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## **General rules for EFFA Flycasting Instructor certifications**

### **Location for exams**

1. Basic exams are possible at any location (except private business events) provided that the infrastructure and conditions at site make a fair exam possible.
2. Master exams are only possible at Shows/Fairs open to public, the Annual EFFA Meeting or any special EFFA exam meeting. These meetings have to be accepted by the FCD. Public access must be provided.
3. All exams must be announced on the website at least two months before the examination date.

### **Members of the testing body**

4. The members of the EFFA testing body are the members of the Flycasting Department. ADV Board Members and Master Instructors who are accepted as examiners by the Flycasting Department can be nominated as additional examiners. In special situations Basic Instructors can act as examiners (see 7).
5. For Basic Exams two official examiners from two different countries or three official examiners from one country are required.
6. For Master Exams three examiners from at least two different countries are required. Two of them must be members of the FCD.

7. In special situations (e.g., illness of an examiner, etc.) the remaining examiner(s) can choose an EFFA instructor at site to replace the second examiner to make the exam possible.
8. Experienced basic instructors who are preparing for the master exam may also assist official examiners at basic exams on request. There must be at least three years between their successful Basic exam and the assistance in a Basic exam. The official examiners are responsible and have the lead during the exam. Only they can judge the answers of the candidates but never the assistants.

### **Enrolment and test requirements**

9. If the online enrolment form is sent to EFFA and the payment for the exam is transferred the candidate's application for the exam is accepted.
10. The deadline for sending in the application and transferring the examination fee is three weeks prior to the event for ordinary and eight weeks for remote exams (e.g., Russia) as those exams need a longer preparation (visa).
11. The maximum number of candidates per exam is eight (8). At annual meetings the number of candidates accepted may be slightly higher (dependent on the number of available examiners). The candidates' registrations are handled according to the first-come-first-serve-principle in regard of the payment.
12. If a candidate has registered correctly for an exam but the limit of candidates is already exceeded, he cannot be accepted for that exam but will be asked to go for the next exam. The money will meanwhile be kept as a deposit or given back on demand.
13. At site additional applications can only be accepted for special circumstances.
14. Candidates who show up late without prior announcement or special reason will lose their right to participate in the exam. Examiners can allow exceptions provided that the exam will not be disturbed.
15. If a candidate does not show up at an exam, his payment for the exam will not be refunded except there is an acceptable reason for his absence.
16. If a candidate is not dressed correctly, he is not allowed to take part in the exam.
17. If a candidate criticises the examiners decisions he will not be allowed to go on with the exam.
18. The candidate's equipment must match with the demands written down in the test. The equipment will be controlled prior to the test.
19. It is not allowed to change the equipment except part of it gets damaged during the test (e.g. break of rod or line).
20. Candidates may share the equipment.
21. For the Basic test is of advantage but not a must that the candidate has already been teaching students.
22. Candidates who want to go for the master exam must be recommended by an EFFA Master Flycasting Instructor. This master must guarantee that the candidate has taught a minimum of 70-100 paying students after having passed his basic certification. There must be at least 3 (three) years between the positive Basic exam and the enrolment for the Master exam.

## Testing procedure

23. The order of the blocks may differ from the examination form. It will be announced at the beginning of the exam.
24. Before starting with the required casts of part 1(casting limits) the candidate has the right to do one (1) training cast for every single casting limit (for target casting only for the first ring). The training cast does not count for the exam.
25. For every single casting limit the candidate has got three attempts. Depending on the weather the examiners can allow additional attempts.
26. Except for the casts performed on water all casting demands generally require at least two false casts\* prior to the final delivery (except anything different is wanted).
27. During false casting neither the fly line nor the fly or leader may hit the ground or water.
28. An attempt is only valid if the fly lands in front of the leader and the leader is in front of the fly line (except anything else is required, e.g., trick casts). Minimum distance from fly to fly line is one meter (in bad weather conditions)
29. If a candidate has got more than one mistake either in part 1(= casting limits) or part 2(=teaching part) of the exam he cannot go on. His exam is over.
30. If a candidate has not got more than one mistake each in part 1(b1-3) and part 2 (b4) he can go on with part 3(didactics). After having finished part 3 without a mistake, he can try once again to repeat the missed cast(s) of part 1 or 2. For the missed cast of part 1(b1-3) he gets another three attempts. If he succeeds, he can go on with the theory exam.
31. Should he not be successful in repeating the missed cast(s) the exam is finished and he has to try again at one of the next exams. In case that only one missed demand remained after having performed the repetition cast(s) of part 1(b1-3) and part 2 (b4) the candidate only has to repeat the subsection in which the missed cast was listed if he decides to repeat his Basic exam. E.g., did he not reach the demanded distance of the roll cast, he only must do the whole subsection in which the roll cast is listed (n this case b2) if he repeats his exam. If he masters all casts or demands of the subsection at the repetition exam, he can proceed with the theory exam. In case he fails again with passing the subsection b2 in any of the following repetition exams he only must positively pass the subsection in order to go on with the theory. In case of a mistake in the teaching skills, the whole subsection 4 must be repeated. After failing again to repeat the missing subsection in the repetition exam, there is only one attempt to repeat the exam per calendar year possible.
32. Master candidates must show Master-like performance and therefore they always have to repeat the whole test and not just the single blocks.
33. The certification fees are Eur 200.- for Basic and Eur 300.- for Master exams for each exam a candidate applies. It does not matter whether it is the first attempt or a repetition of an exam.

\*A false cast always consists of a back cast and a forward cast.

Target casting:

The target casts must be performed as follows. Pull enough line from the reel to accomplish all the distances. The line can also be cast out, but not in the direction of the target rings, but at an angle to the field or in the back area. Any measuring of the distances must be avoided. Then start the test cast (optional) or start with the first cast to the 6 m target. Then cast to the targets at 10 m and 14 m. This is the example for the basic test, the master test is carried out in the same way.