



Invitation

On behalf of the American Casting Association (ACA) and the Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC), we cordially invite you to participate in our 2025 US Open Casting Championships. This is our 113th National Tournament. It is held by the LBCC as part of the club's 100th Anniversary celebration. The International Casting Sport Federation (ICSF) has designated this tournament as one of its six World Cup events (see Registration).

We have scheduled 13 different games (see description of events) that involve both fly and plug casting for both accuracy and distance. Awards will be given in all individual events and in various combinations.

The members of the Long Beach Casting Club are striving to put on a top-notch and enjoyable tournament. If you have questions or comments, please contact us at USOpenCasting2025@gmail.com.

Lodging during the tournament

We have arranged a special room rate at two hotels:

- Golden Sails Hotel, \$119 + 13.2% tax, located at 6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90803 = about 1.6 miles from the casting pond; phone: US+562-596-1631 between 8 AM and 1PM PDT, ask for the group rate "ACA – LB Casting Club"
- Hotel Current, \$129 + tax, located at 5325 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90804 = about 0.8 miles from the casting pond; phone: US+562-597-1341, ask for group rate "Long Beach Casting Club – US Open" or use this link: <https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=9727&nights=1&checkin=8/3/2025&group=080425CC&lang=en-us>

There are several other quality hotels within a short driving distance of the pond. You may use this approximate casting pond address for any search: 5201 E. 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.

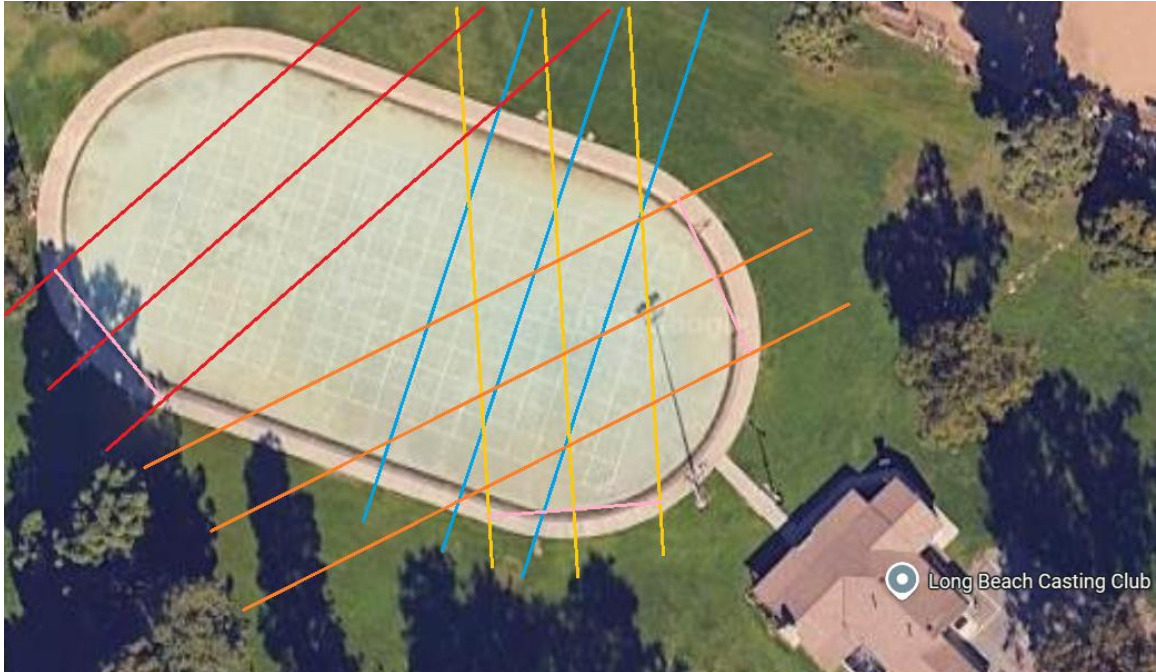
Food during the tournament

We plan on making simple food available at the LBCC club house for breakfast and lunch. We are hoping to arrange this to be free of charge for all participants. You will need to arrange for special needs and for your own dinner. The banquet on August 9th will be held at the LBCC club house. The associated cost is \$40 per person. We have a

maximum occupancy number for the banquet – so, please reserve your spot(s) early. City rules for the park will not allow alcohol to be served at the banquet or at any time during the tournament.

Details about the venue

The venue of the 2025 US Open Casting Championships will be the Long Beach casting pond and the surrounding area (Google coordinates = 33.7767, -118.134). Here is an aerial view:



Check out the club's website at www.longbeachcastingclub.org for general information about the venue. The pond was purpose built for casting of many kinds. It is about 250' (76 m) long and 130' (40.4 m) wide. It is long enough for five side-by-side accuracy stations, i.e. at least one for warm-up casting in addition to the ones for competition.



The pond is shallow enough that judges can stay dry in most places just wearing available rubber boots. Given our weather (see below), wet-wading using sandals or similar can be very comfortable.

Here is a photograph with a perspective for the distance casting:



It shows the view from the south side from which we typically cast – due to the sun and typical wind direction. The pond is 130 feet (40.5 m) wide (from the near to the far side as shown) and is surrounded by a concrete path which makes for very stable footing. Beyond the path on the far side, there is a grass area that ends at a fence with a dog park behind it. The fence is at least 210 feet (64 m) away. We never had wind conditions where anyone has cast a fly that far, but we'll have ground rules in place should it happen during the competition. Speaking of wind conditions, the wind during early August is generally weak and rarely deviates more than 45° from the default casting direction. Should the wind surprise us, we are prepared for up to three alternate casting directions (see yellow, orange and red lines in the aerial view) which unfortunately involve small compromises. We will have participating casters (as a group) choose the lane setup for each fly distance event. The lanes will be 30 feet (9.5 m) wide. The picture above shows the lanes for the default direction as delineated by the three strings of buoys. This setup is represented by the blue lines in the aerial view above. Here is a side view of the buoys:



There are yellow buoys every 10 feet with numbers on them. At 100, 150 and 200 feet, those buoys are replaced by red ones. The smaller blue buoys indicate the 5-foot positions. Measurements for all distance events will be in feet. Upon request, we can convert those measurements to meters for the ICSF events.

For Spey casting, we will stand near the deepest part of the pond and cast along the long center line. Even with the water level raised above normal, the depth will likely remain a few centimeters below the minimum prescribed by the ICSF rules.

The Arenberg casting and the starting box for ¼ oz. (7.5 g) distance will be on grass.

Expected weather conditions

The weather in Southern California during the middle part of the summer is quite reliable. In Long Beach, the temperature ranges from the high 60's (~20°C) in the early mornings to the high 80's (~30°C) during the afternoon. The wind is generally light – typically strong enough to provide a bit of cooling but not so strong to be a major influence on the casting. UV exposure tends to be strong - making sun block and eye protection highly advisable. Rain rarely happens. The LBCC club house is just a few steps from the pond and can provide shelter from the sun. There is also shade provided by the trees surrounding the casting area. We will have water for everyone. You may want to consider electrolytes (Gatorade, etc.) to stay at the top of your game.

Due to Long Beach's relative proximity to the equator, our summer days are not as long as many visitors might expect during the summer. Opportunities for practice at the pond in the early morning or late evening hours will be limited.

Judging

At ACA National Tournaments – such as this US Open – it is standard practice that casters do the judging. We will make every attempt to recruit score keepers and assistant judges from non-casting club members. However, at least the head judges will need to be casters. We only assign head judges to events with which they are familiar, i.e. international casters would generally be asked to judge ICSF but not ACA events. Casters who need to judge will cast at/near the beginning or end of their wave with the goal to maximize their time between judging and casting. This is an exception to the random casting order permitted by the ACA rules.

Registration for the tournament

Casters may choose to participate in any of the 13 scheduled events – in any of the available divisions for which they qualify. We ask for casters to register well in advance for the tournament. As an incentive, we offer a 10% discount for those who register and pay by July 5th. International casters may register as a group or individually. ICSF membership is only required for participation in the World Cup combination.

We prefer that you fill out the registration form that is available on the ACA website (www.americancastingassoc.org). You may email your registration to USOpenCasting2025@gmail.com or mail it to: Henry Mittel, 5782 Comstock CT, Cypress, CA 90630, USA. Payment may be made by PayPal (to USOpenCasting2025@gmail.com using “friends transfer”), via check (in US\$), or cash (in US\$, do not mail cash). Please contact us if you require an alternative way of paying.

When it comes to selecting a division in which to participate, your choices depend on where you reside. Casters residing outside of North America only have one option = their “US Open” division (women's or men's). Casters who have resided in the US or Canada (for at least the past 6 months) have choices based on their age. Casters ages 17 through 59 may choose between the national Men's/Women's division and the US Open Men's/Women's division. Casters age 60 or older may choose from the Senior Men/Women, national Men/Women, and US Open Men/Women. Young casters may register for the division dedicated to their age group (Youth = 8 or younger, Junior = 9 through 11, Intermediates = 12 through 16), for an older age group, for their national

Men's/Women's division, or for the US Open Men/Women. Casters should choose based on against who (in general) they want to compete – considering that some divisions may have few or even no other casters. The recognition of potential records is based on a caster's registration division.

Description of the events of the 2025 US Open

Tuesday August 5th

- **Wet Fly Accuracy**

This is an ACA special event (see page 10 of <[Microsoft Word - ACA Special Programs and Events 2023-Jan.doc](#)>). The equipment has very few restrictions and the casting is very simple. After some preparation, the caster makes 10 pickup-and-laydown casts at 5 regularly-spaced targets.

Wednesday Aug. 6th

- **Spin Accuracy Arenberg** (part of ICSF World Cup event)

This is an ICSF casting game (see event 3 on page 9 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/HOOjaW5dGtZmDPAf3kfnzNJb4kLsWsblaju0Jbic.pdf>). Almost any rod with a spinning reel and a 7.5 g plug is used with 4 different casting styles to hit or get closed to a target 10 to 18 m away.

- **Trout Distance** (part of ICSF World Cup event)

This is an ICSF fly casting game (see event 2 on page 7 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/IgWKcLyVSCHoXgX1tEpglf6sjzS1ehTI4d9zKBRh.pdf>). This is a single-hand fly distance game with a full weight-forward 5-weight fly line.

- **Seatrout Distance**

This is an ICSF fly casting game (see event 3 on page 7 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/IgWKcLyVSCHoXgX1tEpglf6sjzS1ehTI4d9zKBRh.pdf>). This is a single-hand fly distance game with a shooting head that is limited to 27 gram floating line.

Thursday Aug. 7th

- **15' Spey**

This is an ICSF fly casting game (see event 5 on page 9 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/IgWKcLyVSCHoXgX1tEpglf6sjzS1ehTI4d9zKBRh.pdf>). This is a two-handed Spey event requiring change-of-direction casts over both shoulders.

- **1/4 oz. Accuracy** (part of ICSF World Cup event)

This is an ACA regular event (see page 21 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). The equipment is arbitrary except for the spinning reel and the use of an ACA 1/4 oz. or ICSF 7.5 g plug. Casting style is also unrestricted except for single-handed casting. The 30-inch floating target rings vary in distance between 40 and 80 feet.

- **1/4 oz. Distance** (part of ICSF World Cup event)

This is, strictly speaking, an ACA regular event (see page 24 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). This is almost the same single-hand plug distance game as ICSF casting Event 5. The main difference is that a line of arbitrary but constant diameter throughout its length is also permitted. Minor differences are the possibly wider court or the way the distance is measured.

Friday August 8th

- **Trout Accuracy (ICSF)** (part of ICSF World Cup event)
This is an ICSF fly casting game (see event 1 on page 5 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/IgWKcLyVSCHoXgX1tEpglf6sjzS1ehTI4d9zKBRh.pdf>). It is a fly accuracy event using a 5-weight line and a relatively large fly. Casting style is overhead through all four rounds.
- **Salmon Distance 15'**
This is an ICSF fly casting event (see event 4 on page 8 in <https://www.icsf-castingsport.com/download/IgWKcLyVSCHoXgX1tEpglf6sjzS1ehTI4d9zKBRh.pdf>). This is a two-hand fly distance game with a shooting head that is limited to a 55 gram floating line.
- **Angler's Fly**
This is an ACA event (see page 26 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). This is a single-hand fly distance event with a 10 weight fast-sinking shooting head with a maximum length of 31 feet.

Saturday Aug. 9th

- **Trout Fly Accuracy (ACA)**
This is an ACA event (see page 14 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). This fly accuracy event has 3 rounds requiring dry fly, wet fly, and roll-casting techniques at five 30-inch targets at a distance of 20 to 50 feet.
- **Bass Bug Accuracy**
This is an ACA event (see page 18 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). This is a fly accuracy event requiring the use of a heavy fly – a Bass Bug. Six 30-inch targets ranging from 20 to 70 feet must be reached with limited numbers of false casts to change the length of the line.
- **5/8 oz. Accuracy**
This is an ACA event (see page 21 in <[REGULATIONS SECTION](#)>). The equipment is arbitrary except for the revolving-spool reel and the use of an ACA 5/8 oz. or ICSF 18 g plug. Casting style is also unrestricted except for single-handed casting. The 30-inch floating target rings vary in distance between 40 and 80 feet.
- **5/8 oz. Team**
This is the same as 5/8 oz. Accuracy but cast as a team of four or five. Everyone casts at a target, then everyone to the next target, etc. The best 4 casters make up the team score.

Equipment for ACA-specific events

Most equipment is either ordinary fishing equipment or can be identical to what's used in international events of similar nature. There are a few notable exceptions. The flies used in Trout Fly Accuracy (ACA) must be ACA approved flies. For ¼ oz. Plug Accuracy, the ICSF 7.5 g plugs are legal but are less than optimal for the long targets. The ACA has slightly smaller plugs with a better aerodynamics for the long targets. The same applies to the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy and the ICSF 18 g plug. Although, the difference there is not as significant. The fly line for Angler's Fly Distance is uncommon for fishing. Hence, the ACA provides specially made lines which help in being competitive without having to experiment. The ACA also sells fly lines for the accuracy events which have been selected to work well for ACA accuracy events, but many other lines can successfully be used. These equipment items (and more) can be found through the ACA website (www.americancastingassoc.org). You can order through the email provided there or via USOpenCasting2025@gmail.com.