



23rd Predators Artificial Bait Shore Angling World Championship for Nations 2026

The Italian Fishing Federation is proud and honored to organize the World Sport Fishing Championship in collaboration with the Unione Pesca Sportiva della Provincia di Sondrio, which manages the Valtellina waters. We are pleased to present our official invitation, valid for all National Sport Fishing Federations affiliated with CIPS/FIP Sed. We are confident that the World Championship in Valtellina will be an exciting and spectacular event, so we look forward to seeing many of you in Italy.



FIUME MALLERO



TORRENTE LANTERNA

Welcome, dear angler friends,

I am delighted to express on my name and on behalf of the Italian Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities Federation (FIPSAS), the best greetings to all participants at the 23 Predators Artificial Baits Shore Angling World Championships that this year is going to take place from May 7th until to May 11th 2026, in a charming area of Lombardia Region, along the Mallero and Lanterna streams.

I am sure that all attending athletes, who will join Sondrio as well as all managers, judges and stewards will find a way to explore and appreciate our beauties and taste Lombardia people's hospitality and of all those who have made all efforts for the organization of this sport fishing important event.

I am particularly delighted to express my warmest welcoming to all in the aim to live together some happy days in the name of sport.

A special "good luck" to all Judges convened to manage this race, in the certainty of their professional and fair commitment they have also expressed in precedent occasions.

Finally, I wish to thank the organizing Committee and his President, the local authorities and all journalists for their support and contribution for this event's good success.



The FIPSAS President
Prof. Ugo Claudio Matteoli

Dear friends,

a big welcome to all participants to the 23 Carnivorous Artificial Baits Shore Angling World Championships, which takes place this year in Sondrio.

The Mallero and Lanterna streams a very good location of the Lombardia, a region that believes in the environment and in the sport.

You will be welcomed in the Sondrio area with cordiality and courtesy and you will find a remarkable range of services that will make you spend unforgettable days.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FIPSAS Committee of Sondrio, which with great enthusiasm and competence was involved in the organisation of the Championship and the Lombardia Regional Committee, which supported it.

I would like that this international event leaves a good memory to all of you, both from the sporting point of view and as regards your presence in Italy.

I would like to close this greeting by thanking all of you, athletes, captains, managers and companions for deciding to participate in this important event.



Responsible of FIPSAS Sport Fishing division
Antonio Fusconi



As President of the Sondrio Fishing Union, it is a great honor for me to welcome you to Valtellina for the 23rd edition of the Predators Artificial Bait Shore Angling World Championship for Nation 2026 World. This prestigious international event, organized under the auspices of FIPSAS, represents an extraordinary opportunity for our region and for all fishing enthusiasts in this discipline.

Our valleys, with their crystal-clear rivers and streams nestled between imposing peaks and villages steeped in history, offer a unique natural stage for this competition.

The Sondrio Fishing Union has been working for over fifty years to enhance this tradition, promote sport fishing, and protect our precious waters. Thanks to the commitment of its members and collaboration with local institutions, it has contributed significantly to the growth of the sport fishing movement and can now be considered a national benchmark in water management.

Our beautiful valley will be the backdrop for this top-level competition, where some of the world's best athletes will compete. It will be an opportunity to share passion, technique, and sporting values, immersed in a region that will welcome you with warmth and authenticity.

On behalf of the Sondrio Fishing Union and the entire host community, I extend a warm welcome to all the delegations, companions, and enthusiasts who will participate in this extraordinary event.

We look forward to welcoming you to Valtellina, a land of water and mountains, to share this unforgettable experience together.

Manenti Renato
President of Unione Pesca Sondrio

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

From: Thursday 7 May 2026 (arrival of teams)

To: Monday 11 May 2026 (departure of teams)

SONDRIO

Sondrio is an Italian municipality with 21,461 inhabitants, capital of the province of the same name in Lombardy and located in the central part of Valtellina, of which it is the main center. It was designated Alpine Town of the Year in 2007.

Sondrio is a city, capital of the province of the same name, located in the centre of Valtellina at the confluence of a side valley, Valmalenco, with its high mountains reaching 4,050 metres above sea level at Pizzo Bernina.

Nestled in the heart of the Alps, Sondrio is a little gem of wood, water and stone, waiting to be discovered and rediscovered.

A heart full of unexpected beauty immersed in a breathtaking landscape.

The historic centre amazes visitors with its unexpected views, stately buildings and rural houses.

Strolling through the new and old streets, you can discover Renaissance frescoes from Orlando Furioso, characteristic 17th- and 18th-century wooden stues, neoclassical and Art Nouveau buildings, and contemporary sculptures.

Two museums, the precious MVSA and the brand new CAST, reveal the city and its territory, culture and traditions, history and stories in different ways.

And all around, a landscape to embrace with your eyes and breathe in, a landscape to experience in all its complexity and beauty, in all its biodiversity. A unique, vibrant, ever-changing landscape, whose colours change with the seasons.

East-West, North-South: everything intersects in these places, which have always been a crossroads for people. The Adda river, which winds its way through the landscape, with the Sentiero Valtellina trail running alongside it, and the Mallero stream, its tributary, whose history is intertwined, for better or worse, with that of the city.

Paths and trails climb steeply and panoramically towards the nearby valleys, and halfway up the sunny slope, the terraced roads and vineyard landscape spectacularly recount ancient knowledge and ancient labours to those who know how to listen.

HISTORY

The first human settlements in the area of the present-day city of Sondrio date back to the Bronze and Iron Ages (5th century BC), revealing an ancient past.

Although the name is of Germanic origin (from *sunder*, meaning “reserved land, cultivated by a master”), in Roman times the territory of Sondrio was part of the municipality of Como: a link that was to continue, with varying fortunes, until modern times.

The medieval centre of the village developed in the area of the Masegra hill, where the Capitani family, having received the parish of Sondrio as a fief, built the castle of the same name in the 11th century, which still dominates the entrance to the Valmalenco valley today.

Lords of the town until 1436, they were Guelphs and loyal to the bishop of Como. At the beginning of the 14th century, they built the town walls, now lost, to defend themselves against attacks by their rival Ghibelline family, the Ruscas.

After falling, together with Como, into the hands of the Duchy of Milan in 1512, following a decade of French rule, Sondrio passed to the Grisons, who moved the seat of the Valley Government here in 1552.

During the XVI and XVII centuries, epidemics of plague, frost and drought followed one another, threatening vines and crops, while religious conflicts between Catholics and Reformists also ignited the tolerant Valtellina.

In 1620, Sondrio unsuccessfully took part in a bloody local revolt against the Grisons, who were fighting alongside the French in a long-standing battle with Spain for control of the territory.

In 1797, the General Council of the Valley joined Napoleon's Cisalpine Republic, but this was a short-lived freedom that led Sondrio under Austrian rule.

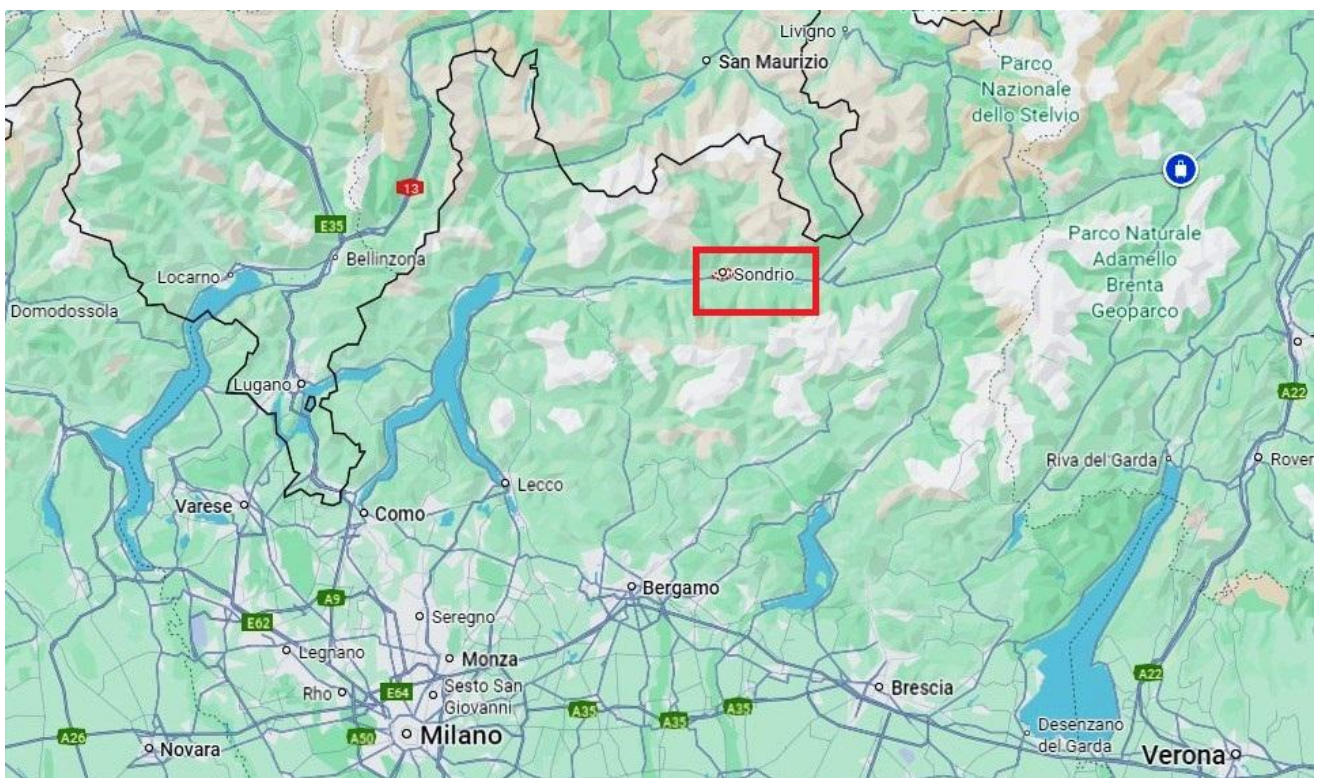
In 1839, however, the village rose to the rank of royal city and began a process of modernisation and urban expansion that resulted in the current Piazza Garibaldi.

It was a century of economic prosperity and cultural ferment that saw the birth of the Teatro Sociale and institutions such as the Civic Library and the Provincial Archaeological Committee, which gave rise to today's MVSA - Valtellina Museum of History and Art.

Annexed to the Kingdom of Italy, Sondrio continued to develop despite two world wars and the terrible flood of 1927.

Today, the city is committed to restoring its ancient balance with the surrounding mountains, valuing its historical identity and sharing its cultural heritage in dialogue with the present.

HOW TO JOIN THE VENUE



By train

Sondrio is directly connected to Milan and served by numerous direct Trenord trains departing from Milan Central Station. The distance between Milan and Sondrio is 120 kilometres and the journey takes 2 hours. During the journey, I suggest you sit on the left side of the train to admire the view of Lake Como (between the tunnels of the motorway) and the terraced vineyards of Valtellina from Ardenno to Sondrio. If you opt for the train, Trenord offers the “Io viaggio in Lombardia” (I travel in Lombardy) package, which allows you to use all public transport in Lombardy, such as first-class trains, urban and

suburban buses, the metro and trolleybuses to reach any location in Valtellina for one or more days at very competitive prices.

By car

From Milan, you can reach Sondrio by taking the A36 motorway from Milan to Colico, then continuing along the SS38 state road through Morbegno to Sondrio and on to Tirano. Allow 2 hours to reach Sondrio from Milan. If you are coming from Brescia, Trento, Mantua, Verona or eastern Italy, I recommend reaching Sondrio via the Aprica Pass (1,200 metres above sea level), which is passable all year round. In this case, allow 2.5 hours from Brescia to Sondrio.

By plane

Milan Malpensa is 148 km from Sondrio, Milan Linate is 135 km away, and Bergamo Orio al Serio is 115 km away. From here, you can easily reach Sondrio by public transport.

If you would like a private transfer service to Sondrio, look here: www.visitasondrio.it

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STAY IN SONDRIO

Here you will discover the events taking place in the city, from theatre performances to events in the square and etc..

<https://www.visitasondrio.it/site/en/home.html>

THE COMPETITION VENUE

The race will take place on the Mallero and Lanterna streams, in the municipalities of Sondrio and Lanzada.

The venue has two sectors in the city center of Sondrio and two sectors 12 km north of Sondrio in the municipality of Lanzada.

The venue is 12 km long, 10 to 20 meters wide, and 50 cm to 2 meters deep.

Species present: Brown trout (*Salmo trutta fario*), marble trout (*Salmo marmoratus*), and rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

For the race, the river will be stocked with rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) weighing approximately 150 to 200 grams.



MALLERO TORRENT



MALLERO TORRENT SONDRIO CITY

LANTERNA TORRENT



LANTERNA TORRENT LANZADA

DISTANCE BETWEEN SONDRIO AND LANZADA



REGISTRATION AT 23rd PREDATORS ARTIFICIAL BAIT SHORE ANGLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

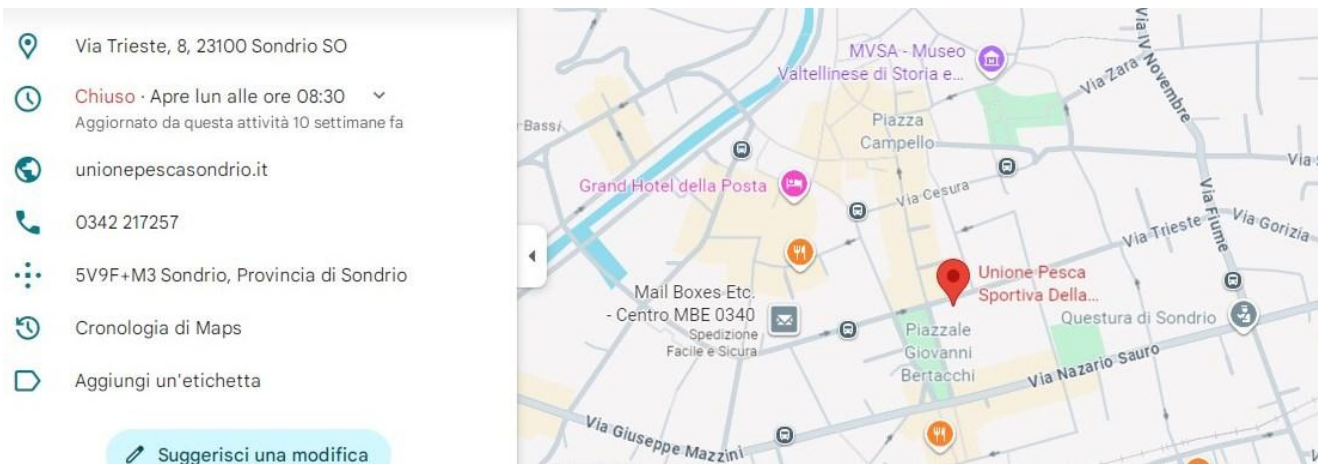
IF ONE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO TRY THE VENUE BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAN ASK THE INFORMATION AND SALE OF FISHING PERMITS TO THE **UNIONE PESCA SONDRIO** located at Sondrio, via Trieste, 8.

You find below the contact persons in charge for the logistics:

Mrs. Franceschini Sabrina Amministrazione Unione Pesca Sondrio +39 345 5859500

@mail amministrazione@unionepescasondrio.it

All delegations, at their arrival, should register at the **Unione Pesca Sondrio** located at Sondrio, via Trieste, 8.



CONTACT

For information please contact

Unione Pesca Sondrio +39 0342 217257

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Each country should bring national flags and a CD/ usb pen of its national anthem.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR DELEGATIONS

FIPSeD fee - 200,00 €

Nation registration fee - 1.300,00 €

The registration fee includes: 8 tickets for the gala dinner, 5 fishing licenses, insurance and some possible gadgets.

Any additional person will have to pay 60 euros for the Gala Dinner.

COST FOR EXTRA MEDAL

The Federations, in addition to the medals devoted to the official members of the Delegation, will be allowed to ask for extra medals (up to a maximum of 3 per team), upon payment of a contribution of € 25 per extra medal, which will also include the diploma. The fees for extra medals shall be paid to F.I.P.S.e.d. In no case and for no reason extra medals in a number higher than that provided by these Rules may be requested from F.I.P.S.e.d.

The registration fee of € 1.500,00 (€ 1,300.00 plus € 200), extra gala dinner shall be paid on the following bank account, headed at the Organizing Committee:

Name of the Bank: BPER

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IBAN: IT69F0538703246000049386167

BIC/SWIFT: BPMPIT22XXX

Payment cause:

Specify the name of the country registering

Inscription fees for 23rd Predators Artificial Baits Shore Angling World Championships

Deadline for payment: March 31, 2026



ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION **TUE REQUESTS**

The athletes participating in the Championship, with the registration, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules. Athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to CIPS for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the CIPS strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website: <https://ita.sport/resource/international-testing-agency-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-application-form/>

The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: tue@ita.sport
Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2025-09/2026list_en_final_clean_september_2025.pdf

If the TUE is granted, the athlete will then be permitted to use the medication during the period of validity of the TUE without committing an Anti-Doping Rules Violation (ADRV).

Regardless of whether a TUE has been granted or not, athletes should always declare on the doping control forms filled out during sample collection any medications and supplements taken within the seven days prior to sample collection, and any blood transfusions in the three months prior for blood samples. If a TUE has already been granted by a NADO or by a RADO, the Athlete in question does not have to apply for any additional CIPS TUE, as CIPS recognizes all TUE granted by NADOs and RADOs

PREDATORS ARTIFICIAL BAITS SHORE ANGLING FIPSeD OFFICIAL **RULES**

The Rules of this Championship can be consulted here:

https://fips-ed.cips-fips.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Reg_FIPSeD_Esche_Art_Riva_2026_en_def.pdf

OFFICIAL TRAINING

The official training will take place on Friday, May 8 2026, from 08:30 to 13:30.

CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Captains' meetings will be held in the meeting room the Hotel Vittoria - via Bernina, 1- 23100 Sondrio - Italy.

Friday, May 8, at 17:30

Saturday, May 9, at 06:30

Saturday, May 9, at 17:30

Sunday, May 10, at 06:30

PROGRAMME OF THE COMPETITION

Thursday, May 7 2026

09:00-15:00 Accreditation in the office Unione Pesca Sportiva Via Trieste, 1 23100 Sondrio
17:00 Opening Ceremony at the Social Theater, Garibaldi Square in Sondrio.

Friday, May 8 2026

08:30 - 13:30 Official training
15:00 - 17:00 Restocking on the competition venue
17:30 Captains' meeting in the Hotel Vittoria

Saturday, May 9 2026

06:30 Captains' meeting, draw and giving numbers - in the Hotel Vittoria
08:00 1st signal - sector inspection
08:25 2nd signal - entry in to the sectors
08:35 3rd signal - beginning of the 1st period
09:20 4th signal - end of the 1st period
09:35 5th signal - beginning of the 2nd period
10:20 6th signal - end of the 2nd period
10:35 7th signal - beginning of the 3rd period
11:20 8th signal - end of the 3rd period
11:35 9th signal - beginning of the 4th period
12:20 10th signal - end of the 4th period
15:00 - 17:00 Restocking on the competition venue
18:30 Captains' meeting and results of the 1st round - in the Hotel Vittoria

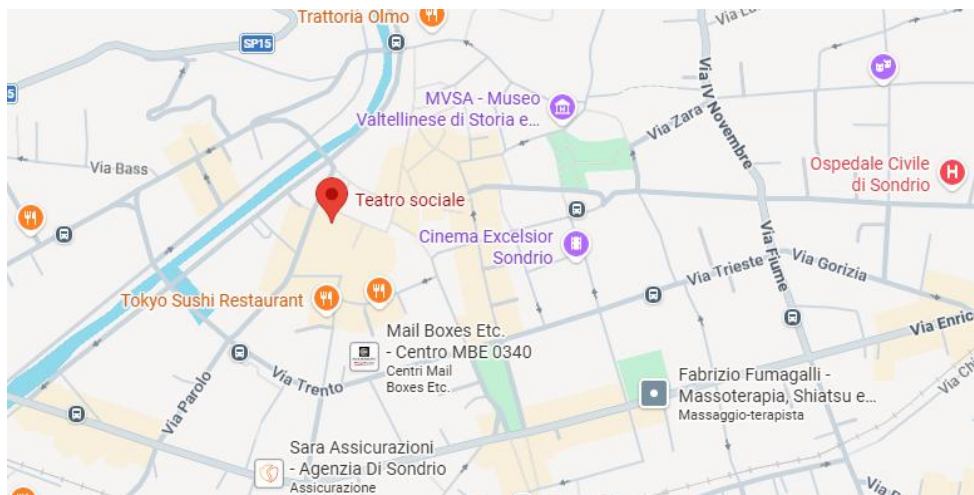
Sunday, May 10 2026

06:30 Captains' meeting, draw and giving numbers - in the Hotel Vittoria
08:00 1st signal - sector inspection
08:25 2nd signal - entry in to the sectors
08:35 3rd signal - beginning of the 1st period

09:20	4 th signal - end of the 1 st period
09:35	5 th signal - beginning of the 2 nd period
10:20	6 th signal - end of the 2 nd period
10:35	7 th signal - beginning of the 3 rd period
11:20	8 th signal - end of the 3 rd period
11:35	9 th signal - beginning of the 4 th period
12:20	10 th signal - end of the 4 th period
15:30	Final rankings
19:00	Awards Ceremony at the APF Valtellina in Sondalo Via Zubiani, 37
20:00	Gala Dinner in APF Valtellina Vallesana in Sondalo Via Zubiani, 37

OPENING CEREMONY

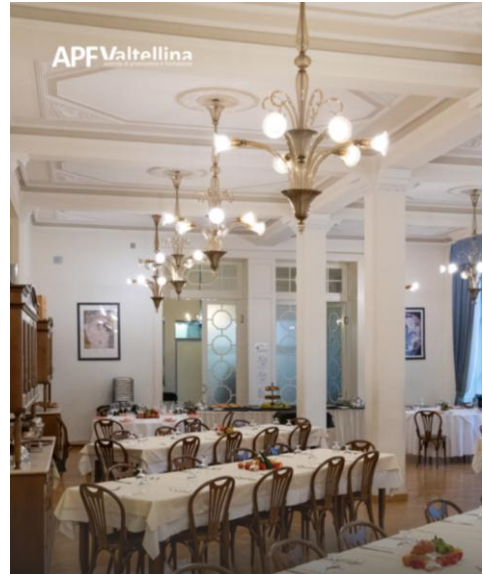
The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday, 7 May 2026, at 17:00 in Giuseppe Garibaldi Square in Sondrio, all teams get together at 16:30 in Campello Square for the parade around the city.



PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CLOSING DINNER

The official prize-giving ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 10 2026, at 19:00 in the A.P.F. Valtellina Vallesana in Sondalo, Via Zubiani n 37

Following the prize-giving ceremony, there will be a Closing dinner for participants and invited guests at 20:00 in the A.P.F. Valtellina Vallesana in Sondalo, Via Zubiani n 37



EMERGENCY SERVICES MUNICIPALITY OF SONDRIO

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NAZIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Carabinieri	112
Urgent First Aid	118
Police	113
Car first aid ACI	803116

REGISTER ON-LINE

The registration of the teams taking part in FIPSeD championships will make only use of the online registration tool. The link is following:

https://www.fips-ed.org/FIPSeD_Registration/index.php

On the FIPSeD website you can find the instructions how to register. Each Federation has its own password to be able to access the archive of its members.

With the credentials and password, it will be possible to register own athletes in any FIPSeD championship.

https://www.fips-ed.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/FIPSeD-Registration-Web-Site-User-Manual_rev00-1.pdf

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ORGANIZERS

PREDATORS ARTIFICIAL BAIT SHORE ANGLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

FEDERATION	
NATION	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT PERSON	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL	

	NAME	SURNAME
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ANGLER		
CAPTAIN 1		
CAPTAIN 2		
DELEGATE		

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM, IN CAPITAL LETTER, AND SEND IT TO THE ITALIAN SPORT FISHING FEDERATION NO LATER THAN **March the 31st 2026**
EMAIL: segreteriainternazionale@fipsas.it - tel. +39 0687980514

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name of the Bank: BPER
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