

CASTING TOURNAMENT RULES

Section 1. – Sanction:

All tournament held under the auspices of this Association shall be sanctioned. To qualify for a sanction, a club must be a member, in good standing, of the ASAC Clubs holding a sanctioned tournament shall print on their program; "Under the sanction of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs of NEW JERSE, Inc". Tournaments are to be held, rain or shine, on the dates sanctioned by ASAC.

Clubs seeking an official tournament sanction shall schedule at least two (2)-standardized events, based on the following categories to tackle:

- A. Conventional tackle as defined in section 2, para. A.
- B. Spinning tackle as defined in section 2, para. B.

All sanctioned tournaments must be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in sections 1 through 9.

Section 2. – Outfit:

- A. Conventional tackle:
 - 1. Rod: There shall be no restriction upon length or on the material used in its' construction.
 - 2. Reel: To contain a revolving spool and to be of standard manufacture, commonly available to the general public. Modifications are allowed except for the following:
 - a. No alteration or machining to deviate from the original design or manufacture.
 - b. Bearings may be replaced only with equal quality and size as the original.
- B. Spinning tackle:
 - 1. Rod: Same as for conventional tackle.
 - 2. Reel: To contain a spool that is fixed during the cast. It must be of standard manufacture and commonly available to the general public. Modifications are allowed except for the following:
 - a. Spools may not be altered in any way from original design and manufacture.
- C. Line:
 - 1. Running line: All casters shall use line of no less than 12-lb. test in all events. The line shall be of the same diameter and parallel throughout the entire length.
 - 2. Shock line: To be no less than 50-lb. test in all events, for all casters. At least five (5) turns of shock leader must be around the spool of any reel before the cast shall be attempted. Shock leaders shall be parallel throughout their entire length.
- D. Casting weights:
 - 1. Men shall cast a 150-gram weight of a design approved by the ASAC in all events.
 - 2. Women shall cast a 130-gram weight, of a design approved by ASAC in all events.
 - 3. All weights shall have the size clearly marked and may not be altered by cutting, shaving, filling or excessive polishing.

Section 3. – Events:

- A. Team:
 - 1. A team shall consist of no more than five (5) casters.
 - 2. Each caster shall make three (3) casts for the team.
 - 3. The team that totals the greatest combined distance shall be declared the winner of this event.
 - 4. In the event of a tie between teams, each member of each team shall make one cast. The team whose five casts total the greatest distance shall be declared the winner.
 - 5. Individual casters, not casting on a team, shall be allowed to cast for an average during this event.
 - 6. Individual awards will be given for average only in this event.
- B. Individual:

1. Each caster shall make five (5) casts. Only the longest cast of the five will be considered for award.
 2. Awards shall be given for long cast only and no averages will be made in this event.
 3. In the event of a tie, each caster in the tie shall make one (1) cast with the longest declared the winner.
- C. All events:
1. A caster in either event may cast with the outfit of his/her choice; spinning or conventional tackle.
 2. Each caster shall choose the desired tackle when registering for an event and may not change for the duration of that event.
 3. No re-entries are permitted in any event.

Section 4. – Field:

- A. Grade: The grade of the casting field shall not exceed eight (8) feet in eight hundred (800) feet.
- B. Casting Court: A thirty- (30) degree casting court will be used in all tournaments. The casting court shall be laid out in the following manner: A base line pin shall be driven in the ground and a center line extended as necessary. From this pin, side lines shall be extended out at a fifteen- (15) degree angle from the center line to the same length as the center line. At 100 meters (328 ft. 10 in.) the field will be 51.76 meters (169 ft. 9.75 in.) wide. Casting shall be from behind a 2.5-meter (8 ft. 2.5 in.) board set at 90 degrees to the center line.
- C. Safety Zone: There shall be a safety zone established in back of the base line. This zone shall be thirty (30) feet deep for a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet on each side of the center line and be clearly marked. No person shall be allowed inside this zone except one that is about to cast.

Section 5. – Measurement of Casts:

- A. All casts will be measured by the radial method directly from the center of the base line. If a full-length tape is not available, measurements may be made from cross lines set up at 100-ft. intervals. These lines shall be set in an arc of the cross line.
- B. All casts shall be measured to the farthest extremity of the lead weight. All casts shall be measured as they are found.
- C. A steel or fiberglass tape shall be used to measure all casts.
- D. Penalties:
 1. Break-off will be scored as “zero”. A break-off occurs when any line breaks after the power phase of the cast has begun until the casting weight has come to rest on the ground.
 2. A base line foul shall result in a fifty- (50) ft. deduction from the measured length of the cast. A caster has fouled when any portion of his body touches the ground.
 3. A casting weight landing outside the sidelines shall be considered as out of bounds. All casts determined to be out of bounds will be scored as “zero”.
 4. A tournament committee shall have the option of calling an out of bounds cast a foul and deducting a fifty- (50) ft. penalty.

Section 6. – Method of Casting:

- A. All casters shall cast forward from behind the base line in a designated area. No caster shall pass this base line while in the act of casting and until the casting weight has landed.
- B. It shall not be permitted to make any cast with a power stroke of more than 350 degrees of any cast that is determined by the tournament officials to be dangerous.
- C. Each caster shall be given a number of each event. A caster will be called to cast in numerical order and must do so unless excused by a tournament official.
- D. After a cast is completed, a caster must place his rod on the ground ahead of the base line or in a designated area set aside by tournament officials.
- E. No person, except an official, may precede the casters as they reel in their lines to reach their weights.

Section 7. – Protest:

- A. Judges shall be appointed by the tournament committee and/or the ASAC casting director to call fouls, out of bounds casts and to measure casts. All decisions made by these judges shall be final in all cases.

- B. The ASAC casting director shall appoint three delegates to represent this Association to all sanctioned tournaments. It is their duty to see that all conditions of casting conform in every way to the rules of this Associations; to attest in the official records of any club at whose sanctioned tournament they may be present; to protest any action that may seem to them to be unfair or unequal; to report in writing; any infraction of the rules contained in ARTICLE VII. They will also assist ASAC Casting Director in mediating any dispute.

Section 8. – Records:

- A. The only records recognized by ASAC are those made at the sanctioned tournaments authorized by this Association.
- B. The records of a tournament shall be open to the Casting Director and/or his appointed delegates at all times. At the close of a tournament, the Chairman of the tournament committee shall certify to the records, which must be attested to by two delegates of this Association. A copy of these records must be sent to the ASAC Casting Director within seven (7) days of the tournament, and the other copy retained by the sponsor club.
- C. A list of ASAC record casts shall be displayed at each sanctioned tournament and shall be revised as necessary. Records shall be kept in the following categories:
1. Conventional tackle
 - a. Longest cast
 - b. Highest average
 - c. Highest team average
 2. Spinning tackle
 - a. Longest cast
 - b. Highest average
 - c. Highest team average
 3. Combined tackle
 - a. Highest team average
- D. Separate records shall be kept for men and women in all tackle categories.

Section 9. – Entrance Fees:

- A. An entrance fee of six (6) dollars shall be paid by each individual entering an event. One (1) dollar of this amount shall go ASAC for a championship awards fund.
- B. An entrance fee of thirty (30) dollars shall be paid by each club entering a five (5) man team in an event. Five (5) dollars of this amount shall go to ASAC for the championship awards fund.

Section 10. – Awards:

- A. A caster must be a member, in good standing, of a member club of ASAC of Surf Angling Clubs to be eligible for any Association award.
- B. There shall be awards given to the top three casters in each tackle category. Their positions shall be determined by the total number of points earned during all of the sanctioned tournaments for that year. Awards will be given equally to men and women casters in all categories.
- C. The point schedule used to determine an award winner will be the same for conventional and spinning tackle. The following points will be given according to the order of finish at each sanctioned tournament.

<u>High Average</u>		<u>Long Cast</u>	
<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	20	1	10
2	18	2	9
3	16	3	8
4	14	4	7
5	12	5	6

6	10	6	5
7	8	7	4
8	6	8	3
9	4	9	2
10	2	10	1

D. Current point standings shall be displayed at each sanctioned tournament. All casters earning points will be listed for each event.

Section 11. – Availability of Rules:

It shall be the duty of Association Casting Director or one of his delegates, to provide each club involved in casting with current copy of ARTICLE VII – Casting Tournament Rules. Each club shall be notified of any amendments to these rules as soon as possible.

CASTING TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- A. If conditions allow, the first casting event should start at 9:00 A.M.
- B. Layout of the casting court should be completed at least one hour prior to the start of the first event to allow for adequate practice casting.
- C. Time should be allowed for at least two practice casts prior to each event.
- D. The tournament chairman should fully explain the rules to each appointed judge and measurer.
- E. The importance of safety should be stressed at all times.
 - 1. Safety zones must be clearly marked and their use enforced at all times.
 - 2. All casts must be made from the casting zone of the casting court or a designated practice area.
 - 3. The safety of the spectators and uninformed passer-by must be considered at all times.
- F. After registration is complete, all casters will be given a number for that event. Unless excused, all casts will be made in numerical order.
- G. The tournament committee of the sponsor club will supply the approved casting weights for each event.
- H. All casts will be measured to the next full inch when any fraction is involved. E.g.: 1 1/8"; 1-1/2"; 1 11/16" all would be 2 inches.
- I. Score cards and tally sheets will be supplied by ASAC
- J. Score cards must be initialed by the caster and measurer after each cast is measured. This applies to break-off also.