

REGULATIONS



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**For over** two decades now, the Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique (FQSA) has patronized an international salmon fly tying championship that has become one of the most prestigious in its kind, based on the participation of hundreds of highly talented fly tyers from all over the world. Among those who have risen to the challenge, many have distinguished themselves year after year and have been elevated to the rank of Master Tyer and some to Grand Master Tyer. Masterpieces have been created in the process for the joy and admiration of all.

By holding this special event year after year, the FQSA has served to stimulate creativity among the salmon fly tying community and to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of participating salmon fly tying artists.

# THEMATIC FRAMEWORK



**Original – design Categories.** The 2010 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXI Olympic and Paralympics Winter Games, will be held February 12-28, 2010 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. To salute this venue and the Olympic spirit, the theme for this year’s championship will be, « **A stellar performance** ».

**Compulsory – design Category.** The next generation Hair-wing wet fly category will be the only compulsory entry category in 2010. This was decided as a result of the general decrease in participation in this category group during the last few years. The pattern selected for this category is the « **El Tigre** », a Paul Leblanc creation whose name calls to mind the determination, the strength and the vigour expended by Olympic and Paralympics athletes in pursuing goals of prowess in their sport. The Atlantic salmon is also somewhat akin to the tiger when it expends brute and magnificent force in reaching over the numerous obstacles that nature and man never cease to place on its migratory path.



# PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

This is an open Championship. Anyone interested is entitled to participate, including non-members of the Fédération Québécoise pour le saumon atlantique (FQSA) as well as non-residents of Quebec.

## 2. REGISTRATION (Entry Form attached below)

All participants are to send their fly or flies to the following address:

### FQSA 2010 INTERNATIONAL SALMON FLY TYING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique  
 42-B Racine Street  
 Quebec, Quebec  
 G2B 1C6, CANADA

## 3. DEADLINE

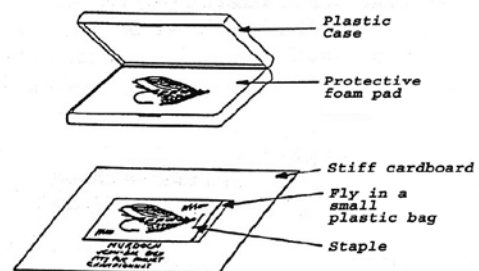
March 15th, 2010 (shipping or postal seal).

## 4. SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Each fly must be sent in an individual container or wrapping to avoid any damage in the mail.

The following appropriate and economic wrapping methods are suggested:

- a) Place the fly between two foam pads, which are then inserted into a small plastic case.
- b) Put the fly in a small "zip-lock" plastic bag, then staple the bag onto a rigid piece of cardboard, which can be sandwiched between two pieces of cardboard and, finally, put in an envelope.



**P.S. In order to be exempted from duty, all submissions from outside of Canada should state that the enclosed flies have no commercial value. Failure to do so will cause duties to be applied and we may be obligated to *pass the charges on to the submitter or send back the fly*.**



## 5. IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR FLY

Every fly registration must clearly state:

- The championship category;
- The name of the fly or flies;
- The name, address, telephone number of the participant;
- The email of the participant (if possible);

**P.S. For entries in the Original – design or creation categories, a description of the dressing of the fly and an explanation pertaining to the choice of name and materials used must be added.**

All flies registered for competition will automatically become the property of the FQSA.

## 7. DEFINITIONS

ORIGINAL DESIGN:

This fly must denote originality not only in the tying process but in the types of material used, style, tying techniques and the name as well.

NEXT GENERATION:

A person under 18 years of age who registers in the sub-category "Next Generation". This person may also register for other sub-categories in the Championship. Winners in this category are not eligible to use this fly toward the achievement of Master Tyer status.

AMATEUR:

A person who has never tied flies commercially or who has never won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in any category of a previous FQSA's Championship.

EXPERT:

Someone who has tied flies commercially or won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in any category of a previous FQSA's Championship.

MASTER:

A participant is classified as a Master Tyer if he or she, in the Compulsory or Original – design categories, meets one of the following three conditions:

- Ranked in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position for four different years with at least one year in a feather-wing category.
- Ranked in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position for three different years with a 1<sup>st</sup> position in a feather-wing category.
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> for two different years in a feather-wing category.

## 8. WINNERS

The names of the top three finalists for every category will be disclosed at the FQSA Annual Conference in April 2010.

## 9. PRIZES

The top three finalists in each category of the Championship will receive medals (gold, silver and bronze) and their names will be entered into a draw for winning a two-day salmon fishing trip for two at the Salmon Lodge (July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010), located on the magnificent Cascapedia River in the Gaspé region of the province of Quebec ([www.campbonaventure.com](http://www.campbonaventure.com)). This prize valued at \$2700, does not include the cost of transportation or gratuities, and cannot be exchanged against its monetary value, nor transferred to another person.

Gold medallists in each category of the competition will also receive a share of monetary prizes totalling \$1000 (CDN).

Five copies of the book, *Le saumon, 400 ans d'histoire et de passion au Québec* will also be drawn among the championship participants (book written by a collective of authors, under the direction of Beaudin, B. et Y. Côté and published by Saumons Illimités (FQSA), 2008).



## 10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

**The rules and regulations must be followed to the letter. Failure to comply with any of the Championship's regulations will lead to automatic disqualification.**

Participants will be judged on a number of criteria among which: originality, aesthetics, respect of tying principles and materials (compulsory-design category only), techniques and methods. The judging criteria will be disclosed on the FQSA web site. Please note that *the Championship is intended primarily to be a showcase for exhibition flies, not fishing flies per se.*

## 11. JURY

Jury members will be selected among personalities who are highly involved in different areas of fly tying and come from different regions. The head judge will be a highly renowned fly tyer. Only the Championship director knows the names of the judges, which will be disclosed only at the end of the competition.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All finalist entries (first three positions) will become part of the FQSA collection and will be exposed in due time in a Canadian or Quebec fly fishing museum.
- b) Results will be published in the FQSA *Saumons illimités* magazine and on its web site: [www.sau-mon-fqsa.qc.ca](http://www.sau-mon-fqsa.qc.ca). They will also be announced as press releases in other magazines and newspapers.
- c) The Championship being of a friendly nature, the FQSA relies on the sincerity and honesty of all participants, namely in the next generation status category.

## 2010 CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

### 1. COMPULSORY WET FLY CATEGORY

#### 1.1 HAIR-WING "NEXT GENERATION" CATEGORY

**NOTE:** *This category is for those under 18 years of age. A proof of birth is required to be eligible for this category (copy of birth certificate, identity card...). Winners in this category cannot use this fly to achieve Master Tyer status.*

**The fly selected for this category is the "El Tigre" and its recipe is available below.**

**NOTICES:** All entries submitted in the compulsory categories must conform to rules of proportions, materials and particulars appearing in technical reference books. ***It is to be noted that pictures of fishing flies presented in certain reference books are not necessarily tied according to standards of proportion expected in technical reference manuals for the selected fly categories.***

***Fly tiers must present only one fly for this compulsory model. As well, any fly tied with hooks other than that specified for each category, however, will not be judged.***



## 2. ORIGINAL – DESIGN CATEGORIES

In all cases, tyers can present a **maximum of two flies per category**.

### 2.1 HAIR-WING WET FLY FOR AMATEURS AND EXPERTS

- a) Theme: A stellar performance.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (eyed) hook, CS10/1, size 1/0**.
- b) The wing must be tied essentially with hair material, but may incorporate some synthetic material.

### 2.2 SPEY or DEE type WET FLY FOR ALL

This class of competition is open to all fly tyers, including Master Tyers on the FQSA list (available on the FQSA web site).

- a) Theme: A stellar performance.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (eyed) hook, CS10/1, size 2/0**.
- c) Hair can be used in the construction of the wings on the Spey type flies.

**ATTENTION :** *Creators to stay close to traditional norms with respect to **wing length**.*

### 2.3 FEATHER-WING WET FLY FOR ALL

- a) Theme: A stellar performance.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (blind eye) hook, CS10/3, size 3/0**.
- d) The wing must be tied only with feather material.

**NOTICE:** *If the required Partridge Bartleet (blind eye) hook, CS10/3, size 3/0 is unavailable at your supply shop, you can use a Bartleet eyed hook, CS10/1, size 3/0 and cut the eye off at its base. The hook length will be 1/16" to 1/8" or 2mm shorter than the initially required hook.*

(Modification proposed by Mr. Paul Leblanc, professional Master Tyer, SalmoNature Fly Shop, Montreal, Canada).

*Participants are asked to describe the hook used on their registration form and in the description of their entry flies.*

**N.B.:** Each of the original design flies **MUST** be accompanied by a note describing how it fits with the chosen theme in the appropriate category (name, design, colour, etc.) and explaining the special techniques or combination of materials that may have been used in crafting the fly. This information is used by the judges to evaluate conformity with the thematic framework.

# COMPULSORY MODEL DESCRIPTION

**Hair-wing “Next generation”** Wet Fly

“El Tigre”

**Reference:** Paul C. Marriner, *Modern Atlantic Salmon Flies*, p. 40.

Hook: Partridge, Bartleet type, CS10-1, size 1/0.

Tag: Small oval silver tinsel and fluorescent green UNI-Stretch.

Tail: Fluorescent green hackle.

Butt: Black ostrich herl.

Body: Flat silver tinsel.

Ribbing: Medium oval silver tinsel.

Wing: Black bear hair.

Throat: Black hackle under fluorescent green hackle fibres in equal amounts.

Head: Black.

## 2010 CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

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**Salmon Fly Tying International Championship 2010**

**Entry Form - mail to:**

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42-B, rue Racine, Quebec City, Quebec, G2B 1C6, Canada  
Phone: 418-847-9191 Fax: 418-847-9279

**PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip or Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The categories**

**Compulsory "next generation" category**

- El Tigre**, hair-wing wet fly  
For participants under 18 years old  
Please enclose a copy of birth certificate or other proof of identity

**Original-design category for amateurs and experts (A written description to be attached)**

- HAIR-WING wet fly – **Theme: A stellar performance**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original-design category for All (A written description to be attached)**

- SPEY or DEE type fly – **Theme: A stellar performance**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_

- FEATHER-WING wet fly – **Theme: A stellar performance**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_



