing the conduct of the Annual Tournament.

The objectives and jurisdictions of the American Casting Association shall prevail in deciding any question that may arise that is not covered by these regulations.

- 1. AUTHORITY** - Every person registering at the Annual Tournament shall accept any and all decisions rendered by tournament officials and shall abide by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- 2. SPECIAL REGULATIONS** - Special regulations not inconsistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association may be enacted or revised by action of the National Tournament Committee. Such special regulations shall be posted in a prominent place at the registration table and shall be available for the inspection of any contestant during the tournament.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY** - Eligibility for participation in the Annual Tournament shall be in accordance with Article XI, Section 2.
- 4. OPENING CEREMONIES** - Opening ceremonies shall be conducted by the host club on the day preceding the first scheduled event. Minimum formalities shall include an opening address by an official of the agency managing the tournament and raising of the American Flag and/or the Canadian flag and the Association flag.
- 5. CLERICAL ACTIVITIES AND DATA HANDLING** - In accordance with Article X, Section 6, all clerical activities and data handling necessary for conducting and managing an Annual Tournament shall be the responsibility of the Club Tournament Committee.
- 6. CLOSE OF REGISTRATION** - Registration for an event will close fifteen (15) minutes before the time an event is scheduled to be cast.
- 7. CASTING ORDER** - The Club Tournament Committee shall be responsible for assigning divisions to stations and determining the sequence of divisions. Taking into consideration the differences in the conditions on the available stations and possible changes of the conditions over time, the assignments shall be made with the goal of maximum fairness of the competition and with the following conditions:
 - A)** Casters competing in the same division shall cast on one or more stations with approximately the same conditions and on all such stations at the same time.
 - B)** The seven (7) competitive divisions shall be divided into four (4) groups:
 - i)** Women and Senior Women
 - ii)** Men and Senior Men
 - iii)** Intermediates
 - iiii)** Juniors and YouthDivisions in the same group shall be scheduled back to back on the same station(s) or simultaneously on stations with approximately equal conditions.
 - C)** Remaining assignments such as the order of groups, the order of divisions within the groups, and the assignment of divisions to stations shall be decided by lot.
 - D)** The order of casters in each division and their assignment to stations shall be decided by lot.
 - E)** After once decided by lot, casting positions and stations may only be changed with the approval of the Tournament Captain or their delegate.
- 8. CALL-UP** - Casting orders shall be posted at a dedicated place and the posting shall be announced. Casters shall be given time to review the casting order and to prepare for the event. This time shall be a minimum of ten (10) minutes before the event and five (5) minutes before any cast-offs.
 - A)** At the time a caster is scheduled to cast, their name shall be called. It is the caster's duty to appear and be prepared to cast when called. Failure to appear may be grounds for disqualification. The Board of Appeals shall be the sole judge of what constitutes grounds for disqualification.

9. **JUDGES** - Minimum personnel required for judging and scoring at each station shall consist of:
- A) **Fly Accuracy:** One (1) Judge and at least one (1) assistant judge, plus one (1) scorekeeper-timekeeper.
 - B) **Plug Accuracy:** One (1) Judge and at least one (1) assistant judge, plus one (1) scorekeeper.
 - C) **Fly Distance:** One (1) Judge and at least one (1) assistant judge, plus one (1) scorekeeper-timekeeper.
 - D) **Plug Distance:** One (1) Judge plus sufficient personnel for spotting and staking each cast. The Tournament Captain or his delegate shall record each measured cast.
 - E) Additional personnel may be appointed as required provided, however, that no more than two (2) assistant judges shall be permitted at any one (1) station in an accuracy event. The Judge shall be the senior official at the station and, after deliberating with the assistant judge(s), shall be responsible for reporting to the caster and the scorekeeper the score of a cast, penalties and other information necessary for the operation of that station.
10. **TIME KEEPING PROCEDURE** - In all events or parts of events, requiring a time factor, it is the timekeeper's responsibility to announce the expiration of allotted time. When the caster may cast beyond the allotted time, the timekeeper shall announce the beginning of each minute of overtime. In addition, the caster may request the timekeeper to announce time at any point or points during the event.
11. **RIGHT OF REDRESS** - The decision of the Judge shall be final except in those matters involving an interpretation of Rules. In such cases, any caster or team official shall have the right of redress to the Board of Appeals (Article VI, Section 12) provided that notice of such appeal is given to the Tournament Captain. There shall be a protest fee in an amount to be established by the National Tournament Committee. Any caster or team official observing a rule infraction (not including judgment calls by the judge/s) shall have the right of redress to the Board of Appeals. Notice of such appeal must be given to the Tournament Captain before the close of the event. A written appeal and a protest fee (Article X, Section 2, Subsection F), made payable to the Association, must be submitted to the Tournament Captain within thirty (30) minutes of said notice. If the Board of Appeals rules in favor of the appeal, the entire protest fee shall be refunded.
12. **RECORDING OF SCORES** - The scorekeeper shall insure that all scores and penalties assessed by the Judge are clearly entered on the official scorecard. Upon completion of an event, the Tournament Captain or his delegate shall insure that all scorecards are delivered to the Club Tournament Committee.
13. **EXCLUSION AREAS** - No one except those acting in an official capacity for the conduct of the tournament shall be allowed within ten feet of the Judges or a caster in an active casting box.
14. **WILLFUL DISTRACTION** - Any participant who willfully attempts in any manner to distract the caster or any tournament official shall forfeit all rights and claims and be barred from further participation in the tournament.
15. **CASTING DIRECTION** - Target course(s) and distance course(s) shall be located in a general direction downwind from the casting box. Should there be a significant wind shift during the progress of an event, the position of a target course or measuring line may be changed at the option of the Tournament Captain. Should such a change be made, a caster who has already completed the casting program shall have the option of casting the event over, if in the opinion of the Tournament Captain conditions were unfavorable.
16. **DISTANCE COURSE** - Whenever practical fly distance events shall be cast over water. However, should the physical facilities at the tournament site, wind condition, time factor, or other constraints render such procedure inadvisable, and at the discretion of the Tournament Captain, the fly distance may be cast on land.
17. **NUMBER OF CASTING COURSES** - More than one target course or more than one distance course may be used at the discretion of the Tournament Captain.
18. **CASTING BOX** - Accuracy and Distance
- A) In all accuracy events, all casting shall be done from a distinctively marked casting box, which shall measure four (4) feet square. At least one of the caster's feet shall be within the box during a scoring cast, except that either or both of the caster's feet may cantilever over the forward edge of the casting

box. A caster, who delivers a scoring cast without at least one foot within the box, except as outlined above, shall receive a penalty of three (3) demerits in addition to any other demerits that the caster receives for accuracy or other penalties.

- B)** In all distance events, and as specified in the respective Rules Governing Events, all casting shall be done from a distinctively marked casting box, which shall measure six (6) feet square. The back of the box shall remain open. The leading edge of the box shall be approximately perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction when the course is set up. All parts of the caster's body and the caster's attached clothing in contact with the surface must remain within the box when the caster releases a scoring cast. Penalties for overstep are covered in the respective Rules Governing Events.
- 19. PRACTICE CASTING IN ACCURACY EVENTS** - If practice facilities are not available, practice casting on an accuracy casting course may be permitted up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the event or until such time as the Tournament Captain may decree.
- 20. PREPARATION TIME (FLY DISTANCE)** - Two (2) minutes preparation time shall be allotted each caster in a fly distance event. Prior to entering the casting box caster may extend line as required. Preparation time shall begin when caster begins to retrieve the out-stretched line. Casting time shall start with the elapse of preparation time or when caster calls "Score," whichever is sooner.
- 21. EXTRA FLIES** - In all fly accuracy and all fly distance events extra flies shall be available close to the casting box for use in case of a lost fly.
- 22. TACKLE BREAKAGE** - In case of broken tackle, caster shall be allowed to repair or replace same. There shall be no time out for repair or replacement of broken tackle unless caused by outside interference.
- 23. TIES (ACCURACY EVENT)** - All ties for any of the first three places in an accuracy event shall cast off immediately after the event. The order of casters involved in a cast off shall follow that of the event. If multiple stations are used, and if time permits, all casters in the same competitive division should cast off on the same station. Ties beyond the first three places shall be decided by lot.
- 24. TIES (DISTANCE EVENT)** - In case of a tie, in a distance event, the second long cast shall determine the winner or place. If a tie still exists for any of the first three places, duplicate awards shall be given. If a tie still exists beyond the first three places, it shall be decided by lot.
- 25. TACKLE VERIFICATION** - All tackle restricted as to weight or length shall be checked by tournament officials and may be impounded until the caster enters the casting box or marked so as to verify that such tackle conforms to the appropriate restrictions subject to the tolerances listed in Equipment Regulations.
- 26. DISQUALIFICATION** - Any caster who is disqualified for cause shall be barred from further participation or competition in the tournament and shall forfeit any and all entry fees, rights in competition, and awards and trophies won.

