



**Association of Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructors
(AAPGAI)**

**Masters fly dressing syllabus
(Duration 3.5 hours)**

1. Background information

The following notes are intended as a guide to those preparing to take the Masters level qualification in fly dressing.

2. Introduction

Candidates will be examined on their ability as an **Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructor in 'Masters fly dressing'**. In order to be successful at Masters level an instructor must be able to demonstrate a broad and deep knowledge of fly dressing techniques and materials and the handling thereof. A comprehensive understanding of teaching techniques in fly dressing will also be required.

The fly dressing examinations consist of four parts.

Part 1 Written examination

Written questions: These will comprise multiple choice questions and others that require detailed written answers.

Duration 30 minutes

Part 2 Material identification

The candidate will be asked identify a selection of materials used in fly dressing; these will consist of common and more unusual materials.

Duration 30 minutes

Part 3 Practical assessment

Candidates are required to explain & demonstrate their ability to tie any of their selected flies, as well as the techniques used. Full details of which are attached in the accompanying spreadsheet, where pattern descriptions for all flies in the Masters syllabus are given. Candidates taking the Masters assessment are expected to research the pattern descriptions for the fly patterns selected.

The salmon fly category does not contain a named fly. The candidate will be asked to dress a salmon fly demonstrating techniques used for this discipline; tailing, body hackles, married wings adding a topping and sides etc. The choice of materials is left to the candidate. Note that no rare materials are necessary for this part of the assessment. The candidate may also be asked to explain if any pre- preparation (if any) has to be made with the materials before use.

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The candidate may be asked to demonstrate tying techniques using materials provided at the assessment by the assessors. A high level of skill and depth of knowledge of materials provided will be required in this section.

Duration 2.0 hours

Part 4 Teaching presentation

The candidate will be required to deliver a single session tailored to Masters level client base where marks will be awarded for the following:

1. Lesson plan
2. In depth and broad subject knowledge
3. Enthusiastic & interesting teaching
4. Clear and concise explanations
5. Overall presentation

Duration 30 minutes

(The presentation 20 minutes plus an additional 10 minutes for questions)

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3.1. Prior preparation

Presentation flies

The candidate must select 9 flies from the attached list which must contain one fly from each category together with a fly of the candidates choice (NOT IN THE LIST) demonstrating additional fly dressing techniques.

The candidate must supply the following (*on the day of the assessment*)

1. Two examples of each of their selected flies demonstrating a very high level of consistency in dressing the patterns.
2. A list of techniques and materials used in dressing each of the compulsory patterns. Hand written, typed or electronic formats are acceptable.
3. Paper copies of the requirements in item 2 however, paper copies must be brought to the assessment for use by the assessors to allow comments with regard to the practical assessment.

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Portfolios

1. A presentation portfolio that would be used for a lecture or demonstration to a club or similar group of highly knowledgeable fly dressers.
2. A lesson plan for the 20 minute masters presentation on a given subject related to game angling.

The presentation portfolio, lesson plan from the teaching skills, listed tying techniques together with the sample fly patterns, will be viewed by the assessors outside assessment period to allow the maximum time for the practical assessment and associated identification elements.

The selected patterns should be submitted on the day of the assessment. DO NOT SEND THEM IN THE POST.

3.2. Practical fly dressing assessment

Candidates will be expected to bring with them all the necessary materials (substitute materials to the rarer items are acceptable), tools and equipment to sit the assessment. Marks will be awarded for organization and setup. The practical assessment will last for 2.5 hours.

Candidates must be aware that this assessment is intended to determine their competence, ability and teaching skills in dressing any of the compulsory flies selected. The techniques upon which they will be assessed will be those pertaining to the selected flies and any additional materials and flies supplied by the assessors. The candidate will be assessed for the following:

1. Organisation and setup
2. Written paper
3. Fly tying material identification
4. Practical tying assessment
5. Teaching presentation

Compulsory pattern descriptions

See attached spreadsheet for Masters Patterns

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