



2010 OLYMPIAD Masters Fly-Fishing Tournament

Rules & Regulations

Rules for Fly Casting Competition

Rods, Reels and Lines

Contestants may use their own rod. Rods must be 5-weight or less and no longer than 9-feet. Reels will be provided by the tournament organizers. Rods will be available for inspection one hour prior to the start of the tournament. Rods will be available for contestants who do not have one.

Scoring

1. The ruling of the tournament directors or their appointees will be final.
2. Casting will take place rain or shine and will be delayed only for electrical storms.
3. Each caster will be assigned an approximate time at which to cast. It is the caster's responsibility to be in the casting area a minimum of 30 minutes prior to their designated time. If a competitor is not present when called to cast, organizers will proceed to the next contestant. If a competitor is late and there is no time left at the end of the day, they may be eliminated from competition.
4. Each competitor will have two minutes to warm up prior to casting.
5. Each competitor will have three minutes to complete the course.
6. Each competitor will have 15 seconds and one cast to complete each of the bonus targets. [updated]
7. Leaders will be maintained at 7.5 feet with 3x tippet.
8. Competition fly will be a #8 bright yellow dry fly, with the hook removed.
9. Competitors will be scored by the final resting place of the fly.
10. If the fly touches the forward casting area, it will be scored as a cast at the target.
11. Each competitor will get three casts at each of the accuracy targets.
12. If the fly, leader or fly line comes in contact with the obstacle while casting at the obstacle target, it will be scored a zero.
13. Each competitor will have two minutes to complete the distance casting part of the tournament.
14. Each competitor will be allowed three attempts at the distance cast.
15. Each competitor's farthest distance cast will be scored and then multiplied by 3.175.

16. Distance cast will be measured to the nearest inch.
17. Accuracy cast will be scored:
 - outside of the outer ring worth zero points
 - inside outer ring worth 100 points
 - inside middle ring worth 200 points
 - inside inner ring worth 300 points
 - bonus target #1 worth 200 points
 - bonus target #2 worth 300 points
18. Competitors are not allowed to drag their line while it is on the course. Any and all adjustments must be made in the air.
19. Competitors may dump their cast to the ground behind them without penalty.
20. Highest combined scores of distance, accuracy and bonus target will be ruled the winner of casting competition.

Rules for Fishing Competition

1. Only the top 10 adult division scorers from Saturday's casting competition will proceed to Sunday's fishing competition.
2. Each competitor will be assigned a beat and must remain in that beat during all fishing.
3. The five highest scorers from the morning fishing will fish again in the afternoon to determine the overall winner.
4. All fish to be scored must be measured by the judge.
5. It is the competitor's responsibility to get the fish out of the net and onto the scoreboard.
6. All fish must be released alive to count. A competitor will not be penalized for a dead fish, but no one will not be allowed to score a dead fish.
7. All hooks must be barbless and inspected by the judge.
8. Competitors may not fish eggs, pellet flies, or egg-sucking leeches.
9. Each competitor will be allowed to score five fish; a competitor must decide when they land a trout if they wish to score it. Once five fish have been scored, the competitor must stop fishing.
10. Once a fish is scored it may not be swapped out for another fish. Once a fish is released, a competitor cannot choose to go back and score it.
11. If a competitor lands a fish with a barbed hook and tries to score the fish, it will be counted as zero.
12. Each competitor will have two hours to fish their assigned beats.
13. Beats will be chosen first by the competitor with the highest score, second choice to the competitor with the second highest score, and so forth.