



## Fly Tying Competition Rules 2024/25

1. The competition is only open to members of The Fly Dressers' Guild.
2. For **all categories other than the Creative Fly**, you must submit three identical samples of the fly for the category or categories you wish to enter, placed in a suitable clean container (one per category) labelled only with your membership number. For the **Creative Fly**, you only need to submit one sample. All samples must be tied by yourself.
3. In case of difficulty in obtaining the materials specified in the dressings, appropriate substitutes are allowed. If in doubt, contact the General Secretary.
4. A **Novice** is a fly-tyer with less than two years' tying experience who has not won a prize or been a runner-up in a previous FDG or other national fly-tying competition. A Novice fly-tyer may also enter an Open class.
5. The **Open categories** are for tyers who have been tying for two years or more and who have not won a prize or been a runner up in a previous FDG competition, except in the corresponding Novice class.
6. The **Prize Winners categories** are **only** for tyers who have previously won or been a runner up in the corresponding Open category.
7. The **Dry Fly** and **Creative categories** are open to all FDG members.
8. Each entry must be accompanied by a duly completed entry form (one form per category entered).
9. Flies should be carefully packaged to avoid damage during transit. Each category entered should be placed in its own separate container and be accompanied with its own entry form. For example, if you enter 3 categories you should send in 3 separate entry forms and 3 separate containers. If you do not send an entry form per category and pack each category in a separate container, you will be disqualified.
10. It will work in your favour if you use containers that are clean and free of any residues, so that your flies arrive in good condition. Flies in containers that do not meet this rule may be disqualified at the absolute discretion of the General Secretary.
11. The flies and entry forms must be sent to **The General Secretary, The Fly Dressers' Guild, 2 Briar Close, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6QF** by **5:00 p.m. on Saturday 29 March 2025**. Ideally, please post earlier as late submissions will not be accepted.
12. The flies submitted will become the property of The Fly Dressers' Guild and will be used for fund raising for The Fly Dressers' Guild or donated to charitable causes.