



COACHMAN AWARD REQUIREMENTS

(Required Tasks)

A MINIMUM OF NINE OF THE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED TO QUALIFY.

The seven requirements listed below must be completed as well as at least two, of your choice, from the elective options:

1. Literature (Required)

- A. Write a short report (less than 500 words) on a fly fishing book **OR**
- B. Fly fishing video **OR**
- C. Personal fly fishing experience. Written material is to be submitted for possible publication in *On The Fly*

2. Conservation: (Required)

- A. Attend a meeting of a recognized conservation group other than CFFU, such as Cal Trout, The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF), California Sportfishing Alliance (CSPA), Save the American River Association (SARA), etc, and submit a brief written report to the CFFU Director of Conservation Policy **OR**
- B. Submit a copy of a support letter for a legislative bill **OR**
- C. Participate in Creek Week Cleanup.

3. Entomology: (Required)

Capture and submit labeled samples of three major insect foods such as Mayflies, Caddis, Flies, Stone Flies, etc.

4. Club Outing: (Required)

- A. Attend a CFFU Fishing Outing, **OR**
- B. Attend a Tech Thursday Meeting.

5. Club Event: (Required)

- A. Act as a Fishmeister for a Club Outing, **OR**
- B. Be a principal assistant for a club event/conservation project.

6. Fly Casting Ability: (Required)

- A. Cast a line without a tailing loop.
- B. Perform both open and closed loops.
- C. Perform the roll cast.



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7. Knots: (Required)

Demonstrate proficiency in knots needed from the reel spool to the fly to make solid connections. These could include Nail Knot, Perfection Loop, Surgeons' Knot, Blood Knot, Uni-Knot (Duncan Loop) and Improved Clinch Knot or equivalents.

(ELECTIVES)

8. Fly Tying: (Elective)

- A. Dry Fly
- B. Wet Fly or Nymph
- C. Streamer
- D. Terrestrial
- E. Steelhead
- F. Saltwater
- G. Bass Bug

9. Fly Rod Building: (Elective)

Build a fly rod of your choice.

10. Fellowship: (Elective)

- A. Introduce two friends at a club meeting or event and assist them in becoming oriented to the club, **OR**
- B. Participate as an assistant to one of the committee chairs at a CFFU meeting, i.e., Logo sales, Refreshments, Library, Fly Tying, Etc.

11. Special Projects: (Elective—Must be approved by the Coachman Program Chairman)

- a. Serve on a special team, **OR**
- b. Develop a program for the club, **OR**
- c. Manage a fund raising event

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At least two of your choice from the elective options on this page, plus all seven required tasks 1—7 must be completed.