

FLY DISTANCE

Angler's Fly Distance - Fly Distance Singlehanded - Fly Distance Doublehanded

The rules of the fly distance events are similar except for Equipment, allowable time, and the use of a line tender. The Equipment is described by event. The Distance Course, Method of Casting, (with exceptions noted) and Method of Scoring are described collectively.

1. EQUIPMENT

A) Angler's Fly Distance

- i) Rod - The complete rod shall not exceed nine feet, one inch (9'1") in length and shall be singlehanded.
- ii) Reel - Unrestricted, except reel must be attached to the rod and must be capable of holding the entire line.
- iii) Line
 - a) Shooting head shall be no longer than thirty-one (31) feet nor shorter than twenty-eight (28) feet and shall weigh not more than three hundred ten (310) grains.
 - b) Running line - Unrestricted except that the diameter shall not be less than 0.015 inches.
- iv) Leader - Shall consist of a single leader of natural or artificial out or gut substitute not more than twelve (12) feet nor shorter than nine (9) feet in length.
- v) Fly
 - a) Description - Official distance fly adopted by the Association. The hackle shall not be smaller than five-eighths (5/8) inch in diameter.
 - b) Application - Only one fly may be attached to the leader at the tip end. The fly may be changed at any time, or a lost fly replaced, with a fly approved by the Judge.

B) Fly Distance, Singlehanded

- i) Rod - The complete rod shall not exceed nine feet and nine inches (9'9") in length.
- ii) Reel - Unrestricted, except reel must be attached to the rod and must be capable of holding the entire line.
- iii) Line
 - a) Shooting head shall not be less than forty-nine feet three inches (49'3") in length and shall not weigh more than six hundred fifty (650) grains.
 - b) Running line - Unrestricted.
- iv) Leader - Shall consist of a single leader of natural or artificial gut or gut substitute and not longer than twelve (12) feet nor shorter than six (6) feet in length.
- v) Fly
 - a) Description - Official distance fly adopted by the Association. The hackle shall not be smaller than five-eighths (5/8) inch in diameter.
 - b) Application - Only one fly may be attached to the leader at the tip end. The fly may be changed at any time, or a lost fly replaced, with a fly approved by the Judge.

C) Fly Distance, Doublehanded

- i) Rod - The complete rod shall not exceed seventeen (17) feet in length.
- ii) Reel - Unrestricted, except reel must be attached to the rod and must be capable of holding the entire line.
- iii) Line
 - a) Shooting Head – The shooting head shall not be less than forty-nine feet three inches (49'-3") or fifteen (15) meters in length and shall not weigh more than eighteen hundred fifty five (1855) grains.
 - b) Running Line - Unrestricted
- iv) Leader - Shall consist of a single leader of natural or artificial gut or gut substitute not longer than seventeen (17) feet nor shorter than six (6) feet in length.
- v) Fly
 - a) Description - Official distance fly adopted by the Association. The hackle shall not be smaller than five-eighths (5/8) inch in diameter.

- b) Application - Only one fly may be attached to the leader at the tip end. The fly may be changed at any time, or a lost fly replaced, with a fly approved by the Judge.
- 2. DISTANCE COURSE** - The Distance Course shall be of sufficient length and shall consist of a court that is a maximum of 180 degrees wide.
- 3. TIME**
- A) General** - Time starts when caster calls "score" or at the expiration of the two (2) minute preparation time. Caster must call "score" before the fly passes the casting box on the way forward for a shooting cast.
- B) Limits** - The time limits shall be:
- i) Angler's Fly Distance - Five (5) minutes
 - ii) Fly Distance, Singlehanded - Five (5) minutes
 - iii) Fly Distance, Doublehanded - Seven (7) minutes
 - iv) In order that a shooting cast shall be measured, the fly must have passed the casting box on the way forward, before time expires.
- C) Preparation Time** - Two (2) minutes of preparation time shall begin when caster first begins to retrieve line after initial stretching.
- D) Time Out** - There shall be no time out for any reason except for outside interference as determined by the Judge. The loss of a fly, unless that loss is caused by external contact such as a tree, shall not be considered outside interference. The loss of a fly caused by striking any part of the casting platform, water, or land surface, shall not be considered outside interference.
- 4. METHOD OF CASTING**
- A) Casting Program**
- i) General - The casting program shall consist of as many shooting casts as the caster desires to make during the allotted time.
 - ii) Shooting Cast - A shooting cast shall be the released cast in a sequence of false casts or casts that have been made in an effort to obtain distance.
 - iii) Responsibility - After stepping into the casting box, the caster shall be responsible for the results and shall accept the distance measurement and penalties assessed by the Judge.
- B) Casting Style** - Singlehanded or Doublehanded as specified in Section 1.
- C) Procedures**
- i) Initial
 - a) Angler's Fly Distance - Caster may have assistance in removing line from reel and in straightening line, which begins the preparation time. When preparation time begins, and throughout the event, caster shall be allowed no further assistance.
 - b) Fly Distance Singlehanded and Fly Distance Doublehanded - Caster shall be allowed a line tender who shall assist caster in initially extending and stretching line and in retrieving line as required throughout the duration of the preparation time and casting program.
 - ii) False Casts - Caster may make as many false casts, or other casts as desired, before making a shooting cast.
 - iii) Release of Shooting Cast - From the time the fly passes the casting box on the way forward for a shooting cast, until the fly strikes the land surface at the conclusion of the shooting cast, all parts of the caster's body, and all attached clothing, must contact only the surface of the casting box. However, any false casts made prior to the release of the shooting cast may begin from outside the casting box.
- 5. METHOD OF SCORING**
- A) General** - No shooting cast shall be scored unless the line, leader, and fly are intact. The Judge shall notify the caster whenever they notice that the fly is off.
- B) Measurement** - The length of the shooting cast shall be the distance measured to the nearest foot, from the center of the leading edge of the casting box to the location where the fly comes to rest, within the boundaries of the court.
- C) Penalties** - Overstep: If any part of the caster's body, or any attached clothing, touches any part of the surface outside of the casting box, between the time that the fly passes the casting box on the way forward for a shooting cast, until the fly strikes the land surface at the conclusion of the shooting cast, that cast shall not be measured.

D) Caster's Score - The caster's longest shooting cast shall constitute the caster's score. The second longest shooting cast shall be recorded, but shall be used only to break ties.

