



## The America Cup International Fly Fishing Tournament 2010

### Controller Information 2010

Thank you for volunteering and participating in the 2010 America Cup. The following info will highlight your Controller responsibilities. We want this experience to be rewarding, educational and fun for all.

**Controller Coordinator** – Jodi Knight 970-390-7425 jwk@vail.net

Jodi Knight - will be contacting all controllers by phone to go over river assignments and to confirm availability.

All volunteer scheduling will go thru Jodi. John Knight 970-376-5703 mobile | Dave Pehle 719-942-4832 home

**Overview** - Controllers will be assigned to an individual competitor for each 3 hour session. Controllers will be issued a measuring tube, clip board and scoring sheets with pens. 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. The daily time commitment will be early mornings to early evenings for 3 fishing days (September 17, 18, 19th). Controllers must be able to transport themselves daily to their beat assignments. Controllers should bring waders or appropriate river shoes and be able to cross the stream. *If you cannot cross*, the angler will bring the fish back to you, but you should go up and down beat to stay near angler. The angler may assist you with hook removal and measuring, to ensure safety of fish.

### **Venues this year**

**The Colorado River** – at Coyote River Ranch – Dotsero, CO – ranch entry is right by I-70 intersection.

**The Blue River** – There will be Upper Blue and Lower Blue venues on this section.

**The Arkansas River** – south of Leadville - Hwy 91 to Leadville and HWY 24 South to Granite- DOW Fishing site on left hand side of the road before the town of Granite.

*A Map showing each venue and parking area will be posted to web.*

**Rules** - We are using FIPS Mouche rules as our guidelines, these formal rules are on the website for download. I have the basic rules outlined below. 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 waters 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.

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**Celebration – Sunday** afternoon we have a fishing event followed by a grand Awards Banquet that all Controllers are encouraged to attend. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the festivities.

**2:00pm - 5:00pm - Après Tournéy** - on Nova Guides pond at Camp Hale. Volunteers and Competitors can fish together and the 3 largest fish recorded win medals! Scoring sheets and measuring tubes will be at the pond and you have to get the angler fishing next to you to initial your catch. This is *a for fun* Après Tournéy and participation is optional, but who wouldn't want to take home a medal. The Après Tournéy is followed by the Awards Banquet.

**5:00pm - 8:00pm - Awards Banquet** - Nova Guides at Camp Hale. Final Results Posting - Food, BBQ, Medals, Trophies, Team pictures. The [Nova Guides](#) lodge is world class and this is the perfect venue to wrap up The Cup.

Bring your friends - everyone is invited! **The Cup Hat** - all controllers will get a 2010 event fishing hat at the party.

### **Controller Practice - times & locations**

Controller training sessions will be held closer to the event. You only need to attend one session.

*It will take about 30 minutes to go through the rules, scoring and measuring process.*

August 15 Sunday - Avon - Nottingham Park - 3:00pm - 5:00pm (over by the paddle boats)

August 22 Sunday - Frisco Marina - 12:00pm - 2:00pm (over by the Island Grill)

August 29 Sunday - Avon - Nottingham Park - 3:00pm - 5:00pm (over by the paddle boats)

September 5th Sunday - Frisco Marina - 12:00pm - 2:00pm (over by the Island Grill)

September 11th Saturday - Frisco Marina - 5:00pm - 7:00pm (over by the Island Grill)

September 12th Sunday - Frisco Marina - 5:00pm - 7:00pm (over by the Island Grill)

\*Call Jodi and let her know if you can't make any of these and she and John will arrange a session to fit your schedule.

### **Invasive Species Management**

*Learn more about Invasive Species Management at [www.theamericacup.com](http://www.theamericacup.com)*

The ideal picture of the fly fisherman usually includes an angler standing in the waters of a rushing stream while casting to healthy, vigorous trout or smallmouth bass. Some fishermen wade the edges of lakes, stalking fish that lurk in the structure that line the banks. Wading boots provide sure-footed traction, warmth, and foot protection. However, these boots, especially when felt-soled, are now considered to be one of the primary sources of waterway contamination with didymo, whirling disease, and New Zealand Mud Snails. New equipment, combined with clean fishing practices, can reduce the risk of such contamination. Many teams and volunteers will be arriving several days prior to our tournament to practice and review waters. We kindly insist that all anglers and controllers clean their gear before entering our sacred waters. Many participants are arriving from out of state/country and this is a huge concern.

### **Immersion Procedure**

### **Please clean your gear.**

1. Place waders, wading boots, boot insoles and the streambed contact end of a wading stick, if used, in a container of sufficient size to allow the gear to be completely covered by a cleaning solution.
2. Pour sufficient Formula 409® Disinfectant cleaning solution (or bleach, or Sparquat) into the container with water, using a ration of 1 part 409 to 9 parts water, with the wading gear to completely cover the gear. It may be necessary to weight down the gear to ensure that it remains immersed in the cleaning solution.
3. Allow the wading gear to remain in the cleaning solution for at least 5 minutes.
4. Remove the wading gear from the cleaning solution one piece at a time and inspect it to make sure all debris that could harbor an Invasive Species has been removed from the gear as well as any Invasive Species that could be lodged in cracks or crevices. If necessary, use a stiff plastic bristled brush to remove any remaining debris and mud. Rinse wading gear in clean water and allow to completely dry.



## **Responsibilities of a Controller - 2010**

### **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 flies is at least 50cm when hanging vertically.
- The fish is landed in the net in the water.
- 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. *No split shot or strike indicators.*
- 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 method for multiple flies - 3 fly limit on any given leader.
- No split shot, no strike indicators. No tying off the bend of the hook or again thru the eye on the fly.

### **You must check that the fish counts-**

- Only fish that are 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 for the lost fish.
- The competitor may assist controller with this entire process to ensure safety of the fish.
- 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.
- Must give the carbon copy of the score sheet to Angler – then give top copy of score sheet to Sector Judge

### **You must not-**

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

### **It is desirable if you-**

- Carry a time keeping device to notify angler of time remaining on the 3 hr sessions.
- Ask if you are unsure of any of the rules. Formal FIPS Mouche rules are our guidelines and available for download on our website.
- Familiarize yourself with the beat and boundaries that your competitor is going to fish.
- If there is a breach of a rule, it is your responsibility to gather the facts and evidence necessary to prepare a report for the Event Committee.

Controllers will be assigned to an individual competitor for each 3 hour session. Controllers will be issued a **Controller Kit** with measuring tube, clip board, pens, and scoring sheets. 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. The Sector Judge will be there to answer questions or deal with any issues that arise.

**Fish that count**

**All Trout Species**



**Brown Trout**



**Brook Trout**



**Rainbow Trout**



**Cutthroat Trout**

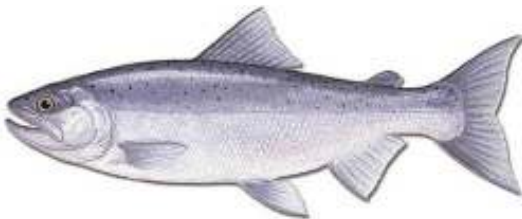
**Lake and Bull trout are also allowed and may be caught.**

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**White Fish**



**Kokanee Salmon**



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**spawning Kokanee Salmon**



### **Responsibilities of a Sector Judge - 2010**

#### Sector Judge Information

- Review your assigned venue with TAC Committee and meet land owner(s)
- Pick up Controller Kits and refills – scoring sheets, pens, zip locks – spare beat markers
- Meet controllers and go thru session roster (get from Jodi)
- Controllers – all must Sign Event Participation Form
- Hand out Controller Kits
- Review Holding Buckets and process
- Review any controller questions as a group before going to beat assignments
- Locate controllers to beat and review beat markers
- Gather all scoring sheets from Controllers
- Pass scoring sheets and Event Forms to Bus Driver
- Refill Controller Kits and prepare for next session
- Get lunches and water from AM Bus Driver and feed Controllers
- Call John Knight with daily review after each day's sessions
- After session 5 – pick up all beat markers and trash on the venue.

### **Responsibilities of a Bus Driver – 2010**

#### Bus Driver Information

- Please have groups in place and on schedule. Pick up anglers at Best Western at 7am Fri, Sat and Sun.
- Clip Board with Group names to verify all anglers have boarded bus – place Group Signs in window
- Drive to assigned venue with designated Group
- Drop off anglers at designated venue meeting area or at beat markers
- Drop off Controller lunches and waters at AM session to Sector Judge
- Drive to PM Sessions while anglers eat lunch – must keep moving.
- Collect all score sheets from Sector Judge/Controllers after each Group finishes its Session
- Place score sheets collected into supplied Zip Lock Bag – collect both sessions' sheets daily
- Deliver Scoring Sheets to Jodi Knight upon return at day end at drop off
- Collect all Controller Kits at end of 5<sup>th</sup> session and return all TAC Equipment at final drop off

### **Responsibilities of an Event Photographer– 2010**

#### Photographer Information

- Familiarize yourself with the venues and beat locations
- Be sure to not infringe on any competition water – cross only where allowed or approved by angler
- Attend the event Registration, Draw and Awards Banquet – get Team group shots
- Visit all venues and take action shots, group shots, candid shots, lunch shots, volunteer shots – *everything*.
- Provide daily picture download to webmaster for event updates
- Provide final download of all pictures to webmaster
- Provide an outlet for persons to purchase / acquire event photographs <http://holycrossphotography.com/>



## **2010 Event Agenda**

### **September 16th - Thursday**

- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Team Registration – Best Western
- Competitor Badge Pick Up and general good time to meet fellow teams
  - Each individual angler picks up event badge & signs event participation form
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm Captains Meeting – Best Western
  - Venue and beat drawing/assignments / Questions and Answers - all invited to attend

### **September 17th - Friday**

- 7:00am – 7:30am Meet at transportation hub -Best Western
  - Park in the West parking lot between the Best Western and the Alpine Inn*
  - Do not block the Coors delivery trucks - Buses will be waiting to load by group number*
- 7:30am – 8:30am Transportation to venues
- 9:00am – 12:00pm - Session 1
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm – Lunch and venue changes
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm – Session 2
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm – Transport back to Best Western
- 9:00pm – Posting of scores

### **September 18th - Saturday**

- 7:00am – 7:30am Meet at transportation hub -Best Western
- 7:30am – 8:30am Transportation to venues
- 9:00am – 12:00pm - Session 3
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm – Lunch and venue changes
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm – Session 4
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm – Transport back to Best Western
- 9:00pm - Posting of scores

### **September 19th - Sunday**

- 7:00am – 7:30am Meet at transportation hub -Best Western
- 7:30am – 8:30am Transportation to venues
- 9:00am – 12:00pm - Session 5
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm – Transport back to Best Western
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm – APRES TOURNEY - on Nova Guides pond - drive yourselves here.
- Volunteers and Competitors can fish together and the 3 largest fish win medals!
- Scoring sheets and measuring tubes will be at the pond and get the angler next to you to initial your catch.*
- 5:00pm – 8:00pm – Awards Banquet – Nova Guides at Camp Hale
  - Final Results Posting - Food, BBQ, Medals, Trophies, Team pictures

September 20th – Monday – have a safe travel day

Thank you for coming!

**See you next year!**

Check back soon for event photos and highlights!

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**2011 event planning has already started.**

If you wish to put a team of 5 anglers together and participate – please contact us right away. The event application will be posted on the website for download.

Thank you

**John Knight**

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*MISSION STATEMENT*

**"To heighten interest and grow an experienced volunteer base in an effort to host national and world cup level fly fishing tournaments, while promoting knowledge to protect our coldwater fisheries."**



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