



THE AMERICA CUP FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for controllers to assist at this competition. The job is not hard and you get to spend time on the water with some of the top anglers in the world. **A Controller is assigned to a competitor, measuring and recording the trout.** It is an opportunity to watch and learn from the best fly fisherman in the world. If you are looking to compete in a future event, this is a great way to learn the event process and to watch the stealthy techniques of some world-class fly fishermen.



RIVER VENUES

The rivers are The Blue River and Colorado River. Go riverside with the angler and measure and score his catch. You are not required to go into the water unless you want. Watch from shore in a comfortable camp chair and spring into action when a fish is on.

LAKE VENUES

Lake venues need controllers with a drift boat or framed fishing raft with seats, or the willingness to row in the lake. The still water venues are Dillon Reservoir and Sylvan Lake. The boats are needed for all 3 days and there are security measures in place to ensure the safety of your boat and gear. If you can row or lend us a boat – we can use you.

We Provide

Daily lunch & water, event fishing hat and shirt, Awards Party dinner ticket, and special discount forms from area shops and businesses. Volunteers can take advantage of the same lodging packages offered to our competitors.

Dates for Volunteering 2013

Friday	09.13.13	8am - 5pm - morning session - lunch - afternoon session
Saturday	09.14.13	8am - 5pm - morning session - lunch - afternoon session
Sunday	09.15.13	8am - 12pm - morning session only - lunch - awards party in evening

Rules - We are using **FIPS Mouche rules** as our guidelines, some allowances will be made to ensure safety of fish. The basic rules are outlined on the **Measuring Page**. The competing anglers all know the rules and should fish accordingly. My hope is that each Controller will watch and learn from these anglers and become better fly fishermen from this experience.





Daily Assignments - There will be a sector judge at each venue to meet you in the morning at the parking area and direct you to your beat. The sector judge will have **Controller Kits** (score sheet, measuring tube, clip board, pens, and waterproof bag) and spare items for each of you. **Holding Buckets**, in the event we are short handed, a controller would score 2 beats, one on either side. We have Holding Buckets for the anglers to place scoring fish in. The Controller would then go back and forth between the 2 beats and measure and release fish from the Holding Buckets.



Time Keeping – Please bring a watch or timekeeping device, as you are responsible for the start times and end times for your angler. Anglers get 30 minutes to review their beat, then 3 hours to fish. You are to provide time updates to the angler and a countdown to ending time.

Hungry & Thirsty - We will provide a box lunch and water each day for each Controller. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own lunch.

Comfort - Bring a camp chair, an umbrella, or whatever makes you comfortable. A walking stick, camera, sun hat are also great items to have in a day pack. We suggest waders and boots or wet wading gear.

Celebration – Sunday evening features the Awards Banquet that all volunteers should attend. This is a great time to chat with new friends made during the event and to hear fish stories from the competitors. Dinner is free for all volunteers.

Controller Training Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbrMOMrpjcw>

See what to do with this helpful training video.

Thank you,

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Sign up on line at www.TheAmericaCup.com

Our Volunteer Coordinator calls each volunteer to go over venues and to discuss the event and placement of volunteer.





Responsibilities of a Controller

You must check every time a competitor lands a fish that-

- All flies are dressed on hooks which are barbless, de-barbed or squeezed down flat.
- The distance between the files is at least 50cm when hanging vertically.
- The fish is landed in the net in the water. Using a hat or pocket to net or transport a fish is not allowed.
- Factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used (shooting heads are prohibited).
- Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader.
- All weight must be incorporated within the dressing.
- Beadhead flies are allowed provided only one bead is exposed and the exposed bead is no more than 4mm in diameter. No open knots may be used to secure fly.
- Braided leaders are not allowed. Continuous Leader is allowed. Tippet Rings are not allowed.
- *No split shot, no strike indicators. No tying off bend of the hook or thru the eye on the fly.*

You must check that the fish counts-

- Fish that is greater than or equal to 20cm, using provided [Measuring Tube](#).
- Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the gill cover will be eligible for the awarding of points.
- A fish hooked inside the time limit is eligible if it is landed not more than ten (10) minutes after the end of the period.
- That the netting of the fish is done by the competitor.
- In the event of the loss of a fish by a controller before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector in that period.
- Record the time, fish measurement and fish type onto the [Scoring Sheet](#).
- Must have the competitors confirm catch information by signing their scorecard at the end of the session.
- The competitor may assist controller with this entire process to ensure safety of the fish.

You must not-

- Give advice on how to or where to fish.
- Supply tackle
- Help net the fish.

It is desirable if you-

- Carry a copy of the rules with you.
- Ask if you are unsure of any of the rules
- Familiarize yourself with the beat that your competitor is going to fish.
- If there is a breach of a rule then it is your responsibility to gather the facts and evidence necessary to prepare a report for the Event Committee.
- Incident Slips are in each Controller Kit and must be completed and given to Sector Judge.

Controllers will be assigned to an individual competitor for each 3 hour session. Controllers will be issued a fish measuring tube, clip board, and scoring sheet. Controllers will return these items to the Sector Judge daily. Controllers will provide time keeping of the session and time updates to the competitor. Controllers will measure and release the fish in the safest manner possible and record the information on the Scoring Sheet.

Fish that count

All Trout Species



Brown Trout



Brook Trout



Rainbow Trout



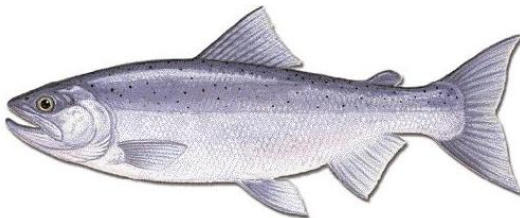
Cutthroat Trout

Lake and Bull trout are allowed and may be scored.

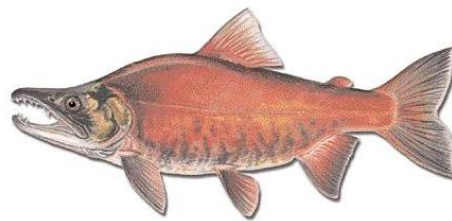
White Fish



Kokanee Salmon



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