

WET FLY ACCURACY

1. EQUIPMENT

A) Rod

- i) Length - Shall not exceed nine feet, six inches (9'6") overall.
- ii) Weight - Unrestricted

B) Reel - Unrestricted

C) Line

- i) Type - Unrestricted
- ii) Size - Maximum diameter shall not exceed 0.068 inches. Line shall not be fastened to the reel at less than fifty-five (55) feet nor marked in any way that would indicate distance.

D) Leader - Shall consist of a single leader of natural or artificial gut or gut substitute not less than six (6) feet in length.

F) Fly

- i) Description - Official Wet Fly adopted by the Association.
- ii) 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. TARGET COURSE

A) Targets - Five (5) targets shall constitute the course. The targets shall be in a straight line normal to the front edge of the center of the casting box and anchored so that there is no target movement.

B) Distance

- i) Near Target - The near target shall be placed at thirty-five (35) 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 at fifty-five (55) feet, as measured from the center of the target to the center of the front edge of the casting box.
- iii) Other Targets - The three (3) remaining targets shall be located in a straight line in the intervening space such that the distance between centers of any two adjacent targets shall be five (5) feet.

3. TIME

A) General - Time starts when caster steps into casting box. Caster shall be allowed five (5) minutes to complete the casting program without penalty.

B) 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 or a snag on a target, shall not be considered outside interference. The loss of a fly caused by striking any part of the casting platform shall not be considered outside interference.

C) Penalty - A penalty of three (3) demerits shall be assessed for each minute or fraction of a minute overtime.

4. METHOD OF CASTING

A) Casting Program

- i) General - The casting program shall consist of ten (10) final forward casts, consisting of two (2) successive final forward casts at each of the five (5) targets in the target course, beginning at the near target. After the first final forward cast on the near target, no false casts shall be permitted. Caster must enter casting box before beginning the casting program.
- ii) Responsibility - After stepping into the casting box, caster shall be responsible for the results and shall accept the score and penalties assessed by the Judge.

B) Casting Style - Singlehanded

C) Procedure

- i) Initial - Caster shall start with fly or leader in hand and no more than leader plus two (2) feet of line extending beyond rod tip.
- ii) First Target - Caster shall work out to the near target in any way practical. When caster is ready to begin the casting program, they shall call "score" and make two (2) successive final forward casts at the near target.
- iii) Remaining Targets - After the second final forward cast at the near target, caster shall strip line from the reel and make a final forward cast at the next nearest target, followed by a second final forward cast at that target, and shall continue in a similar manner to each target in turn, finishing the casting program with a second successive final forward cast on the far target.
- iv) Stripping Line from Reel - Caster shall not strip so much line off the reel nor hold so much loose line in either hand so that further stripping between targets is unnecessary, nor shall caster attempt to measure the line by stripping along the rod.
- v) Floating Fly - The fly does not have to float.

D) Penalties

- i) False Cast - A penalty of three (3) demerits shall be assessed for each false cast made after the caster calls "score."
- ii) Improper Strip - Should the caster strip so much line from the reel or hold so much loose line in either hand that further stripping is unnecessary, or should caster attempt to measure the line by stripping along the rod, it shall be scored an improper strip. A penalty of three (3) demerits shall be assessed for each such strip.

E) Interruption of Casting Program: If the casting program is interrupted the caster shall have two options of recovery. The caster shall notify the Judge of the option selected.

- i) Caster shall retrieve all the line on the reel and begin on the first target as in Section 4C. The Judge shall begin scoring the casts at the point in the casting program where the interruption occurred.
- ii) Caster shall work out to the target preceding the target where the interruption occurred, call "score" and proceed as in Section 4C. The Judge shall begin scoring the casts at the point in the casting program where the interruption occurred.

5. METHOD OF SCORING

A) General

- i) No final forward cast shall be scored unless the line, leader, and fly are intact.
- ii) Each final forward cast shall be scored where the fly first strikes the water, or any portion of a target, a scoring ring, or the platform, in front of the casting box, regardless of where the fly may ultimately settle.

B) Demerits for Accuracy

- i) A fly falling within or on any portion of the target on a final forward cast shall be scored a perfect and shall be assessed zero (0) demerits.
- ii) For each foot or fraction thereof the fly misses the extreme edge of the target on a final forward cast a demerit of one (1) shall be assessed.
- iii) Maximum demerits for any single final forward cast shall be ten (10).

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 for penalties shall constitute a caster's score.