

ACCURACY PLUGS

1/4oz. (7.5g) - 3/8oz. - 5/8oz. (18g)

The rules for the three accuracy plug events are similar except For Equipment. The equipment is described by event. The Target Course, Method of Casting and Method of Scoring are described collectively.

1. EQUIPMENT

A) 1/4oz. (7.5g) Plug Accuracy (Fixed Spool Reel)

- i) Rod - Unrestricted
- ii) Reel - Fixed Spool
- iii) Line - Unrestricted
- iv) Plug - Any official 1/4oz. (7.5g) accuracy plug adopted by the Association.

B) 3/8oz. Plug Accuracy (Unrestricted Reel)

- i) Rod Unrestricted
- ii) Reel Unrestricted
- iii) Line Unrestricted
- iv) Plug - Any official 3/8oz. accuracy plug adopted by the Association.

C) 5/8oz. (18g) Plug Accuracy (Revolving Spool Reel shall be required for casters whose ages are thirteen (13) and over. For casters whose ages are twelve (12) and under the reel shall be unrestricted. A caster who feels that their current physical condition requires the use of spinning tackle may petition the Executive Committee for an exemption. A complete written explanation of why a revolving spool reel is impractical shall be presented. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to grant a permanent or temporary exemption)

- i) Rod - Unrestricted
- ii) Reel - Revolving Spool
- iii) Line - Unrestricted
- iv) Plug - Any official 5/8oz. (18g) accuracy plug adopted by the Association.

2. TARGET COURSE

A) Targets - The following options are permitted in the target course:

- i) OPTION 1: One (1) station with five (5) targets. Near target shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bi and one far target shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bii. The remaining targets shall be placed at intervening distances and not in a straight line perpendicular to the casting box.
- ii) OPTION 2: Two (2) stations with five (5) targets at each station. Each station shall be as indicated in Option 1.
- iii) OPTION 3: Five (5) stations with two (2) targets at each station. Two (2) near targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bi and two (2) far targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bii. The other targets shall be placed at intervening distances. In general, at any station the target distances shall be no more than approximately twenty-five (25) feet apart.
- iv) OPTION 4: Ten (10) stations with one (1) target at each station. Two (2) near targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bi and two (2) far targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bii. The remaining targets shall be placed at intervening distances.
- v) OPTION 5: More than two (2) stations but less than five (5) stations so that the total number of targets is ten (10). Two (2) near targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bi and two (2) far targets shall be placed as specified in Section 2Bii. The other targets shall be placed at intervening distances. Distribution of targets, among the stations, shall be determined by the Tournament Captain. In general, at any station the target distance shall be no more than approximately twenty-five (25) feet apart.

The purpose of Options 2, 3, 4 and 5 is to affect a continuous flow of casters through the target course. The option selected will depend upon the physical facilities of the location and the number of entries.

B) Distances

- i) Near Target** - The near target shall be placed from forty (40) to forty-five (45) feet, as measured from the center of the target to the center of the front edge of the casting box.
- ii) Far Target** - The far target shall be placed from seventy-five (75) to eighty (80) feet, as measured from the center of the target to the center of the front edge of the casting box.
- iii) Youth** - The target course shall not exceed sixty (60) feet and their ten (10) targets will be selected from the regular course at the option of the Tournament Captain.

3. METHOD OF CASTING

A) Casting Program

- i) General** - The casting program shall consist of a total of ten (10) scoring casts using one of the target course options of Section 2A in the order and as directed by the Tournament Captain. Whenever possible, at outdoor National Tournaments, each caster shall cast individually at a station until completing all scoring casts required at that station. If this procedure is followed, Options one (1) through five (5) [Section C – i through v] shall not apply. All casters shall cast the same order of targets, except Youth.
- ii) Scoring Cast** - A scoring cast is a cast made from the casting box.
- iii) Responsibility** - After stepping into the casting box, the caster shall be responsible for the results and accept the score and penalties assessed by the Judge.

B) Casting Style - Singlehanded, except Youth may cast Doublehanded.

C) Procedure

General - The procedure for the accuracy plug events will depend upon the selected target course option in Section 2 A.

- i) OPTION 1** uses one (1) station and five (5) targets. There should be no more than five (5) casters in a group. The first caster steps into the box, makes a scoring cast at the first target, and steps out of the box. Then the first caster retrieves their plug while the second caster steps into the box and makes a scoring cast at the same target. This procedure shall be repeated until all casters have made scoring casts at the first target and in a similar manner until all five (5) targets have been cast. The procedure is repeated until all casters have made ten (10) scoring casts. All five (5) targets at the station must be cast before any target may be cast again and successive casts at any one target are not permitted.
- ii) OPTION 2** uses five (5) targets at each of two (2) stations. There should be no more than five (5) casters in a group. The procedure is similar to Option 1 except that when the last caster in the group completes a scoring cast, on the fifth target of the first station, the entire group moves to the second station and a new group of five (5) casters moves to the first station.
- iii) OPTION 3** uses five (5) stations and two (2) targets at each station. Two (2) casters should cast in a group. The first caster steps into the box, makes a scoring cast at the first target, and steps out of the box. Then the first caster retrieves their plug while the second caster steps into the box and makes a scoring cast at the same target. The procedure is then repeated for the second target. The first group of casters then moves to the second station, and the procedure is repeated, while a second group of two (2) casters, begin on the first station. This procedure is repeated until all casters have made ten (10) scoring casts.
- iv) OPTION 4** uses ten (10) stations with one (1) target at each station. Each caster casts individually stopping at each of the ten (10) stations in turn.
- v) OPTION 5** uses more than two (2) stations but less than five (5). The procedure is similar to Option 3.

- D) Authorized False Cast** - Regardless of the Option used for the target course, each caster shall be permitted three (3) authorized false casts. An authorized false cast is a cast executed only when it is the casters turn to cast and made only after the approval of the Judge. The caster shall step outside the casting box and cast reasonably away from any target, which constitutes any part of the target course. If the caster does not conform to the above, any such cast shall be considered an unauthorized cast, except that any cast made from the casting box shall be considered to be a scoring cast, regardless of the approval granted by the Judge. For each unauthorized cast, or for each false cast in excess of three (3) authorized false casts, a penalty of five (5) demerits shall be assessed.

4. METHOD OF SCORING

- A) General** - Each scoring cast shall be scored where the plug falls, whether in front of or behind the forward edge of the casting box, whether or not the line is intact. If a scoring cast is arrested so as to abort the cast, a penalty of five (5) demerits shall be assessed regardless of whether or not the plug strikes fixed object or is caught by a caster.
- B) Demerits for Accuracy**
- i)** A plug falling within or on any portion of the target above the water line shall be scored a perfect and shall be assessed zero (0) demerits.
 - ii)** For each foot or fraction thereof the plug misses the extreme edge of the target a demerit of one (1) shall be assessed.
 - iii)** The maximum demerits for accuracy for any cast shall be five (5).
- C) Demerits for Penalties** - Penalty demerits shall be in addition to accuracy demerits.
- D) Caster's Score** - One hundred (100) points less the total number of demerits for accuracy and penalties shall constitute a caster's score.

