

G.Loomis Tournament Rod Guide and Handle Specifications

G.Loomis tournament blanks are made specifically for tournament casting and are warranted for one year against breakage due to material or manufacturing defects. They are not intended and not warranted for use in fishing. Following are suggested guide and handle configurations that are successful for many casters, but you may make up your own spacing, sizes and handles. The distance blanks are lightweight, thin wall designs, which help the caster to develop maximum speed and distance. The rod builder should take care not to wrap the guide too tightly as to crush the guide foot into the blank. After thread wrapping, the guide should be moveable with light to moderate finger pressure before finish is applied to the thread. It is suggested to thread wrap the ends of ferrules on the female side to provide added strength should the tip work loose while casting. The length of this ferrule wrap may be half inch on accuracy rods and up to two inches on large distance models. Distance blanks can be trimmed from the butt to shorten overall length and or the tip to stiffen and increase tip power. By gripping the rod higher up the handle and or trimming the tip at very small increments, the caster may fine-tune the rod to suit their preference. With reasonable care taken to assembly, protection in transportation to and from casting sessions, these blanks/rods will provide many years of use. Good casting.

Distance Fly Singlehand

Models TF 116-36; TF 116-38; TF 116-42

These distance fly models have a taper between medium and fast. TF 116-36 balances with line weight up to 36 grams, the weight limit for the women's division in international competition, and are appropriate for inexperienced casters who have not cast with very powerful distance fly rods before. TF 116-38 is designed to balance with up to 38 grams and loads comfortably for most casters with 37 to 38 gr line weight. A few very powerful casters may benefit from stiffness of model TF 116-42 with full 38 gram line weight. It was originally designed for line weight 42 grams when this was the maximum line weight limit in international competition. USA and Canada casters may still use up to 42 gram lines for official ACA competitions. It is suggested to wrap one inch of the ferrule on the female side to further protect against splitting if the tip works loose while casting.

GUIDE PLACEMENT FROM TIP

Tip; 6; 13 ½; 22 ¾; 32 ½; 42 ¼; 53; 66; 80 ¼

GUIDE SIZE FROM TIP

Large fly tip; four #5 single foot snake guide; one #6 single foot snake guide; stripper guides 12; 16; 20.

HANDLE CONFIGURATION

Full wells handle 8 ¾ inches length; down lock reel seat; 2 inch fighting butt with reverse taper for bracing under forearm to make strong backcast. This fighting butt is typically a foregrip of a light spin rod only assembled with the small diameter at the butt end of rod.

Two Hand Fly Distance

Model TF 204-4

This model is a powerful two hand fly distance rod design for line weight 115 to 120 grams. It comes a full 17 feet long. Some casters may benefit from shortening the rod from the butt end to make it easier to turn the rod over during the delivery cast. Test this concept by choking up from the bottom end a little at a time before actually cutting the blank.

GUIDE PLACEMENT FROM TIP (Inches)

Tip; 7; 15 ¼; 26 ¾; 41 ¼; 58; 73 ½; 89 ½; 108 ¼; 127 ½; 149

GUIDE SIZE FROM TIP

Tip top with 10mm; two 8mm; two 10mm; two 12mm; two 16mm; one 20mm; 25mm ring. Single foot type guides will work fine if they are low to the blank to reduce torque twist during power stroke.

HANDLE CONFIGURATION

Rear grip made from tennis racket handle wrap material or similar. Length of rear grip is 6 inches. Length of foregrip is 12 inches beginning 18 inches from bottom of blank up to 30 inches from butt end. Reel seat is optional as many casters tape reel onto rod. Fuji Plate Type Seat FS-6B (Sliding track with snap lock) can also be used.