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### **3. State Dry Casting Competition Rules, WA.**

#### **3.1. General**

##### **3.1.1. Protests *(adopted at the September 2011 Delegates' meeting)***

Entrants should discuss any problems with the Officer of the Day for Dry Casting. When the entrant considers, in his opinion, that there is not a satisfactory resolution, the entrant has the right to lodge a protest in writing with the Officer of the Day.

Any such protest shall be brought to the notice of the Dry Casting Officer by way of a written communication handed to the Dry Casting Officer within 15 minutes of posting of the results.

A Disputes Committee of each Club Captain from the participating clubs or their nominated representative from that club, not including the Officer of the Day, to be responsible to settle any protest lodged.

Should any Club not nominate a person for the committee, or if the person cannot be found at the venue for notification of the meeting or does not attend the Committee meeting, the remaining members of the Disputes Committee shall decide any protests, provided at least three are present.

The entrant lodging the protest shall present his case to the Disputes Committee, and all relevant parties are to be present. The Disputes Committee's decision shall be final.

##### **3.1.2. Disclaimer**

The Australian Anglers Association accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any injury or damage caused to, or by, entrants or visitor/s whilst attending any Association event. The safety of entrants and visitors is the responsibility of the individuals concerned and no liability is accepted by the Association or any individual from the Association.

##### **3.1.3. Decline or cancellation of nominations**

The Australian Anglers Association reserves the right to decline to accept or to cancel the acceptance of the nomination of any person for participation in any dry casting events run by the Association.

Any club captain may propose at any time that a nomination be declined or the acceptance be cancelled.

The decision to decline or cancel a nomination shall be made by the majority of votes of a group made up of the State Dry Casting Officer and club captains present at a meeting called to decide that question. The meeting may be held at any time prior to or during the running of an event. The person may present a written or verbal statement to be considered in making the decision.

##### **3.1.4. Conduct at events *(adopted at the July 2011 Delegates' Meeting)***

The behaviour at the event of any persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs shall be considered by the Disputes Committee and immediate action shall be taken to deal with the behaviour. Action may extend to disqualification from the event and a request to leave the venue and may include a recommendation about barring from participation in future events for some period. The decision of the Disputes Committee about action on the day or days of the event shall be final.

Any recommendation from the Disputes Committee for barring the person from participation in some future events for some period shall be presented to the Delegates Council meeting for decision. The presentation shall be made by one or more representatives nominated by the Disputes Committee. The person shall be given written notice of the recommendation and his or his representative's right to make a verbal or written statement to the Delegates Council meeting. Any decision by the Delegates Council meeting shall require a simple majority of the Delegates Council present and voting, in accordance with Section 41 of the Constitution.

#### **3.2. Eligibility to enter**

##### **3.2.1. Financial status**

To be eligible to enter the event, participants must be financial members of a club and the club must have current affiliation status with The Association.

### **3.2.2. Entry fees**

Participants are to pay the prescribed entry fee, as set by The Association from time to time. The fee is to be paid before the registration is accepted.

### **3.2.3. Registration process**

Participants must register by using the prescribed Registration Form. Participants are to present their completed registration form and payment to The Association's Registration Officer at the prescribed location and during the nominated time for the registration to be accepted. Provision may be made for participants to pre register. Pre registered participants will be required to confirm their registration at the event's Headquarters during the prescribed registration times and to be issued with briefing information.

Participants will be required to provide the following information on the form:

- Personal details
- Club membership
- Division that they will compete in
- Age declaration if participating in Junior, Mini Junior, Veterans or Super Veterans divisions
- Any other information that The Association may determine to be required from time to time.

### **3.2.4. Divisional structure**

- Men's division is open to any male
- Ladies division is open to any female
- Mini Junior division is open to any participant who is less than twelve years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.
- Junior division is open to any participant who is less than sixteen years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.
- Veterans division is open to any participant who is over sixty years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.
- Super Veterans division is open to any participant who is over seventy years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.

### **3.2.5. Team structure and nominations**

Clubs may nominate up to three teams in each division.

Team nominations are to be entered prior to the end of the Registration times. Late team nominations will not be accepted.

The men's team shall consist up to a maximum of seven competitors, but only the best six total scores shall count.

The ladies, veterans, super veterans, junior and mini junior teams shall consist up to a maximum of four competitors, but only the best three total scores shall count.

### **3.2.6. Division entered**

Competitors may enter different divisions for team and individual events, subject to being eligible to enter the division, but may only enter in one team and one individual division, and must cast to the distances appropriate for the division entered, ie a veteran entered in the Men's team must cast to Men's accuracy distances.

## **3.3. Dry Casting events**

### **3.3.1. Supervision for the day**

Casting shall be under the direct supervision of the Casting Officer. Officials (Starters, Marshals and Markers etc) shall be appointed by the Casting Officer as required.

### **3.3.2. Double Handed Accuracy**

Two casts will be made at targets at four different distances, a total of eight casts. Mini Juniors have a two casts at two different distances, a total of four casts. These scores will count for both the Teams and Individual competitions.

### **3.3.3. Artificial Bait, 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line distance.**

Each entrant is allowed two casts in each of the following events:-

- a) 56 grams, with scores to count for the Teams competition.
- b) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait, with scores to count for the Teams competition.
- c) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait, with scores to count for the Individual competition.
- d) Up to 112 grams Level Line, with scores to count for the Individual competition.

## **3.4. Etiquette at Dry Casting day**

### **3.4.1. Safety**

By the nature of the sport, care must be exercised when casting. The Caster must ensure the arena is clear and no persons are in or potentially going to move into the area where he shall cast.

Casters using casting styles which have the potential for the weight to travel to the rear or side of the casting position must make sure that entire area is clear of people.

Markers shall pay special attention when casts are about to be made and must wear protection helmets.

### **3.4.2. Cooperation**

All entrants are to co-operate with the Dry Casting Officer or Marshals at all times at the event.

### **3.4.3. Casting methods**

Any method of casting will be allowed except revolving around the body or head.

### **3.4.4. Casting position**

The point of cast shall be from behind a base board. All casts must be released while the caster's feet are behind the base board. See Section 3.8.1 Foot fault.

### **3.4.5. Casting order**

Casting shall be called in the order as per "List of Entrants". Any entrant not responding to the call by the starter within one (1) minute shall forfeit that cast. The "Casting Day Officer" has the right to waive this rule in respect to entrants also acting as officials or upon request by an entrant having a problem with casting gear.

### **3.4.6. Presence in casting arena.**

The casting arena is the area behind the base line required for a caster to complete the cast safely and without interference or obstruction. Only that entrant actually casting is allowed into the casting arena.

### **3.4.7. Markers to give "All clear" signal.**

Markers are to move clear of the accuracy target area or out of the distance "V" Court and signal the "all clear" to the starter when ready.

### **3.4.8. Permission to cast**

No cast shall be made until permission is given by the Starter or Marshal, who shall wait until the "all clear" is signaled by the marker and has replied with the same signal before giving permission to cast. Any defaulter of this rule shall not be credited with a score for that cast.

### **3.4.9. Markers to stand clear of targets**

Markers shall stand to the side of the target area in accuracy events, not behind, and shall stand perfectly still while the cast is being made.

### **3.4.10. Retrieving line and weight**

Upon completing a cast, the caster is to immediately vacate the casting arena and move clear to retrieve line and weight.

### **3.4.11. Consideration for a caster**

Entrants shall consider the entrant about to cast and shall not cheer, whistle, yell or otherwise infringe upon the concentration of a caster. The Dry Casting Officer may allow another cast, if in his opinion the Caster has been unduly disturbed. See also Protests.

### **3.4.12. Practice casting**

Practice casting will not be permitted on the official courts on the day of the competition prior to or during any event.

## **3.5. Dry Casting equipment**

### **3.5.1. Rods and reels**

All Level Line distance and Double Handed Accuracy events will be contested using a double handed fishing rod and a reel.

### **3.5.2. Weights**

Weights using lead alloys for Level Line shall be as manufactured from the "standard" mould available from the Australian Anglers Association. The weight nominated in the event is the maximum weight allowed. Weights are in sizes 56 grams, 84 grams and 112 grams.

### **3.5.3. Line and terminal knots**

The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.5.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.

### **3.5.4. Breaking strain of leaders**

Breaking strain of all leaders must be no more than 50 kg., must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used.

### **3.5.5. Plastic tubing**

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram, 56 gram and Artificial bait level line distance events. The plastic tubing shall be of a soft flexible material, of minimum length of 200 mm and maximum length of 250 mm. The diameter shall be minimum 2.5 mm inside diameter to 4.5 mm maximum outside diameter. Colour must be flouro pink.

### **3.5.6. Artificial Bait rigs**

Plastic tubing must be used for Artificial bait level line distance events. The Artificial Bait shall be made of wooden doweling 90.0mm long and 13.0mm in diameter. It shall be attached to a swivel, ring or dropper loop by a line of minimum length of 230mm. The length of the leader to the weight must be less than 1000mm. The weight must hang completely under the dowel. Weights may be up to 112 grams. No modifications are allowed to the dowel other than painting or identification. No other modifications are allowed to the artificial bait rig, for example rings to control the bait.

### **3.5.7. 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line distance rigs**

Plastic tubing must be used for 112 gram and 56 gram level line distance events. Leaders are required in Level Line Distance events and may be up to a maximum of 350mm long. 56 or 84 gram weights may also be used for 112 gram events.

### **3.5.8. Double Handed Accuracy rigs.**

A visual aid in the form of a pompom must be used for double handed accuracy events. Pompoms shall be dark in colour with a maximum overall length of 100 mm and a minimum overall length of 50 mm and consist of a minimum of thirty (30) strands of 8-ply wool or equivalent. Pompoms may be securely attached to the casting weight with any method of fastening such as a clip, a swivel/clip combination, a solid or a split ring, monofilament line, thread or wire. Any such item used for fastening which does not form an inline or weight bearing part of the leader shall not count for the application of rule 3.5.4. Leaders are permitted in Double Handed Accuracy events and may be a maximum of 250mm long. Weights may be up to 112 grams.

### **3.5.9. Marker's safety gear**

All markers shall wear protective head gear at all times when marking. No junior or mini junior is permitted to mark.

### 3.5.10. Accuracy targets

The Double Handed Accuracy target shall consist of a cone with a 500 mm diameter base and a height of 300 mm. The cone shall be made of sheet metal or other suitable material and must be a distinctive colour, normally flouro pink. The target shall be mounted on a steel locating peg and supported at the apex of the cone. The locating peg shall be driven into the ground until the cone base lightly touches the ground to allow the measuring tape stretched from a ring on the locating peg to slide under the cone.

### 3.5.11. Measuring tapes

#### a) Measuring tapes - distance.

Standard commercial measuring tapes in metres shall be used to lay out the "V" court. Measured "Cross Lines" or flags can be set up and a measurement, by tape, can be taken from the cross line. Alternatively certified surveyors equipment or other electronic measuring equipment may be used.

#### b) Measuring tapes - Double Handed Accuracy

Suitable non stretch tape material shall be used with a length in excess of 6.25 metres. At one end shall be a metal ring. The tape shall be marked in increments of 250 mm from the centre of the ring. The first increment from the ring centre to the first mark shall read 25, the second increment from first mark to the second mark shall read 24, and so on.

## 3.6. Lane sizes and target distances

### 3.6.1. Artificial Bait, 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line distance lane.

The lane utilised for level line distance casting shall be a "V" court. Ropes shall be used to form and mark the "V". A base board will be fitted at the apex of the "V" court.

The "V" court shall be based on the following measurements:- From the apex of the "V", measure out 100 metres. From this point, measure out twenty (20) metres each side of this point, at right angles. The "V" court shall intersect these points, (i.e. at a distance out of 100 metres, the "V" court is 40 metres wide).

### 3.6.2. Double Handed Accuracy distances

For the Double handed accuracy event, one set of 4 target distances shall be drawn from the following sets.

#### a) For the Open section

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	61	64	67	70	73
Metres	30	33	36	39	42
Metres	76	79	82	85	88
Metres	46	49	52	55	58

#### b) For the Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Super Veterans

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	40	42	45	52	54
Metres	30	35	30	36	38
Metres	60	56	53	59	61
Metres	50	49	37	43	46

#### c) For Mini Juniors

Group	1	2	3	4	5
Metres	20	25	20	26	28
Metres	30	35	30	36	38

Casts shall be made to targets in the order of target distance 3, then distance 1, then distance 4 and finally distance 2.

Mini Juniors make a total of four casts only. Two casts are at the shortest target distance chosen for Ladies, Veterans, Super Veterans and Juniors, plus two casts are made from a base board moved forward by 10 metres. For example, if target distance group 1 is used, Mini Juniors cast at the 30m target from the normal base line and from a base line placed 10 metres forward.

## **3.7. Scoring system**

### **3.7.1. Marking of casts**

Accuracy points are to be allocated from where the weight first strikes the ground, not to where it bounces. Distance events are measured from where the weight comes to rest. Entrants must not touch or move the weight until the marker has completed identifying and measuring distances or scores.

Should the weight be moved by either the wind or retrieved by the entrant before the measurement can be completed, the marker will use this final position of rest as the position for measurement for level line distance events.

### **3.7.2. Scoring of Level Line distance casts.**

For 56 gram and 112 gram level line events the weight must remain attached to the line, and for 112 gram Artificial Bait events, both the weight and the dowel must remain attached to the line.

The distance of the cast shall be the measurement in metres and centimetres from the base line to the point where the weight comes to rest. Any cast where the weight comes to rest outside the "V" court marked by ropes receives a zero score.

### **3.7.3. Scoring of Double Handed Accuracy casts.**

The point score shall be the number marked on the tape when it is placed on the point of impact of the weight. The tape marks are:

1st increment (i.e. a direct hit)	- 25 points
2nd increment	- 24 points
3rd increment	- 23 points
and so on	
25th increment	- 1 point
Outside of tape marking	- No Score

If the point of impact is on the line between two numbers, the higher score shall be awarded.

## **3.8. Miscasts and disqualification**

### **3.8.1. Foot fault**

Only casts made from behind the base board or line shall be accepted. Stepping on or over the base board or line shall be called a foot fault and all the score from such a cast shall be forfeited.

### **3.8.2. Break off**

The object being cast, the weight, and / or artificial bait, must leave the rod tip and stay attached to the main line to count as a scoring cast, i.e. a break off or artificial bait dowel or weight breakoff does not qualify for a score in that event. In the event of a break off, it is the responsibility of the caster concerned to retrieve the weight etc immediately after the event, but only when the course is clear and he has been given permission.

### **3.8.3. Miscast**

A miscast, such as a backlash, break off, or failure to put the reel into spool or trip the bail wire, shall count as a cast only if the weight or dowel touches the ground in front of the base board.

### **3.8.4. Practice casts**

No practice shall take place on the official lanes before or during competitions. An unauthorised practice cast in the official lanes after start of the competition shall void the next cast.

### **3.8.5. Casters not complying with the Rules**

At the discretion of the Dry Casting Officer, casters not complying with the rules shall be disqualified or have those points disqualified for any cast(s) completed in violation of the rule, but subsequent casts shall be allowed. Measurements or score shall be recorded with the reason for disqualification in case these are needed for a successful protest. See also Section 3.1.1 Protests.

### **3.8.6. Dry Casting Officer's discretion.**

At the sole discretion of the Dry Casting Officer, a caster may be allowed to have another cast should there be any doubts about that cast in the opinion of the Dry Casting Officer of the day or his appointed assistant. For example, an accuracy cast for which the marker did not see where the



weight landed; or if another person or animal inadvertently shifted the weight or dragged the weight out of the "V" court by accidentally catching the line.

### **3.9. Selection of members for National team.**

The selection of members for teams to attend the AAA National Championships shall be based on merit.

The teams shall be decided by the members of the dry casting group at a meeting advertised to decide arrangements for National Championships.

Merit shall take into consideration all aspects of a person's abilities and personal attributes such as casting skills, ability to work as part of the team to obtain the best possible results, to represent the State Association, and any other matters which the team members consider relevant.

The Australian Anglers Association WA Division reserves the right to select partial teams and decline to select some nominees.