

# FLY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## GENERAL RULES

**1** According to the specific rules for each event, the fly rod must be held in one hand except for Double Handed distance events. It is allowed to achieve fulcrum by putting the rod against the underarm, but no fastening to the hand or arm is allowed.

**2 A cast is illegal if:**

- a) The rod is not handled according to the rules.
- b) The fly or leader is missing on delivery or the leader is found to be less than 1.80 metres. If the leader (with fly) is tangled the cast is legal.
- c) When any illegal tackle is being used.
- d) A Tick occurs (that is a fly touching the water in front of the caster and outside the target during false casting) to be called no score (or demerits where applicable) immediately by Judges before next false or delivery cast. In a Dry fly round, if a fly is delivered immediately after the call of "no score" due to a tick, such a delivery is also to be called a no score whether in or outside the target.
- e) When distance casting the fly lands outside the court.
- f) If the line is marked, or is measured along the rod by the caster.
- g) If the fly and a portion of the leader are not in contact with the water on each forward movement of the roll cast.

**3 Lost fly or leader and Broken Tackle**

- a) If the fly or leader is lost, the caster may be assisted by one (1) person at a time, to replace the fly or the leader, but time is not stopped. Distances and hits before the incident count. After losing two (2) flies in Accuracy or (3 flies in F.A.D.) the caster has to stop casting that event.  
If however the hackle of the fly has separated from the hook, subject to the judges decision, time is stopped, and the caster or his assistant may put on an extra fly. Such changing of the fly is not counted in the restricted number of flies for that event. Time starts again as soon as the fly has been replaced.
- b) Broken tackle refers only to the rod – not to any other equipment.
- c) Assistance, from one person at a time, is allowed in order to stretch out the line or clear a tangled line.

**4 Determining results**

- a) A delivery cast in accuracy casting which hits either on or in the target area is scored as a hit within the target. The fly must be left in place until the judge calls a score

**5 Fly**

Standard tournament flies, size 10, tied Palmer pattern, hackle diameter 16 - 22 mm. Any colour. Flies to be approved by the organising Division. In all Dry fly events, the fly is required to float and may be treated with floatant.

**6 Skip Fly**

A fly which first lands outside the target then skips in is an illegal cast and scored accordingly (no score), but if the fly lands inside the target and skips out it is a legal scoring cast.

**7 Platform**

This shall be 1.20 metres square or if larger shall be marked accordingly and the caster must keep BOTH feet inside this area. Where the casting area is marked with lines or a mat, the outer edge of the lines or mat shall be the maximum area. Maximum 0.5 metres above the ground or surface of the water.

**8 Judging**

It is the responsibility of the judge to call out the scores clearly and as quickly as possible.

It is the responsibility of the check judge to assist the judge in any way the judge requests, but must also watch and call any "tick" immediately if missed by the judge.

The check judge can only comment on the result of a cast if the judge calls "check".

If time is called BEFORE a fly lands in a target the judge will count it as a non-score.