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Reading through Marinaro's "In the Ring of the Rise", he says that reels should be as light as possible. And that the whole idea that the reel needs to be heavy to balance a heavy rod is a "myth."

He mentions a tournament casting competition years ago, where a guy cast with no reel, and he did very well. The idea being that without the extra weight he could generate more speed in casting.

I've never got deep into the mechanics of casting or anything, so don't know for sure, but I think he's right about this.

If anyone is curious about this, just go out on the lawn and take the reel off, put in on the ground, letting loose line lay on the grass and cast. I don't think your casting will suffer from not having that weight of the reel on there.