



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

**Advanced Fly Dressing Syllabus**

**(Duration 4.5 hours as shown below. It is unlikely the assessment elements will run consecutively.)**

**Please read THOROUGHLY through this precis.**

**1. Background information**

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

**2. Introduction**

Candidates will be examined on their ability as an **Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructor at 'Advanced level fly dressing'**. To be successful at advanced level, an instructor must be able to demonstrate an in depth of knowledge in fly dressing techniques and materials and a broad understanding of effectively teaching fly dressing.

The fly dressing examinations consist of four parts.

**Part 1 Written paper**

Written questions: These will comprise a mixture of multiple-choice questions and others that require more detailed written answers.

**Duration 1 hour**

**Part 2 Practical assessment**

***A risk assessment form is to be completed prior to the practical assessment. This is to assess the suitability for the assessment location by the candidate.***

***Duration 10 minutes.***

Candidates are required to explain and demonstrate their ability to tie any of the compulsory flies, full details of which are attached in the accompanying spreadsheet, where pattern descriptions for all flies in the Advanced syllabus are given – The candidate may be asked to demonstrate and explain certain techniques in isolation – e.g., Winging techniques or the use of specific materials and the handling thereof.

**Duration 2.5 hours**

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### Part 3 Material and insect identification

The candidate will be asked to identify a selection of materials commonly used in fly dressing and a few insects encountered frequently while angling.

**Duration 30 minutes**

### Part 4 Teaching and communication skills

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

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

**Duration 30 minutes**

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

## 3. AAPGAI Advanced Fly Dressing Syllabus

### 3.1. Prior preparation

#### Presentation flies and portfolios

The candidate must tie the seven flies listed together with a fly of the candidate's choice (NOT FROM THE LIST OF PATTERNS) to demonstrate 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 level of consistency in dressing the patterns.
2. A list of techniques and materials used in dressing each of the compulsory patterns. Handwritten, typed or electronic formats are acceptable.
3. Paper copies of the requirements in item 2 should be brought to the assessment for use by the assessors to allow comments regarding the practical assessment.
4. A presentation portfolio that would be used for a lecture or demonstration to a club or similar group of knowledgeable fly dressers.

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

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assessment and associated identification elements. A copy for each assessor (3 max) would be useful.

**Note:**

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

### 3.2. Practical 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 including the time allowed for setting up.

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 and the handling of the same will be required together with good knowledge of materials provided in this section.

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Candidates must be aware that this assessment is intended to determine their competence and ability to dress any of the compulsory flies. The techniques upon which they will be assessed will be those contained within the listed flies. The candidate will be assessed for the following:

1. Organisation and setup
2. Written paper
3. Practical assessment
4. Entomological identification (identification of insects in sample jars)
5. Fly tying material identification

### **Compulsory pattern descriptions**

**See attached spreadsheet for Advanced level patterns.**

**A suggested reading list is also included**