

PLUG DISTANCE

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

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

1. EQUIPMENT

A) 1/4oz. (7.5g) Plug Distance, Singlehanded

- i) Rod
 - a) The complete rod shall not exceed eight feet, two inches (8'2").
 - b) The inside diameter of the tip ring shall not exceed twenty-five sixty-fourths (25/64) inch or ten (10) millimeters.
 - c) The inside diameter of the guide ring shall not exceed one and twenty-five sixty-fourths (1&25/64) inch or fifty (50) millimeters.
- ii) Reel - Fixed Spool.
- iii) Line - Continuous level line, devoid of knot(s), splice(s), or built in taper.
- iv) Plug - A.C.A. approved 1/4oz. (7,5g) distance plug.

B) 5/8oz. (18g) Plug Revolving Spool Distance, Doublehanded

- i) Rod - Unrestricted
- ii) Reel - Revolving Spool Reel of standard manufacture of at least one hundred (100) units – otherwise unrestricted
- iii) Line - The minimum diameter of the line shall not be less than ten thousandths (0.010) inches with a tolerance such that the minimum diameter is 0.25 millimeters. Shock lines shall be used and there must be at least one (1) complete turn of the shock line around the spool.
- iv) Plug - A.C.A. approved 5/8oz. (18g) distance plug.

C) 5/8oz. (18g) Plug Distance, Doublehanded

- i) Rod - Unrestricted
- ii) Reel - Fixed Spool
- iii) Line - The minimum diameter of the line shall not be less than ten thousandths (0.010) inches with a tolerance such that the minimum diameter is 0.25 millimeters.
- iv) Plug - A.C.A. approved 5/8oz. (18g) distance plug.

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 - The caster shall have one (1) minute to release a cast after the Judge has declared the box open.

4. METHOD OF CASTING

A) Casting Program

- i) General - The casting program shall consist of three (3) casts.
- ii) Scoring Cast - A scoring cast is a completed cast with no line breakage made from the casting box in which the plug strikes the surface within the distance court.
- 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) Procedure

- i) General - Following the casting order, a caster shall be prepared to cast when the Judge declares box open.
- ii) Delivery of Cast - The caster shall deliver and complete the cast with all parts of the caster's body and all attached clothing contacting only the surface of the casting box. However, any windup motion prior to releasing the cast may begin from outside the box.
- iii) Equipment Check - After completing a cast, the caster shall remain in the casting box until released by the Judge. After the Judge has performed all appropriate equipment checks, and has verified that the line had not broken, the caster may break and retie the line before retrieving the cast.

- iv) Retrieve - After having been released by the Judge the caster shall retrieve the line while walking to the location where the plug rests.
- v) Open Box - When the previous caster has safely cleared the court, the Judge shall declare the box open.
- vi) Equipment Problems - In case of bonafide equipment problems the Judge shall allow a caster to drop to a more convenient place in the casting order only one (1) time during the event.

5. METHOD OF SCORING

A) General - Only scoring casts shall be measured.

B) Measurement - The length of a scoring 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 plug has come to rest, within the boundaries of the court.

C) Penalties

i) Overstep - If any part of the caster's body or any attached clothing touches any part of the surface outside of the casting box from the time of the cast's release until the Judge completes the equipment check, the cast shall be scored zero (0).

ii) Early Movement From Box - If the caster moves from the box for any reason before being released by the Judge, the cast shall be scored zero (0).

iii) Broken Line - If the caster's line breaks during the cast, at any time after beginning any windup motion and before the caster is released from the box by the Judge, the cast shall be scored zero (0).

iv) Failure to Retrieve - After having been released from the box by the Judge, if the caster fails to retrieve the line by walking to the location where the plug rests, the cast shall be scored zero (0), unless there is evidence to indicate that a line break occurred due to outside interference.

v) Overtime - If a caster is not prepared to cast when called to the open box, except as outlined in Section 4Cvi, or if the caster does not release his cast within one (1) minute, the cast shall be scored zero (0).

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

