

Australian Dry Fly Accuracy

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

Method of casting

- 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.

Scoring

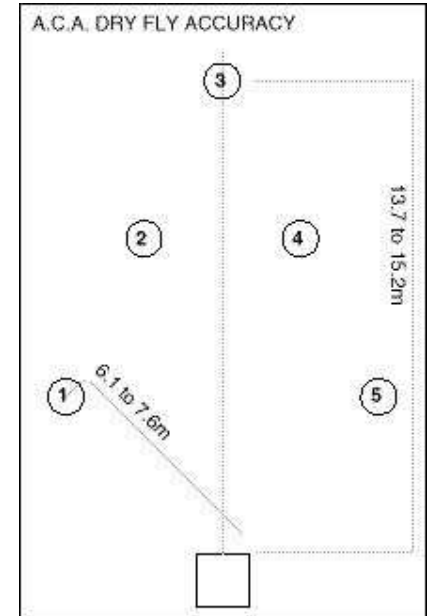
At each target the score shall be as follows:

- 1st try perfect 5 points.
- 2nd try perfect 3 points.
- 3rd try perfect 2 points.

Maximum Dry Fly score 50 points.

Time

Time allowed shall be 3 minutes commencing when the fly first touches the water



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.