

ORCA National Meet Casting Tournament Rules and Guidelines

The purpose of the casting tournament is to encourage members to use vintage fishing tackle at least 50 years old, and to have fun. Participation by anyone at any skill level is encouraged.

Events

Non-level wind accuracy bait casting. Rods must be wood, bamboo or steel and no longer than 6.5 ft in length. Rods and Reels must have been introduced before 1945 and be revolving spool and non-level winding. Line must be braided. Casting plugs must weigh $\frac{5}{8}$ oz or less.

Level winding accuracy bait casting. Rods must be wood, bamboo, steel or fiberglass and no longer than 6.5 ft in length. Rods and Reels must have been introduced more than 50 years ago and be revolving spool and level winding. Line may be braided or monofilament. Casting plugs must weigh $\frac{5}{8}$ oz or less.

Spinning accuracy casting. Rods must be bamboo, steel or fiberglass and no longer than seven feet. Reels can be open or closed face spinning reels introduced more than 50 years ago. Line must be monofilament and plugs must weigh $\frac{3}{8}$ oz or less.

Rules for all Events

Participants must be ORCA members.

1. Participants may enter any one event or all events. All three events must be entered to compete for the all-around championship. Should an exhibition event take place such as fly or distance casting, participation is totally optional and does not count towards the all-around.
2. Three target rings of 30 inch diameter will be placed as close as the facilities allow to 40ft, 60ft and 80ft from the designated casting box. The casting box shall be approximately 4 feet by 4 feet.
3. The Score Keeper is in charge of the event and will call each participant in order for each event. The caster will step into the marked box and inform the Judges if they intend to take one optional practice cast at each target before actual scoring begins.
4. Should the caster step out of the casting box before the cast is completed, their score for that cast will be zero.
5. Each caster will take two casts at each target. The cast may not be retrieved nor the plug moved until the score for that cast has been announced. The Judge will record each announced score for the participant and will provide that score to the Score Keeper.

Scoring

1. A perfect score of 10 is given when the plug first falls within the target circle with one point deducted for each foot or portion of a foot the cast falls outside the circle. Lines broken during a cast are scored zero.
2. The winner will be the contestant with the highest total score for all events (60 points for each event).
3. Tie scores will be settled by a sudden death cast off consisting of three scored casts by each contestant at the 60ft target.
4. The ORCA casting champion will be determined by the highest score totaled from the three events. Ties will be settled by a sudden death cast off with each contestant making a cast at the 60 ft target with each of the three categories of tackle.

Duties

The **Score Keeper** runs the event, their judgment is final. They rule on any disputes concerning eligibility of tackle. They determine the order of casters and records participant scores as reported by the Judges and calculates the final scores. The **Judges** position themselves to determine the distance the plug falls from the target and after conferring announce the score to the Score Keeper after each cast. Judges may work in pairs and should position themselves to manage each separate target. They may signal the Scorekeeper with a fist for a 10, and one or more fingers to indicate the feet missed.

Awards

The ORCA Casting Tournament Champion will have their name entered onto the ORCA Dennis "MAC" McNulty Casting Champion Award plaque.