



Requirements - EFFA Guide Workshop & Exam 2022

Requirements

- The candidate must have the necessary knowledge and experience to conduct guiding in a safe setting and at a high level of fly fishing.
- The handling of fish and nature, the quality of service to the client has to be done in an ecological and responsible way.
- It is assumed that a candidate has experience and or knowledge and the necessary personal and physical conditions to achieve and fulfil the requirements of the activity and the objectives of the workshop.

Concept

- The EFFA Guide Workshop is conducted by "EFFA certified" fly fishing guides.
- The orientation, implementation as well as the content structure is carried out by the EFFA Fly Fishing Department.
- Designated specific aspects or examination parts of the workshop, such as fly casting, can be delegated to the EFFA Departments.
- Certification as an EFFA Flyfishing Guide requires completion of the full EFFA workshop, as well as positive completion of all exam content at the workshop.
- The certification takes place exclusively at an EFFA workshop for "Flyfishing Guides" by the Fly Fishing Department.
- The contents of the requirement profile, except for the throwing, tying, medical and water rescue tests, will be deepened, verified and trained accordingly at the workshop.

Structure

- All elements are examined at the EFFA Guide Workshop.
 - All elements must be successfully completed in order to be certified.
 - Failed elements can be repeated at another EFFA Guide course.
- A. Examination part Guiding-Works: EFFA Department Fly Fishing**
- Guide-Skills
 - Outdoor-Skills
 - Water rescue
 - Medical-Test
- B. Examination part fly tying: EFFA Fly Fishing Department**
- Tying programme
- C. Examination part fly casting: EFFA Department Fly Casting**
- Casting programme
(EFFA certified flycasting instructors do not have to take this part of the exam)

Recommendation:

Candidates are recommended to complete a first aid course and BLS-AED course beforehand, as well as to deepen or to acquire the requirement topics of the EFFA Guide Workshop from certified Flyfishing Guides and EFFA Casting Instructors!

Requirements:

Water rescue -Test A (Swimming pool)

- (1) Swim 200 metres at a stretch
- (2) Swim 50 m in waders and wading shoes & 1 dive attempt (for practice purposes only).
- (3) Swim 25 m (briskly) - dive 4 m (without goggles and nose clip) - retrieve "dummy" (person) from bottom
- (4) Bring the person to the surface and tow him/her to the edge of the pool (25 metres - the person to be rescued is lying on the back with the arms crossed over the stomach area). The candidate must not touch the bottom or the edge of the pool.
- (5) Rescue the person from the water in a safe manner.
- (6) Place the person on the edge of the pool in a stable lateral position after personal control (first aid - check consciousness, check breathing, call for help).

Medical-Test (in direct succession to the water rescue test A)

- (7) Determine if there is a heart or brain infarct.
- (8) Perform correct cardiac massage on a manikin. Demonstrate defibrillator, apply pressure dressing.
- Steps 3 to 6 must be performed in a continuous sequence, including oral components of the medical test.

Water rescue – Test B (Open water)

- Demonstrate the principle "reach, throw, row and go".
Will be trained and examined on flowing water (with and without throwing bag).

Fly tying test / knowledge of flies and entomology

- The candidate brings 12 different self-tied fly patterns. These are presented, showing and demonstrating his knowledge of the flies.
- The candidate explains the purpose and history of the different patterns. What they imitate, when and where and under what conditions they are used.
- The candidate must tie several of his or her own flies to prove that he or she has mastered the patterns.

Fly casting test

Equipment and procedure

Rod:

- Single-handed rod (commercially available), 7 to 9 feet, not higher than Class 6.
(No change of rod during the test except in case of damage).

Line:

- Line class not higher than AFTMA 6, length at least 25 m.
(No changing of line during the test except in case of damage).

Leader:

- 7 to 9 feet, tippet length at least 50 cm.
- Maximum tippet diameter 0.25 mm.

Fly:

- Clearly visible, floating fly yarn (length min. 1 cm).
- The participant is responsible for providing the appropriate tackle.

Procedure fly casting test

- The candidate is required to appear at the examination in appropriate attire.
- Before each attempt, the candidate may make a test throw. This is voluntary and must be announced by the candidate in advance. The result of a test cast does not count as an attempt.
- Backhand cast: The rod hand must be beyond the centre line of the body!
- No twisting of the reel by 180°!
- Unless otherwise requested, two false casts must be made before the fly is put down (except for casts with water contact).
- A false cast consists of a back cast and a front cast.
- The fly must always land in front of the leader and the leader in front of the fly line (exception: trick casts).
- Any touching of the water or ground during the false cast is not permitted and counts as a failed attempt.
- If tailing loops are seen during the cast (exception: demonstration casting mistake), the attempt is considered a failed attempt.

Minimum casting requirements

- **The minimum throwing requirements (must all be achieved; 3 attempts are possible per requirement).**
- **Women: stated casting distance minus 10%.**

Casting elements:

- 23 metres in normal cast (double pull), clean cast.
- Backhand 18 metres, clean cast.
- Bow cast single, both sides in the middle, clean throw (see One Hand Instructor Download, The Bow-Cast, Option 1, [bow casts \(effa.info\)](http://effa.info))
- Switch cast, 15 metres, clean cast (in water).
- Backhand switch cast, 13 metres, clean cast (in water).
- Roll cast, 12 metres, clean cast (in water).
- Backhand, 10 Meter, clean cast (in water)
- Explain double pull - how and why.
- Present and explain the following throws; -Reach cast, parachute cast or snake cast explain how, where and why these throws are used.
- Tailing loop (pear) and open loop - demonstrate the mistake and correct the mistake.

Theoretical requirements

Equipment and materials

Rods, reels:	Types, actions, materials, AFTM(A) classes. Use Which rod and which reel for which fishery.
Lines, backing, leaders:	types and shapes. Mounts, lengths and knots.

Note: Slightly different questions on the same topic may be asked at any time to check a candidate's level of knowledge. Answers to decision questions must be able to be justified

Questions:

- Name 2 different types of line and their uses (advantages and disadvantages).
- Which line works well on a small mountain stream?
- Which line and leader do you recommend for dry fly fishing on a stillwater?
- Can a fly line be shortened at the front (advantages-disadvantages)?
- Which action of the rod is good for roll casting (approx. 15m)?
- Advantages and disadvantages of a carbon fibre rod compared to a glass fibre rod?
- Do you recommend a parabolic rod or a rod with tip action to a customer (beginner)?
- What are the advantages of a large arbor fly reel?
- What are the advantages of a fluorocarbon leader?
- When do you recommend fluorocarbon?
- Name and explain 2 different leader assemblies for nymph fishing (Springer-Strecker System).
- Is a tapered leader suitable for pike fishing?
- Name 3 different knots to extend a leader.
- Is backing always necessary?
- Is it useful to clean the fly line?

Guide- and Outdoor- Skills

Subject content

- Organisation.
- Types of travel.
- Law/insurance.

- Guiding, code, attitude.
- Communication skills.
- Group dynamics.
- Customer orientation.
- Ecology and nature conservation.
- Ethics and animal welfare.
- Entomology and biology.
- Water knowledge, habitats.

- Orientation and Navigation.
- Meteorology.
- Safety and rescue management.
- Outdoor management and material.
- Outdoor Camp.
- Outdoor Catering.
- Fly fishing in general.
- Fly fishing equipment: general, client, guide.
- Fly fishing tactics.
- Fly fishing spotting, water reading, client guiding.
- Fly fishing tips and tricks on the water.
- Guide and outdoor skills are tested by practical demonstrations and tasks on the water.

It is assumed that a candidate has experience and or knowledge and the necessary personal and physical requirements to fulfil the guiding and outdoor skills requirements.

Course completion

- The candidate must complete the entire course!
- The course requires already existing experience and personal skills.
- The candidate will acquire the knowledge for guiding during the guide workshop and deepen his/her experience and knowledge.
- The candidate will/could complete the EFFA Guide Workshop in the designated areas with specific, individual examinations (practical and theoretical).
- Furthermore, the guide content is tested by means of practical tasks on the water.
- Finally, the present instructors decide on the passing of the course.

Costs

- Complete course € 700.-, EFFA examination fee included