

## Dear International Casting Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the American Casting Association's second U.S. Open Casting competition which will be held in Long Beach, California, from August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. International casters are eligible to compete in the 'Open Women' and 'Open Men' divisions for medals in 13 individual events and various combination awards. The schedule of the events is below. The cost for participation has not been finalized yet. But we have every expectation that it will be very similar to the \$530 per caster—including all events but excluding food, lodging, and travel—that applied for our first U.S. Open. A higher cost may apply if registering after the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. We will provide one or more hotels that offer participants special rates. We prefer that your national organization registers casters for participation but also accept individual registrations. Current membership in the ICSF is not required.

Competitions will be held at the casting pond of the Long Beach Casting Club (Google coordinates = 33.7767, -118.134). This pond and its surrounding grass areas have been used annually for regional competitions and for many U.S. National competitions during the past 100 years. It is a great venue for a high-quality U.S. Open.

We plan on providing more detailed information over the winter months. If you would like to be kept informed, please let Henry Mittel (<a href="https://example.com">henrymittel@gmail.com</a>) add you to our mailing list.

## Schedule:

Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>: Informal practice; Opening Ceremony; Wet Fly Accuracy Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>: Spin Accuracy Arenberg; Trout Distance; Seatrout Distance

Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>: 15' Spey; 1/4 oz. Accuracy; 1/4 oz. Distance

Friday August 8th: Trout Accuracy (ICSF); Salmon Distance 15'; Angler's Fly

Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>: Trout Fly (ACA); Bass Bug Accuracy; 5/8 oz. Accuracy; 5/8 oz. Team

The days leading up to the tournament may be used for informal practice. A special time slot may be arranged on the Monday for dedicated Spey practice. A banquet and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday evening.

With best regards from the LBCC organizing committee.

Tom Olson

President, Long Beach Casting Club

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