Master Fly Casting Instructor (MCI)
Performance Test – Evaluation Form

Candidate: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Lead Examiner: ___________________________ Location: ___________________________

2nd Examiner: ___________________________ Other: ___________________________

The MCI candidate must be a current Fly Fishers International (FFI) Certified Fly Casting Instructor (CI). FFI may waive the prerequisite for being a current FFI CI if the candidate has at least the equivalent certification from another recognized casting organization such as EFFA, GAIA, AAPGAI, APGAI Ireland, or SGAIC. A waiver must be approved prior to the date of the examination, and more information can be found here.

Test Structure:
The examination is comprised of Section 1 (Casting Performance, which includes Sub-Sections 1A and 1B), Section 2 (Teaching Performance), and Section 3 (Interview and Discussion). All three Sections must be passed in order to pass the examination. Candidates must pass each Section in order to proceed to the next Section of the examination. Successful candidates can fail no more than two tasks in the Casting Performance Tasks in Section 1 and must pass all the teaching tasks in Section 2. Candidates will be permitted, regardless of performance, to finish Sub-Sections 1A, 1B, and Sections 2 and 3, respectively, once they are started. All Sections and Sub-Sections will be performed in sequence. Section 1 will be performed prior to Section 2, which in turn, will be completed before moving to Section 3. Sub-Section 1A will be performed before Sub-Section 1B.

Scoring:
Task scoring is P (pass), B (borderline), or F (fail). A task will be scored B when the examiners are uncertain whether the candidate has met the requirements of a task. Two B scores are equivalent to one F (and 1B = 1/2 F).

Sub-Sections 1A and 1B shall be scored together as Section 1. Any B and F scores in Sub-Section 1A will be carried forward and aggregated with any B’s and F’s in Sub-Section 1B to determine the candidate’s score for Section 1.

At the conclusion of Sub-Sections 1A and/or 1B, the examiners may briefly conduct further evaluation of the candidate with respect to the tasks performed within that Sub-Section if they deem it warranted. The determination of whether a candidate advances from one Sub-Section or Section to the next is made by the examiners and is final.
The diagrams at the end of this examination are intended to clarify what is expected of candidates and to help evaluate their performance.

**Equipment Requirements:**

- The candidate will supply the following equipment (as well as any wading gear and teaching aids that he or she may elect to use).

- In the event of equipment failure, other equipment may be substituted with the approval of the examination team.

- **Rods** will be 9 ft. (2.74m) maximum; 7 wt. maximum. The candidate may use different rods in Sub-Sections 1A and 1B. Changing the rod within a Sub-Section is not permitted, except that for Task 21, Sunk Line and Oval Cast, a different rod from the one used in the rest of Sub-Section 1B may be used.

- **Lines** will be commercial production lines available to the general public.
  - **All lines** will be of one-piece construction.
  - **Floating Line** will be AFFTA single-handed #7, maximum. A candidate may use different lines for Sub-Sections 1A and 1B. Changing the line within Sub-Sections 1A and 1B is not permitted, except that a different line **must** be used for Task 21. If a second floating line is chosen for Sub-Section 1B, then it must be manufacturer designated single-handed 7 weight, maximum. It is **highly recommended** that the candidate use high visibility lines.
  - **Sinking Line** will be AFFTA single-handed #7, maximum and Type 2 or denser. The line will be either a full sinking line or a line with an integrated sink tip that measures at least 7 ft. (2.1m) or longer.

- **Leader** will be 7 ½ ft. (2.3m) minimum for floating line tasks and 5 ft. (1.5m) minimum for Task 21. Leaders may be monofilament nylon, co-polymer or fluorocarbon. Poly-leaders, braided, or metallic leaders are not permitted.

- **Fly** will be made only of yarn.

**General Information:**

- Before the examination, the candidate will inform the examiners of his or her dominant hand.

- All casts requiring anchors will be carried out on moving or still water.

- Once the examination has started, no one may coach the candidate at any time.

- During the exam, the examiners will only read candidates the initial text of tasks and not required performance standards and expectations for tasks. Candidates are expected to know the exam extremely well but may request additional parts of the tasks to be read to them.

- Casting direction will be at the discretion of the candidate. If conditions, change, the candidate may elect to change the direction of the course.

- Course layout: The targets will be placed on a measuring tape at the distances required by the examination tasks. The tape will be extended to 85 ft. (25.9m).

- Line length is measured from the caster’s forward foot to the fly.
• Marking the fly line used in Sub-Section 1A beforehand is prohibited. The examiners will mark the line used in Sub-Section 1B with a waterproof marker at 50 ft. (15.2m) and 60 ft. (18.3m). A candidate choosing a different line for Sub-Section 1B may mark it for distance before the exam, subject to the examiners verifying the accuracy of the marking(s).

• A false cast is one forward cast followed by one back cast (both shall be aerialized).

• The candidate will be asked to begin **one** casting task in **each** of Sub-Sections 1A and 1B with an explanation, which is a brief overview of the steps of the cast. After the explanation the candidate will demonstrate the cast as described in the task. Candidates should only describe what they are about to do, and should **not** in these brief explanations discuss, for example, the situation, fishing uses, faults and fixes, casting mechanics or how to teach the cast.

• **Definition of an off-side cast:**
  - Right hand dominant casters, viewed from behind the caster on the caster-target line, casting with the rod tip to the observer’s left of the caster’s head.
  - The rod tip on the forward delivery cast of the Off-Side Spey cast (Task 20) must be to the observer’s left of the caster’s head.
  - For left hand dominant casters, a similar off-side definition applies, with right and left replacing each other.
  - Off-side casts may not be performed by using the non-dominant hand.
  - Bending at the waist to accomplish off-side casts is allowed.
  - Stance and style on off-side casts are at the caster’s discretion.

• Neither hauling nor shooting line are permitted, unless otherwise specified in the task.

• When hauling is not permitted, the fly line will be held in the rod hand only, unless otherwise specified in the task.

• Various casting styles are permitted provided the cast meets the performance standards of the examination.

• During the teaching portion of the examination, an examiner will be available to serve as a student for the candidate. The candidate may utilize teaching aids only in Sections 2 and 3.

• The candidate may not use or refer to notes of any kind during the examination, be they either in written or electronic form.

• The loop size for all casts except the roll, switch and Spey casts will be measured as follows: The distance from the fly leg to the rod leg of the fly line as the fly line to leader connection passes the rod tip, at a point approximately 3-4 ft. (0.9m - 1.2m) back from the leading edge of the loop.

• The loop size for roll, switch and Spey casts will be measured 3 to 4 ft. (0.9m – 1.2m) back from the leading edge of the loop.

• Unless specifically permitted by a task, elliptical (or Belgian/Gebetsroither) casts, Barnegat Bay casts (forward cast away from target, backcast to target), and Galway casts (forward cast away from, and off-side forward cast to target) are **not** allowed.

• Organizing the line before a task is performed may be done in any manner the candidate chooses, and the line organizing cast or casts will not by evaluated by the examiners.
General Performance Standards:

The candidate must demonstrate the high standard of performance expected of a Master Certified Instructor, which would instill confidence in students and other instructors. Candidates should accomplish tasks easily on the first or second attempt, with good demonstrations, and when asked to, provide clear and concise explanations of the steps of the cast. Repeated completion of tasks only on the third attempt does not constitute MCI level performance.

Except when faults are to be demonstrated or identified, or where the task specifies otherwise, the following requirements will apply to all Sections of the examination.

All loops, including the initial back cast will:

- Not be tailing.
- Have a relatively straight fly leg.
- Have minimal slack in the rod leg.
- Be similar in size and shape between the forward and back casts.
- Be nearly opposite one another (180 degree principle).
- Be approximately 3 ft. (0.9m) or less in width.
- Be made so they can be easily assessed for shape and size by the examiners.

Additional requirements include:

- Line tension will be maintained appropriately throughout the casting sequence.
- The fly line and leader will unroll completely and be relatively straight.
- The line, leader, and fly will not make contact (tick) with the ground or water, except during the final forward cast and as appropriate for on-water casts.
- Anchors and D-Loops will be laid out relatively straight and tight in alignment with the forward cast.
- All delivery casts will roll out above the ground or water.
- The anchor point (fly line to leader connection) for roll, switch, and Spey casts will be in front of and a maximum of a rod and a half length away from the caster.
Section 1 – Performance Tasks
Sub-Section 1A - Performance Tasks on Grass

Task 1. Overhead Casts: Demonstrate 6 false casts with narrow loops. Line length shall be 50 ft. (15.2m).

Required Performance Standards:
- General performance standards as previously described.

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Task 2. Overhead Casts – Wide to Narrow Loops: Demonstrate casting a series of wide to medium to narrow loops. Line length shall be 50 ft. (15.2m).
- First backcast will be wide.
- Three false casts for each loop size variation.

Required Performance Standards:
- General performance standards as previously described.
- There will be a distinct contrast between the specified loop sizes.
- Wide loops will be 8 ft. (2.4m) or more, medium will be approximately 6 ft. (1.8m) and narrow loops will be 3 ft. (0.9m) or less.
- The fly leg of the wide loops may be convex or straight (but not tailing).

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**Task 3. Varying Rod Plane:** Demonstrate a series of off-side false casts with the rod progressing from 11 o’clock (30 degrees off vertical) to 10 o’clock and then to 9 o’clock (horizontal). Two false casts shall be performed at each position. Line length shall be 40 ft. (12.2m).

- The candidate may change the rod plane on either forward or back cast.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- Rod leg and fly leg will be in the rod plane, after making reasonable allowances for wind and gravity.

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**Task 4. Slack-Line Waves:** Demonstrate two slack line layouts, one with wide slack waves, and one with narrow slack waves. Line length shall be 50 ft. (15.2m).

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- Slack waves will be similar in size and shape and aligned in the direction of the cast.
- Wide slack waves will be approximately 5 ft. (1.5m) to 6 ft. (1.8m) in width, and narrow slack waves will be approximately 2 ft. (0.6m) to 3 ft. (0.9m) in width, from point to point.
- Wide slack waves will include a minimum of 3 points and narrow slack waves will include a minimum of 6 points. Waves will be evenly distributed throughout the presentation.

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Task 5. Mends Around Targets: Demonstrate a series of casts with aerial mends around targets at 15 ft. (4.6m), 25 ft. (7.6m), and 35 ft. (10.7m). Line length will be extended to a minimum of 50 ft. (15.2m) prior to starting the task. Each mend may be to the left or to the right of the target, at the examiners’ option.

Required Performance Standards:

- General performance standards as previously described.
- Apex of mend may lay down 2 ft. (0.6m) in front of or behind the target.
- Length of mended portion of fly line will not exceed 20 ft. (6.1m).
- Width of mend should be no less than 2 ft. (0.6m) for the 15 ft. (4.6m) and 25 ft. (7.6m) targets and no less than 1 ft. (0.3m) for the 35 ft. (10.7m) target.
- Other than the mended portion, the line from rod tip to fly should be relatively straight and in alignment with the tape.

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**Task 6. Curved Line Presentation - Left:** Demonstrate two different methods of presenting a curved line presentation to the left and around the target. Line length shall be 45 ft. (13.7m).

- The candidate must demonstrate two such curved line presentations, one casting with a nearly horizontal rod plane and one with a nearly vertical rod plane.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- For the final delivery cast any loop width and shape is permitted (but not tailing).
- Line and/or leader will curve around a target located at 30 ft. (9.1m) with an angle change from the main body of the fly line of 45 degrees or greater.
- Upon presentation the leader can be either straight or curved but should not have excessive slack.

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Task 7. **Curved Line Presentation - Right**: Demonstrate two different methods of presenting a curved line presentation to the right and around the target. Line length shall be 45 ft. (13.7m).

- The candidate must demonstrate two such curved line presentations, one casting with a nearly horizontal rod plane and one with a nearly vertical rod plane.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- For the final delivery cast any loop width and shape is permitted (but not tailing).
- Line and/or leader will curve around a target located at 30 ft. (9.1m) with an angle change from the main body of the fly line of 45 degrees or greater.
- Upon presentation the leader can be either straight or curved but should not have excessive slack.

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**Task 8. Accuracy:** Demonstrate accuracy casting. Present the fly to targets at 40 ft. (12.2m), 30 ft. (9.1m), and 50 ft. (15.2m), in that order.

- Before beginning the task, the candidate will strip out line from the reel for 60 ft. (18.3m) to the fly and then strip the line back until the fly is at 30 ft. (9.1m).
- The candidate will extend or retrieve line as needed between targets only while false casting (except during the missed target procedure described below).
- Fly line may be held in the line hand while extending or retrieving line. However, once the desired amount of line is established, use of the line hand is not permitted and casting is with the rod hand only.
- If on any attempt the target is missed:
  - For the 40 ft. (12.2m) target, line is retrieved until the fly is at 30 ft. (9.1m) before the next attempt.
  - For the 30 ft. (9.1m) target, line is extended until the fly is at 40 ft. (12.2m) before the next attempt.
  - For the 50 ft. (15.2m) target, line is retrieved until the fly is at 30 ft. (9.1m) before the next attempt.
- A maximum of three attempts to each target is permitted.
- Shooting line to the target is not permitted.
- Either floating or driving the fly into the target is permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- Fly must land approximately 15 in. (38cm) or closer from the center of a cone or other marker for the 40 ft. (12.2m) and 30 ft. (9.1m) targets. Fly must land approximately 18 in. (46cm) or closer from the center of a cone or other marker for the 50 ft. (15.2m) target.
- The candidate will demonstrate appropriate trajectory for the target distances.

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Comments:
**Task 9. Off-Side Accuracy:** Demonstrate off-side accuracy casting to targets as described in Task 8.

- Task requirements and performance standards as described in Task 8 and the definition of off-side casting.

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**Task 10. Double Haul:** Demonstrate double hauling while extending line from 45 ft. (13.7m) to 65 ft. (19.8m).

- Before beginning the task, the candidate will strip out line from the reel for a minimum of 70 ft. (21.3m) to the fly and then strip the line back until the fly is at 45 ft. (13.7m).
- The candidate will commence with two false casts at 45 ft. (13.7m), extend the line evenly over a minimum of 4 false casts and complete the tasks with 2 false casts at 65 ft. (19.8m) before laying the line down at 65 ft. (19.8m).
- The candidate has the option to extend line on the back cast, the forward cast, or both.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- Haul length, timing, and power application should vary appropriately with the length of line carried.
- Line tension will be maintained between hauling hand and the first rod guide.

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Task 11. **Distance Cast**: Demonstrate a cast to a minimum of 85 ft. (25.9m).

- Casting series must consist of at least two false casts prior to presentation.
- Shooting line is permitted.
- Hauling is permitted.
- Caster will begin the task with the fly no farther than 60 ft. (18.3m).

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- The first back cast will exhibit no more than a 3 ft. (0.9m) loop width. Loop width on the subsequent casts can exceed 3 ft. (0.9m).
- The fly must land beyond the end of the fly line with the leader relatively straight.

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**Task 12. Off-Side or Back-Cast Distance Cast:** At the candidate’s option, demonstrate either an off-side or backcast distance cast to a minimum of 75 ft. (22.9m).

- For both options the line shall be laid out in the direction of the target prior to starting the task.
- Caster will begin with fly no farther than 60 ft. (18.3m).
- Casting series must consist of a minimum of 6 casting strokes.
- Shooting line is permitted.
- Hauling is permitted.
- Galway casts (forward cast away from target, off-side forward cast to target) and Barnegat Bay casts are permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.
- The pickup cast will exhibit no more than a 3 ft. (0.9m) loop width. Loop width on subsequent casts can exceed 3 ft. (0.9m).
- The fly must land beyond the end of the fly line with the leader relatively straight.

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Task 13: Quick Cast from a Skiff: Demonstrate a quick cast, shooting line to 65 ft. (19.8m).

- Line will be organized and managed so that it does not tangle.
- The casting sequence will begin with no more than two rod lengths of fly line outside the rod tip.
- Fly will be held in hand before the start of the cast.
- Before the casting sequence begins, the examiners will announce the location of the target using a clock system based on the bow of the boat pointing to 12 o’clock. The target shall be between 9 and 11 o’clock for right hand dominant casters and between 1 and 3 o’clock for left hand dominant casters, and the candidate will maintain visual contact with the target during the cast.
- Presentation must be made with no more than two false casts.
- Hauling is permitted

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.

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Sub-Section 1B - Performance Tasks on Water

Back loops of any shape may be used at the candidate’s option for the tasks in this Sub-Section 1B which require anchors (subject to task requirements), and the generic term “D-Loop” is used in this examination to describe any anchored back loop. Wading depth will be determined by the examiners in consultation with the candidate, taking into account the safety of all participants. It is recommended, however, that the candidate stand in approximately 6 in. (0.15m) of water. The fly line for the sinking line task must be cast into 1 ft. (0.3m) or more of water.

**Task 14. Static Line Roll Cast, Dominant Side:** Demonstrate a static roll cast to 50 ft. (15.2m). No hauling or shooting line permitted.

- The D-Loop will be formed slowly enough so that the line does not leave the water’s surface and stops moving backwards prior to the forward cast.
- The D-Loop will not extend more than one arm plus one rod length behind the caster.
- Stepping backward during formation of the D-Loop is not permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**

- General performance standards as previously described.

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**Task 15. Off-Side Static Line Roll Cast:** Demonstrate an off-side static line roll cast to 50 ft. (15.2m). No Hauling or shooting line permitted.

- Task requirements and performance standards as described in Task 14 and off-side casting definition.

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Task 16. **Switch Cast, Dominant Side:** Demonstrate a switch cast to 65 ft. (19.8m). Hauling and shooting line are permitted.

- The initial lift and sweep prior to placement of the anchor must completely lift the fly line, leader, and fly off the water.
- Initial line length is at the discretion of the candidate.
- No change of direction is permitted.
- Dragging or skipping the anchor into position is not permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**
- General performance standards as previously described.

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Task 17. **Single Spey Cast, Dominant Side:** Demonstrate a single Spey cast with a minimum change of direction of 45 degrees, shooting line to 60 ft. (18.2m). Hauling and shooting line are permitted.

- Initial line length is at the discretion of the candidate.
- Dragging or skipping the anchor into position is not permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**
- General performance standards as previously described.

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**Task 18. Double Spey or Snap Cast, Dominant Side:** The examiners will select which cast is to be performed. If a Snap Cast is chosen, the candidate may elect either a Snap C or Snap T. Demonstrate the cast with a change of direction of 90 degrees to 60 ft. (18.2m). Hauling and shooting line are permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**
- General performance standards as previously described.

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**Task 19. Snake Roll Cast, Dominant Side:** Demonstrate a snake roll cast with a 90 degree change of direction to 60 ft. (18.2m). Hauling and shooting line are permitted.
- Dragging or skipping the anchor into position is not permitted.

**Required Performance Standards:**
- General performance standards as previously described.

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Task 20. Off-Side Spey Cast: Demonstrate an off-side Spey cast with a change of direction of 90 degrees to 55 ft. (16.8m). If a double Spey cast was performed in Task 18, the candidate will perform an off-side Snap T or Snap C cast (with the choice between the two being the candidate’s); if a Snap cast was performed in Task 18, the candidate will perform an off-side double Spey. Hauling and shooting line are permitted.

Required Performance Standards:
- General performance standards as previously described and off-side casting definition.

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Task 21. Sunk Line and Oval Cast: Demonstrate a technique for raising a sunken line, then use an oval/Belgian cast to shoot line to 65 ft. (19.8m) with a 30-degree change of direction. Hauling and shooting line are permitted.

- Fly will be cast to 45 ft. (13.7m) and the line allowed to sink for a minimum of 5 seconds before beginning the demonstration. Line will not be stripped in before the casting sequence starts.
- Methods of raising sunken line are at the discretion of the candidate.
- After the line has been raised to the surface at least 2 false casts are required.

Required Performance Standards:
- General performance standards as previously described.
- Raising the sunk line will be accomplished in no more than two attempts.
- Forward and back loops of any width are permitted in this task.
- The candidate will maintain continuous tension in the line throughout the cast.

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Section 2 – Teaching

The MCI Examination Teaching Performance Section contains six tasks designed to assess the candidate’s ability to give organized, clear, and concise instruction to students using appropriate terminology (based upon the student levels described below) and a clear understanding of casting mechanics. The candidate’s teaching demonstrations are expected to present a logical teaching progression that, where appropriate, addresses multiple learning styles. Candidates are expected to be engaging, student-centered, confident, and professional in their teaching demonstrations. Teaching tasks focus on intermediate to advanced level students.

Each teaching task except Task 6, Teach an Instructor, should be completed in at most 3 minutes. One of the examiners will be available to serve as a student for instructional purposes, should the candidate choose to teach some or all tasks to a student. Except in the Teach an Instructor task, candidates are encouraged not to address or fix faults not actually exhibited by their student. They should instead either just make the appropriate correction, or if performing the task without a student, teach a suitable way to perform the cast.

The candidate will teach the choices within each task (and unless specifically stated, the options within each such choice), both as determined by the examiners.

Candidates will be asked to perform five of the six teaching tasks: Tasks 1 and 2, two of Tasks 3, 4, and 5 as selected by the examiners, and finally Task 6, Teach an Instructor.

Definitions for the Teaching Tasks:

Intermediate Student: Has a basic understanding of casting mechanics and has moderate loop control, can single and double haul, shoot line, and cast in different planes, but requires additional instruction to improve these skills.

Advanced Student: Has the skill level of a successful CI candidate.

Candidates should assume that students have the skills required to learn the tasks they are being taught. Line length and angle changes in this Section 2, where applicable, are at the discretion of the candidate.

Scoring of Teaching Tasks:

Teaching tasks will be scored using the four domains scorecard below, with candidate performance for each domain noted in the P-B-F scoring system used for casting performance tasks. However, the final score for each task is noted as either P (pass) or F (fail). Within each teaching task, a fail score in a single domain (or two borderline scores in two domains) constitutes an F (fail) for that task. A successful candidate may not fail any of the teaching tasks.

Performance Standards for the Teaching Tasks:

Teaching performance is expected to meet the standards established in the four domains of teaching as follows:

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Task 1. Spey Casting:

The candidate is required to teach one of the following tasks:

A. How to perform a switch cast to an advanced student.
B. How to perform a single Spey cast to an advanced student.
C. How to perform a Snap C cast to an advanced student.

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**Task 2. Fault Demonstration and Correction:**

The candidate is required to (i) demonstrate **three** of the following faults as selected by the examination team and to (ii) describe and demonstrate the appropriate corrections. The candidate must pass all three selected fault tasks.

A. **Water - One of:**
   - a. Single Spey cast with a bloody L or blown anchor.
   - b. Snap C or Snap T cast (candidate choice), where anchor placement is too far upstream or downstream.

Fault Demonstration Task #1:

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B. **Grass – Two of**
   - a. Wide loop with convex fly leg due to a wide casting arc.
   - b. Tailing loop preceded by creep.
   - c. Tailing loop due to abrupt force application.
   - d. Fly leg curved horizontally due to poor tracking.
   - e. Tailing loop created by an improper haul on the backcast.

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Task 3. Loop Control:
The candidate is required to teach one of the following tasks:

A. How to false cast narrow loops to an intermediate student.
B. How to cast wide, medium, and narrow loops to an advanced student.
C. How to vary the rod plane while casting off-side from near vertical to horizontal to an intermediate student.

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Task 4. Presentation Casting:
The candidate is required to teach one of the following tasks:

A. How to cast aerial mends (right and left) around targets to an advanced student.
B. How to cast curved line presentations (two methods) right or left around a target to an advanced student.
C. How to cast wide and narrow slack-line waves to an intermediate student.

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**Task 5. Distance Casting:**

The candidate is required to teach one of the following tasks:

A. How to cast and double haul to an advanced student.
B. How to perform a distance cast to an advanced student.

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**Task 6. “Teach an Instructor” to Teach a Task from the CI Examination:**

The candidate is required to teach a CI candidate how to successfully teach an intermediate student a task selected by the examiners from the performance section of the CI examination. The expectation of this task is that the candidate demonstrates his or her ability to convey teaching skills to an instructor, so the instructor can teach the chosen task to others. All MCI candidates are expected to be very familiar with the current version of the CI exam, which can be found [here](#).

The “Teach an Instructor” task should be completed in at most 5 minutes. In contrast to other teaching tasks, expectations for this task include common faults and fixes, and where applicable more than one way of teaching the cast to address different learning styles.

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**Section 3: Interview and Discussion (I & D)**

After the candidate passes Section 2, the examiners will conduct Section 3 (Interview and Discussion). This is an instructor-to-instructor dialogue with the candidate that explores the candidate’s depth of knowledge on the topics listed below.

**Performance Standards:** The candidate is expected to demonstrate substantial knowledge and understanding based on both the available fly casting and fishing literature and his or her own experience. A candidate must have confidence in his or her viewpoints and be prepared to articulate them clearly and concisely.

Topics that will be covered, in suggested priority, are:

- Fly casting principles and mechanics.
- Fault recognition, diagnosis, and corrections.
- Teaching and instructional methods.
- Fly fishing equipment.
- Fly fishing techniques.
- Etiquette while fly fishing, including on-stream, wading, and fishing from boats.

Some illustrative I&D questions can be found [here](#).

Comments:
MCI Exam Pass Form

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We recommend the Candidate below be certified as a Master Fly Casting Instructor.

Candidate’s Name: __________________________________________________________

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Diagrams are representative in nature and do not necessarily show how all casts may be made. Diagrams are for examiners and candidates to understand the general profile of certain line shapes and casts.

**LOOP SHAPES**

- **Fly Line to Leader Connection**
- **Maximum 3 ft. (0.9m) fly leg to rod leg**
- **Direction of cast**

- **Narrow Loop with Straight Fly Leg**
- **Direction of cast**

- **Loop with Convex Fly Leg**
- **Direction of cast**

- **Tailing Loop**
- **Lacks a straight fly leg**

**MEND**

Either mend shape is acceptable

- **Total length of mend should not exceed**
- **Apex of mend to be no more than 2 ft. (0.6m) forward or rearward of the marker**

**CURVED LINE PRESENTATION**

- **Width Of Mend:**
  - No less than 2 ft. (0.6m) at 15 ft. (4.6m)
  - No less than 2 ft. (0.6m) at 25 ft. (7.6m)

**WAVES**

- **5 ft. to 6 ft.**
  - 1.5m to 1.8m
- **2 ft. to 3 ft.**
  - 0.6m to 0.9m

- **Point of Wave**
  - 3 points minimum for wide waves
  - 6 points minimum for narrow waves

**OFF-SIDE CAST**

Right Hand Dominant Caster Viewed from Behind

- **Ground/Water**
- **Caster's choice on stance and where rest of body, including feet, are placed**

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