

Australian SKISH Fly Accuracy

NOTE – THIS EVENT IS NOT CAST IN STATE OR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This ACF Event shall comprise:

- (a) **Dry Fly Round**
- (b) **Roll Cast Round** (excluded when cast on land)
- (c) **Wet Fly Round**

Rod

Ordinary fishing rod of maximum length 3.00 metres. Standard fly rod rings or guides.

Reel

Standard fly fishing reel, or self made reel corresponding to standard. Reel fastened to the rod, line fastened to the reel.

Line

Standard fly fishing line or similar line, minimum length 15.00 metres. Backing unrestricted. Metal inlays prohibited.

Leader

Minimum length 1.80 metres. The tippet diameter and length are optional

Fly

Standard tournament flies, size 10, tied Palmer pattern, hackle diameter 16 - 22 mm. Any colour. Flies to be approved by the organising Division.

Platform

The platform is to be a minimum of 1.20 metres square. Where the casting area is marked with lines or a mat, the outer edge of the lines or mat shall be the maximum area. BOTH feet must be kept inside this area.

Maximum 0.50 metres above the surface of the water.

Placement of targets

Targets shall be placed as follows.:

Target one at between 6.10 and 7.60 metres (20 - 25 feet) from the front of the casting box.

Target three between 12.25 and 13.75 metres (40 - 45 feet) from the front of the casting box.

Three more to be scattered at intervening distance in such a manner as to result in an open formation.

Two targets (1 and 3) are measured and the measurements made known to all competitors, with the other three unmeasured targets scattered to create an open formation and when multiple courts are required, any other court will be set in similar fashion to replicate the first court as close as possible – without measuring the three scattered targets.

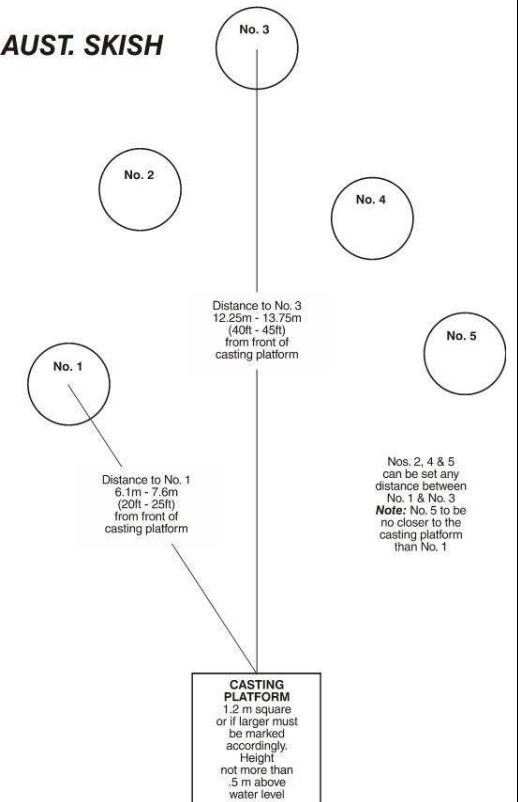
Counting clockwise, starting with target closest to casting platform, (target No. 1); target No. 5 not to be closer to centre front of casting platform than target No. 1

FIRST. DRY FLY ROUND

- 1 Caster must start with fly in hand and one (1) rod length of fly line (plus the leader) out through the rod tip.
- 2 Casting shall be single-handed from the casting platform to each target as designated by the judge. Such order shall be maintained throughout the event.
- 3 It shall be the duty of the judge to indicate to the competitor each target in turn if the competitor so wishes.
- 4 At least one false cast shall be made between each try. If no false cast is made then the next try shall be non-scoring.
- 5 Fly shall not touch or tick the water in front of the caster while he is false casting. Penalty for such "tick" shall be no score and shall be regarded as an attempt at the target.
- 6 Three (3) successive tries shall be made at each target in order as called by the judge.
- 7 A hit on the actual target or circle is scored as a hit on the target area inside the target.

Time

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Time allowed for this round 2 minutes 30 seconds commencing when the fly first touches the water.

Dry Fly Scoring

Scoring at each target shall be as follows.:

1st try, proper hit 5 points

2nd try, proper hit 3 points

3rd try, proper hit 2 points

Maximum Dry Fly score 50 points.

SECOND. ROLL or SWITCH CAST ROUND

Definition of Roll Cast (or Switch Cast)

Roll Cast is casting the fly by means of rolling the line across the water with the rod in a vertical or upright position. Switch Cast is with rod in a side or horizontal cast position.

A legitimate Roll (or Switch) cast

At the commencement of the forward movement of the rod to implement or execute the roll cast, the fly and part of the leader MUST still be on or in contact with the water, otherwise the cast is deemed to be illegal.

To begin, the caster rolls or switch casts from the last dry fly target to the target nearest the casting platform on the left side, and rolls or switch casts until 2 hits are scored. The caster then proceeds to the next target to the right and so on in clockwise order 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 until all five (5) targets are scored twice, or the judge calls time.

Time

Time allowed shall be 1 minute 30 seconds commencing when the fly first touches the water.

Roll Cast Scoring

The score shall be five points for each target hit made up as:

First hit 3 points

Second hit 2 points

Maximum Roll Cast score 25 points.

THIRD. WET FLY ROUND

- 1 Competitors need not rewind their line onto the reel but must still prepare to cast with fly in hand and one rod length of fly line out of the rod tip plus the leader, no loops of fly line are to be retained in hand.
- 2 The line shall be extended to the nearest target by false casting. If the fly should "tick" the water it shall be deemed the measuring cast and the fly must be put down in the first ring on the NEXT cast to record a score.. No false casting is permitted following the measuring cast. If the line is false cast instead of being delivered it is "no score" for every false cast and the next target changes accordingly.
- 3 If no "tick" the first try shall be a measuring cast and shall not score but **must be completed within one minute of the finishing cast in the roll.**
- 4 The competitor shall then make two (2) tries at this target, then proceed in clockwise order to the next target, and so on to all targets.
- 5 At no time after the measuring cast shall false casting be allowed. Each false cast shall be scored as a no score cast.

Time

The time allowed shall be 1 minute 30 seconds commencing when the fly first touches the water.

Wet Fly Scoring

Scoring for this round shall be as follows:

1st try perfect 3 points

2nd try perfect 2 points

Maximum Wet Fly score 25 points.

Highest possible score in the ACF Skish Fly Accuracy 100 points.

*That in any WET FLY round of the ACA Skish where a caster has stopped casting because of outside interference or the loss of a fly and is then to recommence casting within the allotted time, their fly line be straightened out behind them so that **one** only false forward cast and **one** only back cast be permitted in order to load the rod before delivering the fly to the appropriate target on the next forward cast.*

*Penalty for exceeding the allotted forward cast and back cast shall be no score for **each** non-permitted false cast in either direction.*

*If the fly ticks the water on **any** false forward cast it will no score.*

AFFECTS UPON SCORING

Exceeding permitted false casts

A no score shall be called and recorded for each non-permitted false cast, therefore a delivery hit in a correct target shall be awarded the next lower score down, provided the fly has previously not ticked the water.

Ticking the water on the forward false cast

A no score shall be called and recorded if the fly ticks the water on the allotted forward false cast, therefore a delivery hit in a correct target shall be awarded the next lower score down.

Where a caster exceeds the permitted false casts and also ticks the water, no scores shall be called and recorded with the total of these no scores affecting downwards a delivery hit score in a correct target.

Tackle commonly used - Many fly rods used for the accuracy events are 2.7m to 2.85m (9' to 9'6") in length, are in the 10 - 11 weight range and have a fast action. A standard fly reel and a fast-sinking fly-line in one or two weights lower than what the rod is built for are commonly used.

To give you an idea of what tackle our champion casters are using for the accuracy events John Waters used an Aurora Titron 2.7m (9'), 10 weight, rod using a 9 weight Hardy Intermediate line. On very calm days John would use a Talon 9 weight line which is a little lighter than the Hardy. Most casters use leaders about 1.8m to 1.95m (6' to 6'6") in length, however John believes these to be too short. John uses a 2.2m leader (7'4") leader for all events as it is slower through the air and allows you to more easily sight the fly in the dry fly. In the Skish and Wet fly events, the longer leader minimises the tendency to splash the fly into the water before the hoop. When the pressure is on, you need to have minimised any margin for error and leader length achieves this.