



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

Masters Fly Dressing Syllabus

Duration 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 AAPGAI Masters level qualification in fly dressing. At this level we have decided to return to the rounded multi skilled level that a Masters level candidate would be expected to have.

2. Introduction

Candidates will be examined on their ability as an **Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructor at 'Masters Level in 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

These may comprise multiple choice questions and others that require detailed written answers.

Duration 1 Hour

Part 2 Material identification

The candidate will be asked to 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

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, as well as the techniques used.

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The married wing compulsory pattern has elements that may be requested to be demonstrated during this part of the assessment. 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 must be made to the materials in the compulsory patterns before use.

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

Duration 3 hours

Part 4 Teaching and communication skills

The candidate will be required to deliver a single session tailored to a 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 methods.
4. Clear and concise explanations.
5. Overall presentation.

Duration 30 minutes

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

3. AAPGAI Masters Fly Dressing Syllabus

3.1. Prior preparation

Presentation flies

The candidate must tie two copies of eight flies listed and two copies of a fly of the candidate's choice (NOT IN THE LIST OF PATTERNS) demonstrating additional fly dressing techniques.

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

1. Two examples of each of the compulsory flies demonstrating a very high level of consistency in dressing the patterns.
2. Two copies of a fly of the candidates choice.
3. A list of techniques and materials used in dressing each of the compulsory patterns. Handwritten, typed or electronic formats are acceptable.
4. Paper copies of the requirements in item 2 must be brought to the assessment for use by the assessors to allow comments regarding the practical assessment. Suggest a copy for each assessor max three copies.

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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 the assessment period to allow the maximum time for the practical assessment and associated written and 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

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 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 3 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 by them. 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 patterns.

See attached spreadsheet for Masters patterns and descriptions.

A suggested reading list is also available.