

Troutfest 2020  
Class Descriptions

**Trout Class: Lead Instructor - Mr. Dayle  
Mazzarella**

This class is designed to teach the intermediate caster the following:  
Slackline Casts, Aerial Mends, Water Mends, and Curve Casts. All these casts will enable  
an angler to catch more fish on rivers & streams.

**Heavy Lines & Flies: Lead Instructor - Mr. Jeff Ferguson**

In this class the Anglers will learn to pick up and deliver heavy sinktip and full sinking lines as  
well as big or air resistant flies. Constant Tension Casts will be emphasized as well as  
bringing the line to the surface. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment,  
but some equipment can be provided.

**Introduction to Two Handed Spey Casting: Lead Instructor - Mr. Gary Davison**

The participant will learn the basic Spey Casts such as the Single Spey, Double Spey &  
Snake Roll Spey Cast using a two-handed rod. This class will include discussions on Wind,  
Current, and Bank Placement. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment,  
but some equipment will be available. Rods with Short to Medium Belly floating lines or  
Shooting Head Lines will be fine for this class.

**Understanding the role of Momentum and Acceleration when casting:  
Lead Instructor - Mr. Dayle Mazzarella**

This class will be a fun look at how various types of acceleration affect what happens to the  
fly line. Both beginners and very advanced casters will find the activities not only fun to  
perform, but extremely helpful in allowing the angler to control where and how the fly lands!

**Introduction to Single Hand Spey Casting: Lead Instructor - Mr. Gary Davison**

The participant will learn the basic Spey Casts such as the Single Spey, Double Spey &  
Snake Roll Spey Cast using a single hand rod. This class will include discussions on Wind,  
Current, and Bank Placement. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment.  
A rod with a weight forward floating fly line will be fine for this class.

**The Double Haul Class: Lead Instructor -Mr. Jeff Ferguson /  
& Mr. Gary Davison**

Whether or not the participant is an intermediate or advanced caster, this class will give you  
lots of tips on how to improve the efficiency of your double haul. It is recommended that  
a participant be able to cast fairly-narrow loops at 45 to 50' before learning to double haul.

**Casting In the Wind: Lead Instructor - Mr. Jim  
Bass**

This class will teach the participant various & specific techniques given any wind direction  
and velocity. Being able to double haul is a major advantage when casting in the wind.

**Saltwater Class: Lead Instructor - Mr. Jeff Ferguson**

Saltwater environment often requires long casts, quick casts, and working with heavy flies in wind. The Participant will learn how to use various casting techniques to overcome saltwater challenges. Double hauling is definitely an advantage when using these techniques.

**Roll Cast: Lead Instructors - Mr. Mike Wright & Mr. Gary Davison**

There are multiple important uses for the roll cast. Having obstructions behind the angler is only one of the situations that a roll cast is good for. This class will not only teach the fundamentals of roll casts, but also discuss various fishing situations that a roll cast can make easier. Anyone who fishes for trout will find this class invaluable.

**Casting Dr.: All available Instructors.**

This class will be reserved for individuals who would like a 1 on 1 instruction to help with specific casting issues.

Note: This format will be available for Friday from 1:00 to 5:00  
2- 1hour classes are scheduled on Saturday & Sunday.

**“WOMEN’S BEGINNERS FLY CASTING”**

Saturday 1:00p – 3:00p

This class is designed for first-time/beginner fly-casters. It will introduce techniques for proper loop formation and accuracy, and basic line management. Casters will also review what good and bad technique looks like and results in, and how to fix the basic problems most casters experience at the beginning of their casting experience.

**“WOMEN’S FLY- CASTING STRATEGIES”**

Sunday 9:00a – 11:00a

This class is designed for beyond-beginner fly casters, and will focus on improving accuracy, distance and line management for more successful fishing. The various techniques for casting in the wind will be explored.

## **NEW FOR TROUTFEST 2020 – FFI CASTING SKILLS CHALLENGE**

The Fly-Casting Skills Challenge is a fun way to improve casting skills. It includes three challenge levels progressing from Bronze to Gold that include fly casts used in many fishing situations. The Bronze level Challenge is designed for the novice (but not beginner) level fly fisher, while the Silver and Gold levels are aimed to advance the casting skills of intermediate and advanced level fly fishers.

When working through the skills challenge, you will have an experienced fly caster or an FFI Certified Casting Instructor there to provide you with instruction and tips to achieve the tasks. You will be able to ask questions and practice your new casting skills.

Once you have successfully performed all the tasks for a level, the Evaluator will provide you with a form recognizing your completion. You may submit this form for a recognition award certificate and pin for the level(s) achieved.

Come by the Casting Fields and learn more about this fun, challenging program. You can run through a practice session of the Challenge before being officially evaluated. Performing each level of the Casting Skills Challenge takes about 20-30 minutes.

Information on the Challenge and the skills to be performed at each level visit:

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting/Casting-Skills-Challenge>

**Being provided in Casting Area “D” all  
day Sat. & Sun.**

