

The League of Kentucky Sportsmen

Official Rules and Regulations — Kentucky Casting Competition

The League of Kentucky Sportsmen sponsors this statewide program. It is designed to provide a safe competitive casting program for all of Kentucky's youth and to familiarize the youth and the general public with the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, and Local Sportsmen's Clubs around the State.

Administration

A State Chairman, who will be appointed by the League President for a two-year term, will administer the program. Assisting the State Chairman will be nine District Chairmen, who will be appointed by the President's of the nine Districts. District Chairmen also serve for two-year terms. To aid continuity, Chairman from even numbered districts shall be appointed on even numbered years, odd numbered Districts on odd numbered years.

Each District Chairperson may have five assistants to help conduct the Casting Competitions. The competitions may be completed at any facility or property that is meets the rules criteria. Each District Federation has the responsibility to sponsor and promote the competitive Casting program in their districts.

The State Chairman will issue each District Chairman, a copy of the rules and regulations governing the program, target templates, plugs and score sheets necessary to conduct the competitions, starting January 1st of each year.

Casting Classes

Awards will be made to the winning contestants of the following classes at the State and District levels.

BOYS: 17 to 20 years old
13 to 16 years old
10 to 12 years old
9 years old and under

GIRLS: 17 to 20 years old
13 to 16 years old
10 to 12 years old
9 years old and under

Targets

The targets for the LKS Casting Competition will be constructed based on whether the competition will take place over the water or on the ground. A standard template is available for each method of casting. The State Chairman will provide the target template for the method chosen by the District Chairman. Competitions must utilize the standard template targets in order to be sanctioned. The District Chairmen must submit the winning scorecards from each class to the State Chairman, by November 15th.

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Target Witness

All scorecards submitted for record must be witnessed by a District Chairman, any of his assistants or any District Officer, who will sign the card and indicate his position in the District before the score is accepted for record. Each participant must also write their name, age, address, and phone number on each target before it is accepted for score.

Target Fees

There will be no fee charged for rounds cast.

Rods, Reels, Etc.

Any fishing/casting rod is accepted. For youth under 17 the choice of reel is unrestricted. For youth 17 to 20 the reel must be revolving-spool. Choice of line is unrestricted. The casting plug must be an ACA approved 5/8 ounce plastic practice plug.

Range and Position of Targets

All target ranges will consist of 10 individual targets set in a configuration that will accommodate the area being utilized (one range of 10 targets vs 2 ranges of 5 targets, etc.) The nearest target will be placed 40 to 45 feet from the center of the front edge of the casting box. The farthest target will be placed 75 to 80 feet from the center of the front edge of the casting box. All other targets will be placed between these distances, but must be at least 2.5 feet apart.

Scoring

Each caster begins with a score of 100. There are 10 casts in one round (one per target). Any cast that results in the plug hitting the edge or interior of the target will be a "perfect" and result in 0 demerits. Demerits are calculated by judging the distance (feet) from the outer edge of the target to the point of plug impact on each individual cast. The maximum amount of demerits per target is 5. The beginning score (100) less all demerits equal the ending score for each round. The ending score cannot be lower than 50. In any instance of equipment malfunction or any other issue, each caster is entitled to 3 falsecasts (casts away from the targets) during any 10 target round.

All scorecards submitted from District Officers, Assistants and others must be submitted to the District Chairmen to determine District winners. The District Chairman, the League Director and or the Federation President will do all calculations on the district level. At the state, the calculations committee will consist of the State Chairman and the League President or his appointed delegate. If ties exist, the highest number of perfect shots will be the winner; if a tie still exists a double award will be given.

Participant Re-entry

Any competitor may cast for score as often as they want, and submit as many scorecards as they want, during the 7 1/2-month casting season. Each scorecard must be turned in to the event coordinator.

Safety and Liability

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All responsibility for the safety of participants and spectators rests with the local club/landowner, etc. where the casting will take place.

Important Dates

January 1st to November 1st / District casting competition

November 15th / All completed, witnessed scorecards must be in the hands of the State Chairman

January 1st / State Chairman will notify District Chairman and winners of each class.

April/May / State Chairman will purchase trophies for the winning competitors and present them at the LKS Convention banquet or a banquet to be held in their honor.

Trophies

District Chairmen are encouraged to purchase trophies/medals for their district winners with resources of their federations and any such donations as they receive or solicit. State awards will be purchased by the State Chairman with funds provided by the LKS Board of Directors. State trophies will be delivered as designated by the State Chairman and presented to the State Champions in each class by the State Chairman and the League President.

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