

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE

DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.E.D. RULES

OF INTERNATIONAL "FOR NATIONS" COMPETITIONS

"PREDATORS ARTIFICIAL BAIT KAYAK ANGLING"

ORGANIZATION

- 1- Official international competitions shall only be organized by national Federations that are members of C.I.P.S. The organizing Federation shall be officially responsible for the competition under consideration.
- 2- Only the members of a national Federation affiliated with C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. who have fully paid their annual membership fees shall be allowed to participate; their Federations shall designate them.

The national teams' anglers must hold the same nationality as the Country that they represent. Only one (1) foreign competitor is allowed in each team, on the condition that the following requirements are met:

- The competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that;
- The application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent.

All competitors shall always be able to prove their nationality by means of national IDs or passports.

All supporting documents shall be produced at the 1st team captains' meeting.

Any angler who has already participated in a World Championship or in any international competition representing a Nation, shall not be allowed to compete for any other Nation.

Teams and "individuals" that are members of the national Federations shall be allowed to take part in World and Zone (Europe, etc.) Championships.

In order to apply to organize a championship, the Nation under consideration must have participated at least once, over the previous three years, in the championship that they wish to organize.

A preliminary program shall imperatively be sent to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretariat before the 31st October of the preceding year.

With the exception of the World Fishing Games, F.I.P.S.e.d. is officially tasked with providing the printed material, certificates and rankings for the awarding of prizes for all championships; therefore, the organizing Nation shall pay for all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) of the person performing such tasks. Said

person's stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner; F.I.P.S.e.d. shall pay for the relevant traveling expenses.

For all F.I.P.S.e.d. championships, the organizing Nation shall cover all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) for two members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee, and for the person in charge of the rankings; their stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner.

No championship organization shall be entrusted to a Nation if that Nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water after they have been measured (it is forbidden to kill fish).

The Nation organizing a World or Zone Championship shall be responsible for procuring the trophies, which will be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d.; the organizing Nation shall provide 3 trophies for the Nation competition, 3 trophies for the individual competitions and 1 trophy for the individual who has caught the biggest fish. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 350 for 7 trophies. Such trophies shall feature a plate, carrying a "F.I.P.S.e.d." engraving or F.I.P.S.e.d.'s logo as well as the place and date of the championship. An invoice will be required in order to prove trophy-related expenses. If the aforesaid provisions (concerning the plate/logo) are not complied with, F.I.P.S.e.d. shall not reimburse any money. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall provide the medals.

Programs and invitations for all championships shall only be sent to Nations that are members of F.I.P.S.e.d. (no invitations shall be sent to clubs or individuals).

- 3-** Each C.I.P.S. member Nation shall be allowed to present a maximum of two teams; each team is composed of 3 anglers (one person per kayak boat). A maximum of 1 reserve, who shall be nominated before the first draw, will be allowed for each Nation's team. If an angler is replaced, the substitution shall be final.

If a C.I.P.S. member Nation isn't able to have 3 anglers to compose a team, the relevant anglers shall be allowed to participate as "individuals" (those anglers competing only as "individuals" will not be included in the scoring for the Nations' medals). A maximum of 2 "individuals" per Nation are allowed to participate, provided that the Nation of belonging has not registered any team.

The number of entries (teams or "individuals") for each Nation may also be limited by the availability of kayaks through the host nation. In this case, priority shall be given to the anglers who are part of a team and not to "individual" anglers.

Before the beginning of each leg, the team captain shall be entitled to replace one competitor, by selecting him among the ones included in the relevant championship participation list. A maximum of one change per team shall be allowed. Substituting one competitor from one team to another team is forbidden. It shall not be possible to replace one "individual" angler. Under no circumstances, during an event, may a competitor who has been substituted be subsequently reintegrated into the team.

In the event of any injury during a competition, the regular participant may be replaced by the reserve designated in official documents, with the possibility of replacing fishing tackle. Angler substitutions shall be authorized by a Jury member.

- 4-** Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as rivers and canals, or at suitable stretches of water, such as lakes, etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width and length of the venue. The fishing area selected for the competition shall be specified in the program, and the competition shall actually take place right at the indicated venue.

-5- The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger.

One or more members of the Technical Commission or a competent delegate shall inspect the venue that may be selected for a championship, and said inspection shall take place at the same time of the year as to that proposed for the organization of the competition under consideration. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall pay for the travelling expenses (including flight and train tickets or car) of the Technical Commission's member(s), while the organizers shall cover all transfer costs from the airport or train station, and will pay for accommodation and meals. A report of the inspection shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. for evaluation and approval. The final decision on the approval or rejection of a venue by F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be communicated to the candidate Nation.

With regard to accommodation, participating Nations shall have two options:

a) Opting for the official accommodation proposed by the organizing Nation (optional). In that event, the organizing Nation shall clearly indicate the terms and conditions for the stay, including:

- The half-board price per night per person, depending on the number of persons sharing each room, regardless of the duration of the stay (full board cannot be mandatory); the participating Nation shall specify the dates of their anglers' stays (the term "official stay" used by many Nations, starting on Thursday, has never appeared in any regulations, and therefore should not be used);
- The price of the closing gala dinner.

The accommodation terms proposed to the Nations shall first be approved by the Technical Commission.

b) Selecting their hotels by themselves.

If this is the case, participating Nations shall be required to communicate their accommodation-related choices to the organizing Nation upon registration (in the official registration form).

In both cases (participation through or without the help of the organizers), the registration fee is **€ 1,200** per team, which includes up to 6 closing gala dinners (3 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 1 Captain, and 1 Delegate), 4 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (the period of official training and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.

The registration fee is **€ 250** per "individual" angler which includes the closing gala dinner, the fishing permit for the whole duration of the championship (the period of official training and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.

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.

For the closing gala dinner, be it a dinner with table service or a buffet dinner, participating Nations shall be assigned a number of seats corresponding to the number of gala dinner seats they reserved.

If no details about the accommodation are provided by the deadline set by the organizers, the participating Nations shall **imperatively** have to book their accommodations themselves and shall still pay the relevant registration fee to the organizers.

Any Nation that undertakes to take part in a championship by filling in the relevant registration form but does not show up, shall, in any case, pay the contribution of maximum of **€ 1,200** to the organizing Nation. Nations failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organizing future championships.

All Nations shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the official first training day. Any absent Nation (that has not arrived) on the last official training day shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (see penalties under article 38c).

Together with the event program, the organizing Nations shall provide a list of hotels, lodgings, rooms and campsites located within a 20 km range from the venue.

The organizers shall see to it that all registration forms are duly filled in and carry the mobile phone numbers of one delegate and one team captain. Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, firefighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the program leaflets.

Any Nation requesting rental kayak boats, but not showing up at the championship venue, shall anyway pay the rental fee to the organizing Nation. Nations failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organizing future championships.

The “Predators Artificial Bait Kayak Angling” World Championship shall preferably take place in October/November. This indication may undergo changes, even substantial ones, based on the climatic conditions of the host country and the characteristics of the competition venue.

- 6- The waterbody surface required for a competition shall be at least 10,000 m²/kayak (e.g.: 10 Nations with two teams each, i.e. 6 kayaks per nation = 60 kayaks, waterbody of at least 600,000 m², that is 60 hectares).

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

- 7- It would be advisable that general stewards attend the team captains' meetings.

In the event that a team captain or a Nation's delegate is absent, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or a delegated representative shall draw lots.

1st meeting - On Monday afternoon or on the eve of the first training day

During this first meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 35 of the present Official Rules. Then, the following operations shall be carried out:

- a) Roll call of Nations.
- b) The kayak boats (supplied by the organizers, personal or rented out of the organization) shall be divided into three groups, namely groups A, B, and C. All the kayaks shall be numbered progressively from 1 to n (with n being equal to the total number of kayaks participating in the championship).

c) Lot drawing aiming at matching the kayaks made available by the organisers with the anglers of the various Nations. Lots shall be drawn so as to attribute a kayak from each of the three groups A, B, and C to the three anglers of each national team. No lot drawing shall be required for the kayaks belonging to the competitors or rented directly by the latter. Such kayaks shall be attributed to the numbers that have not been given to the kayaks made available by the organizers. Kayaks directly rented outside the organization shall be utilised only by the persons who have taken the kayaks in location.

“Individual” anglers, if entered, will be equally distributed by drawing lots in groups A, B and C.

d) After drawing lots for the kayaks, each team captain shall indicate which angler shall belong to group A, B or C. Once the captain has appointed the group of belonging for each angler of his team, he won't be allowed to make any changes to the group anymore. Group changes are not allowed during competition and, in the case one angler is changed with one reserve, that shall become member of the same group (A, B or C) where the modification was done.

e) Various information about the progress of the championship.

As a general rule, there shall be a 5-minute time interval between the departures of each group. Depending on the venue, the organisers, in agreement with the International Jury, shall decide to increase or decrease the time interval between the departures of the different groups.

There shall be a 10-minute time interval between the arrivals of each group (A, B or C). The arrival order of each group in each leg shall always be the same as the starting order for the same leg.

In case of a thunderstorm or other unforeseen situations causing an immediate competition stop, the kayak arrival order can be random.

The organizers shall draw up a departure list and give it to all participants.

2nd meeting - On Wednesday afternoon or on the eve of the first competition day

a) Draw for the start order of the kayak boats for the three legs (e.g.: 1st leg: group B, then group C and, last, group A. For the 2nd leg, the group that started first in the 1st leg shall start second, the group that started second shall be third, whereas the group that started third shall start first (A followed by B and then by C). In the 3rd leg, the group that started first in the 1st leg shall start third, the group that started second shall start first, and the group that started third shall start second (C followed by A and then by B). The departing criteria for the kayaks belonging to each group will be established during each championship, according to the specific characteristics of the competition venue as to guarantee the best security conditions to all competitors. This decision will be taken, in agreement with the organizers, by the F.I.P.S.e.d. President and/or the members of its Steering Committee present on place.

b) Various information about the progress of the championship.

3rd meeting - On Thursday afternoon or on the eve of the second competition day

- a) Notification of the results to the participating Nations.
- b) Various information about the progress of the championship.

4th meeting - On Friday afternoon or on the eve of the third competition day

- a) Notification of the results to the participating Nations.
- b) Various information about the progress of the championship.

NB: Captains' meetings are informative meetings, where guidelines are provided for the competitions. Under no circumstance shall changes to the Rules be made during the captains' meetings. The Rules shall only be changed at F.I.P.S.e.d. Executive Committee's annual meetings, based on the remarks that shall be sent in writing by national Federations to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretary General.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 8- The participating teams may use kayak boats made available by the organizers, their own kayak boats, or kayak boats rented by themselves outside of the organization. In that case, they shall compulsorily insure their kayaks themselves, by abiding by the instructions given by the organizers in the competition program. They shall also fully equip their kayak boats with kayak equipment, including an anchor.

The organizing Nation shall make kayak boats available to the teams that ask for one, for a rental fee (for the duration of the championship, including the official training period); said fee shall be specified in the program (it shall also include insurance).

The organizers shall make sure that the competition program describes the type of kayak boats available for rent.

The organizing Nation shall only be responsible for insurance, kayak equipment and anchor for the kayak boats made available by the organizers. The anchor must be of adequate size for the kayak boat it will be used on; the anchor must be supplied with a cord of minimum 15 meters long.

The material required to signal dangerous situations for the kayak boats shall also be provided by the organizers.

Should any participating Nation wish to rent their own kayak boats, it should inform the organizing Nation at least two months before the competition starts.

All personal or rental kayak boats shall be handed over to the organizers upon the day of registration of the Nations at the championship venue. All personal kayak boats shall be made available to the teams after the end of the championship, and the rental kayak boats shall be returned by the organizers.

During both the official training and the competitions, each Nation shall be allowed to put a maximum of three kayak boats in the water. On training days, using a fourth kayak shall only be allowed if the organisers have a sufficient number of kayak boats available to meet the requests of all participating Nations and the venue is big enough.

During the two official training days, the captain and the delegate may be on the water (on condition that they do not have any fishing tackle and do not fish). Captain & delegate will need to arrange kayak boats with the organizer or other independent kayak rental facility.

Between one leg and the other, the kayak boats shall be kept in a confined area under the organizers' responsibility for the entire championship duration. Every day teams shall dispose, before and after each leg, of one hour in order to prepare their boats. These operations shall be carried out in the presence of sunlight or in a place with adequate lighting.

Moreover, the organizers shall make sure that a fast Wi-Fi connection is supplied where the ranking operations will be carried out as well as in the departing and arrival places of competitors.

Competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transportation.

- 9- The competitors shall abide by the rules on legal fish size limits in force, whenever they are provided for by national rules and regulations. Said minimum size parameters shall be specified in the program drawn up by the organizers, and shall be reminded at the team captains' meeting.
- 10- The competition shall take place in three legs. The duration of each leg will be decided depending on how many hours we have from sunrise until sunset; whenever possible this duration will be **from 7 to 9** hours.

In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the leg, provided that it lasted at least half of the time envisaged for the whole leg.

The Jury can decide to reduce the duration of the leg if the competition schedule does not allow continuing angling for the scheduled angling hours.

- 11- Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules. When some particular national or regional rules are also in force, they shall be communicated to all nations registered to the championship, by annexing them to the competition program.
- 12- Anglers shall exclusively perform no-kill angling. Using any type of artificial lures shall be allowed (drop-shot, Carolina rig, etc.), equipped with a single, double, or triple hook, provided they do not cause multiple catches (for example the use of the "Spinner Bait" or similar is authorized, while the use of the "Alabama Rig" or similar is prohibited). "Fly" imitations are prohibited. In order to weigh down artificial elastic bait, hooks unleaded or leaded on their head or in other part of their bodies may be used. Hooks with a barb are allowed to be used (barring F.I.P.S.e.d. exceptions); hooks shall be "bare". Artificial bait may feature a single, double or triple hook, with up to 3 hooks (pork rind is allowed).

Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.

It is allowed to plumb the fishing line.

- 13- All forms of fish feeding are forbidden. Only alluring substances and surface oils to be spread on artificial baits shall be allowed.
- 14- All competitors are required to be able to swim and row.
- 15- Using echo sounders is allowed in training and during competition. If the organizers cannot provide all kayaks with eco sounders, the competitors may use their own eco sounders. Using telephones or walkie-talkies is allowed for anglers.
- 16- The competitors shall be the only ones allowed to use landing nets. The use of a landing net is recommended to retrieve the fish. Gaffs, Lip Grippers and Boga Grips are not permitted to retrieve a fish. They will only be used to remove a lure from the fish's mouth.

- 17- Besides having a federal fishing license, the competitors shall also comply with all rules and regulations on navigation, on the ownership of a kayak boat, and with the fishing law in force. The organizers shall have all administrative authorizations in place allowing the kayak boats involved to navigate.
- 18- The fishing area and the area reserved for the departure and arrival of the kayak boats shall be marked and clearly visible. Competitors may navigate and fish on the whole authorized waterbody surface. Should it not be possible to use the whole waterbody surface, the fishing area shall be clearly marked (buoys) before the first official training day.
- 19- All kayak boats shall start and return to the start area and at the time determined and fixed at the beginning of the leg.

It is forbidden to fish in the kayak boat start and arrival areas and in any area forbidden to navigation, as well as outside the competition limits zone.

Using drones is prohibited, both during competition and training, except the special cases authorized by the International Jury, on the advice of the Technical Committee.

It is strictly forbidden to diffuse any films **of any competitor or spot** shot during official trainings and during the three championships legs on any social network, Facebook or other, on any website, or whatever. Any possible diffusion shall be previously authorized by the anglers in question. **Anglers may post “selfies” or photos of themselves on social media.**

Only the holders of a “press card” or a document accrediting them as journalists will be able to request a badge that will allow them access to the venue. It is therefore compulsory that journalists accredit themselves with the organisation by showing the document accrediting them as such.

Media cameramen are only allowed to take remote photos and videos of their nation's anglers. Video footage of competitors' boats or fishing spot is prohibited outside of the boat launch area (filming before or after fishing is allowed inside the boat launch area). On the final day of the competition, the media may film and photograph the competitors of all nations (with the permission of the nation being filmed) on the water. In this manner all the media content can be used from the final day of fishing to promote all countries at the event.

Life jackets are compulsory at all times. If the life jacket is removed temporarily it must be immediately put back on.

No electric engines may be present on the kayak boat.

- 20- The distance between the kayak boats during the competition in a lake or in an artificial basin shall be at least **50** meters (both during angling and when navigating near another “kayak”). The distance between kayaks during competition in a canal or a river shall be at least **30** meters during angling and at least **25** meters during navigation. When the passage is less than **50** meters large, the “angler” fishing in that particular spot will be forced to let pass another kayak if this latter has the possibility to fish at one spot located at a distance of **50** meters minimum from them. In this case, the “angler” fishing in the spot shall indicate at which side the “angler” in transit can pass through. One kayak is considered stationary on a fishing spot when the kayak is held in place by paddle, pedal or anchored in place.
- 21- After casting the bait into the water, the angler's free hand shall compulsory be placed on the reel handle. It is only allowed to handle the line with the rod and the reel. It is strictly forbidden to handle the line with fingers.

Trolling by means of human propulsion while the kayak is moving is permitted, but only under human power, no motors allowed.

Only one rod can be used.

Angling from the riverbank is forbidden. Kayak anglers may dock their boat unto shore but cannot leave the kayak when angling.

Anglers may not carry around dangerous elements in the fishing venue. Anglers cannot get out of kayak and advance themselves around (rocks, downed trees, shallow areas, rapids, etc.).

- 22-** All fish shall be immediately measured, photographed and returned to the water.

The catching of a fish is only valid if the fish is hooked in its mouth, or between its mouth and the pectoral fins, or between its mouth and its gills. Any fish caught but not hanging from the angler's line shall not be deemed valid and shall be put back into the water.

Any fish that does not meet the relevant minimum size parameters shall not be calculated.

Any fish that is waiting to be measured must be kept alive and immediately released after photo.

- 23-** Fly-fishing is forbidden.

- 24-** The boats for the Jury, the stewards and the security staff shall be made available by the organizers. These boats may be engine powered if deemed appropriate.

- 25-** Any kayak boat that does not show up at the time envisaged for its departure shall be authorized to start, but its return time shall remain unchanged.

When the first signal is given - 30 minutes before the departure of the kayaks - the anglers shall gather at the edge of the departure zone. The roll shall be called, the general steward shall tell the exact time, so that both the stewards and the anglers may synchronize their watches. Then, the anglers shall be allowed to get on board their kayaks, and shall line up at the start. A second signal shall be given for the kayaks to start heading to the angling area.

- 26-** If a kayak gets to the finish with a delay of more than 5 minutes and less than 15 minutes, the "angler" involved shall get a 50 cm deduction in length for that leg. Any "angler" arriving with a delay of 15 minutes or more shall receive 0.0 cm for the relevant leg.

- 27-** The kayak will be numbered (two sticker numbers shall be stuck on each side of the kayak, and they shall be clearly visible).

The organizers shall keep copies of the sticker numbers to be stuck on reserve kayaks, if needed.

The organizers shall make each team be equipped of such a system that allows jury members and the organizers ascertaining, at any time and unequivocally, the nationality of the "angler" present on a specific kayak. In this aim, the organizers shall prepare and deliver to all kayaks some stickers figuring their own national flags or, in alternative, some small national textile or plastic flags to be exposed on the kayak used during each competition day.

Before each leg, F.I.P.S.e.d. will deliver to all participants a list containing the kayak number that matches the nationality and the group (A, B or C) of the angler present on that kayak.

- 28- Kayak boats will be Human Powered Solo Watercraft (Kayak).** While the Kayak makes up the majority of the boats in use for human powered fishing, the goal is to encourage innovation and not limit fisherman to one type of human powered kayak boat.

Electric or gas motors are prohibited.

Any human powered boat that is paddled, rowed, pedaled, poled, or otherwise uses human power and it not assisted by motors, sails, or other external power is allowed.

Kayaks, Canoes, Row Boats, John Boats, Inflatable Boats, Paddle Boards, Dugout Canoe, any new type of human powered craft may be accepted by the Technical Committee.

- 29- All kayaks shall have on board the compulsory equipment required pursuant to local rules and F.I.P.S.e.d. rules.** Lacking such equipment, the kayaks shall not be authorized to navigate.

- 30- All kayaks shall help any nearby kayak in trouble or danger.**

It is forbidden for competitors' boat to approach each other. A derogation from this disposition can be granted by a general steward or by a member of the Jury in case of absolutely need.

- 31- Anglers cannot tie ropes or otherwise dock two kayaks together.**

- 32- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish but, when angling, they shall only be allowed to have one rod each.**

- 33- The competitors shall not be allowed to get any help from anybody.**

- 34- The eligible fish species will be determined by the host nation and F.I.P.S.e.d.** The host country may select one species or no more than two species to be eligible for ranking. This list will be approved at least 6 months before the competition by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Technical committee.

THE JURY

- 35- An international Jury shall be appointed to examine any complaints lodged and to apply penalties, as per the rules; the Jury shall be established at the first team captains' meeting.**

The Jury shall consist of the following members:

- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President, or a substitute delegated by the President;
- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretary General;
- The members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee;
- A delegate representing the organizing Nation, unless he/she holds the same nationality as the above-mentioned members, except for the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President (or his substitute) who shall be the President of the Jury ex officio.

The Jury members shall be at least 3. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different Nations shall be chosen by drawing lots. These delegates cannot have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organizing Nation.

These delegates shall be enrolled on the team registration form; captains cannot be appointed as delegates.

In the event of any infringement by an angler or by a team holding the same nationality as a member of the Jury, such Jury member shall not vote (except if he/she is the President of the Jury).

The members of the Jury shall wear a "Jury" badge, and shall be at the competition venue to receive any complaint. Jury members can be reached by mobile phone, so team captains will receive their mobile numbers.

- 36-** Any complaints, except for those regarding the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after the end of the leg. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing. **Should the Jury deem it necessary, and only in this case, photos or videos submitted by the delegate of the complaining team may be viewed. Only videos and/or photos incriminating a competitor or team that allow an official complaint to be lodged with the Jury will be taken into consideration, provided that they have not already been circulated or shared on social networks. In this case the photos and videos will not be accepted as evidence and the complaint will not be admissible.**

Complaints concerning the ranking shall be lodged within 30 minutes after the official results have been published. The publishing time shall be recorded in the official result list.

A **€ 200** deposit - for which the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s General Secretary or his delegate shall issue a receipt - shall complement any written complaint submitted to the Jury. Should the complaint not be judged grounded by the Jury, the deposit shall be transferred to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s bank account.

All infringements and warnings shall be reported to the Jury, with the Jury being the only authority enabled to disqualify anglers. Any angler who is imposed a penalty shall be informed immediately.

The Jury members and all stewards shall make sure the Rules are abided by. Hence, they shall have a thorough knowledge of such Rules.

- 37-** The Rules, which are drawn up in the two official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the team captains by the organizers of the championship.

The international Jury will make its decisions on a simple majority basis; in the event of a tie vote, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or his/her delegate shall have a casting vote.

All members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall wear a personal badge. Said badges shall only be valid for the Executive Committee's term of office (4 years).

LIST OF PENALTIES

- 38-** The penalties shall be as follows:

- a) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 8, 11, 16, 19, 20, 26, 28, and 33.
- b) Disqualification (red card) of the "angler" in the leg for the infringement of articles 12, 13, 18, 21, 23, 31, 32, 46, 47.1, 47.2 and 48 and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 8, 11, 16, 19, 20, 26, 28, and 33.
- c) Disqualification of the Nation for the infringement of articles 5, 45a and 45b.
- d) When an "angler" is disqualified, a number of penalties equal to the number of participating "anglers" + 1 will be assigned to him. If an "angler" is disqualified, those that follow him in the ranking shall keep their original ranking (for example: if "angler" X who ranked 8th is disqualified, the following "anglers" shall keep their rankings and shall mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).

- e) Any warning given to a Nation shall be recorded in that Nation's file and shall remain in the files for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered a "relapse" and the Jury shall make its decision considering such relapse and the list of penalties.
- f) Any warning given to an "angler" shall be recorded in the competitor's file for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered as a "relapse", and the Jury shall make its decision considering such new infringement and the list of penalties.
- g) F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall be entitled, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose penalties on anglers, captains or reserves if they infringe any rule or misbehave, even if said infringements are not provided for in the official Rules.

-39- The members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee may access the competition venue and take note of any infringement of the Rules.

MEASURING OPERATIONS

-40- The measuring operations shall be performed by angler picture evidence (see attached kayak fish measuring guidelines). The participants shall submit the photograph via the official championship software/app program. Anglers will be required to load and test this app prior to the event. They should also have a backup digital camera for use if they lose or damage their phone. Lengths shall be recorded in centimeters. Measurements will always be rounded down. If a fish is 40 centimeters but just short of 41 centimeters it will be recorded as 40 centimeters. The angler participant will perform a digital photo on the official measuring board, with the event identifier, record the length of this fish in the app and shall also put it back into the water. Organizer to provide official board with necessary "identifiers: for each leg of the event. The appointed fishing judges (minimum of 3) will utilize the "kayak fish measuring guidelines" to validate each fish for length. No claims concerning the length of the fish shall be allowed after the signing of the length document.

RANKINGS

-41- LENGTH RANKINGS

Because there are no sections on the venue, the rankings of the championship will be tallied on the basis of the points (expressed in cm) obtained by adding the length of each fish caught by an angler.

"Individuals" that are not part of national teams, they will not be considered for teams scoring, but exclusively for the "individuals" one.

1- LEG RANKING

A- Ranking by "individuals"

- a) Sum of the length (cm) of fish caught by an angler in the leg; the angler totaling the largest length shall be ranked 1st and will receive 1 penalty, the second will receive 2, and so on.

- b) In the event of a tie on length, the “anglers” concerned shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the average of the rankings they should have had (example n° 1: two “anglers” ranking equal 4th shall obtain $(4+5):2 = 4.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: three “anglers” tying in the 6th placing, totalise $(6+7+8):3 = 7$ penalties each).
- c) Any “anglers” that have not caught any fish shall be given a number of penalties equal to the average value of non-attributed places (example n° 1: twenty-four “anglers”, twelve of whom rank top 12, with penalties ranging between 1 and 12, the subsequent “anglers” will get $(13+24):2 = 18.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: thirty “anglers”, five of whom have caught fish and scored 1 to 5 points - the 25 “angler” who have not caught any fish mark $(6+30):2 = 18$ penalties). Should only 1 “anglers” not have caught any fish or should there be one or more absent “anglers”, they shall get a number of penalties equalling the lowest ranking (example: thirty “anglers”, twenty-nine of whom have caught fish, whereas one has not caught any, the latter will get 30 penalties).

B- Ranking by teams

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained by the “anglers” of the same team over one leg; the national team scoring the lowest number of penalties shall rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the total length of fish caught in one leg by the “anglers” of the same team.
- c) In the event of further tied scores, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the total length of fish caught in one leg by one of the “anglers” of the team.
- d) In the event of another tied score, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the number of fish caught in one leg by the “anglers” of the same team.
- e) Should there be another tied score, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the biggest fish caught in one leg by one of the “angler” of the team.

2- GENERAL RANKING

A- Ranking by “individuals”

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained by each “angler” in the three legs; the “angler” totalling the smallest number of penalties shall be ranked 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the “anglers” shall be ranked based on the highest total length (cm) of fish caught in the three legs.
- c) In the event of further tie, the “anglers” shall be ranked by the highest total number of fishes caught over three legs.
- d) In the event of another tied score, the “anglers” shall be ranked based on the highest length (cm) of fish caught in one of the three legs.
- e) In the event of a further tied score, the “anglers” shall be ranked based on the highest length (cm) of fish caught by one angler in the 3rd leg.

- f) “Anglers” that did not take part in all three legs shall be ranked in the last places of the classification, following the order of their penalties (firstly the “anglers” that have participated in all of the three legs, followed by those “anglers” who just attended two legs and finally by the “anglers” that just participated to one single leg).

B- Ranking by teams

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained by the “anglers” of the same team over three legs; the national team totalling the smallest number of penalties shall be ranked 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the national teams concerned shall be ranked based on the highest aggregate length obtained by the “anglers” of the same team in the three legs.
- c) In the event of another tied score, the national teams concerned shall be ranked based on the number of fish caught by the “anglers” of the same team in the three legs.
- d) In the event of a further tied score, the national teams concerned shall be ranked based on the best length obtained by the “anglers” of the same team in the 3rd leg.

NATIONS RANKING

A world or zone ranking per Nations shall be drawn up for all championships, taking into account the best 5 results over the 6 past years; such ranking list shall be updated every year and published on F.I.P.S.e.d.’s website.

The Nations included in such ranking that, for any reason, do not participate in a championship, shall be given a number of penalties equal to the number of participating countries for that specific year + 1.

- 42-** The ranking will be established by a person mandated by F.I.P.S.e.d. or, lacking this person, by the organizers, in the presence of F.I.P.S.e.d.’s President or in the presence of his representative and, possibly, also in the presence of the members of the Jury.

ROD LENGTH

- 43-** The length of the rods is not limited.

“CIVIL LIABILITY” INSURANCE

- 44-** The organizers **SHALL** take out a “CIVIL LIABILITY” insurance to cover the whole event (from the first training day to the end of the final dinner); a certificate issued by the insurance company, certifying that the whole event is covered by a “CIVIL LIABILITY” policy shall be handed over to the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. two months prior to the competition.

TRAINING

-45- a) Official training shall take place at the official venue.

Training shall be organized so as to offer equal conditions to all anglers, regardless of whether they use personal kayak boats, rental kayak boats, or kayak boats made available by the organizers.

b) The official venue shall be organized as follows:

- 1) The official venue is open to fishing prior to the event.
- 2) The venue is closed on the Monday of the event for registration and opening ceremony.
- 3) Two days of official training: Tuesday and Wednesday (kayaks to return by 4:00 pm).
- 4) Three days of competition: Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

All participating Nations shall be provided with a document carrying the technical specifications and information concerning the venue.

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

-46- It is **strictly forbidden** for the kayak boats to stop and fish at less than 50 meters distance, on both sides, from any electricity infrastructure (including power lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

RULES IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR WATER-RELATED CONDITIONS

-47- 1- WHEN BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT BEFORE OR DURING PREPARATION

A signal shall tell the anglers that they are required to get off their kayaks, and the competition start shall be delayed. If the weather or water-related conditions and the competition schedule allow, the leg may be regularly performed. In that event, a second signal shall indicate the start of the leg.

If the weather or water-related conditions do not improve or the competition schedule does not allow, the leg shall simply be cancelled. The cancelled leg shall not be considered when making the rankings, which shall be established based on the results of the held leg(s). The cancelled leg shall not be held at a later stage.

2- IF BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT DURING THE LEG

The leg shall immediately be stopped and the rods shall be placed horizontally in the kayak area at the opposite end from the anglers. The leg stop signal shall be given by the Jury by radio, by telephone, or by launching one or more signal rockets.

Should the swell be such as to endanger the kayakers, following the Jury's instructions, the crews shall immediately be ordered to reach the closest landing spot and wait there for a possible leg resumption signal.

If the weather or water-related conditions allow, the Jury shall authorize the resumption of the leg through the afore mentioned communications systems.

The Jury may shorten the duration of a leg if the competition schedule does not allow angling for 7- 8 hours.

A leg shall be validated if it lasted at least half of the time envisaged for the whole leg.

Should the weather or water-related conditions not allow duly carrying out a competition, the Jury may decide to cancel one leg. Said leg shall not be postponed and the ranking shall be drawn up based on the leg(s) that was/were actually carried out. The cancelled leg shall not be held again.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

-48- F.I.P.S.e.d. adopts the World Anti-doping Code applied by C.I.P.S.

During a championship, the anglers selected to undergo anti-doping controls shall imperatively go to the designated place at the indicated time, following F.I.P.S.e.d.'s or the Jury's guidelines. When an angler selected to undergo anti-doping checks does not report for the controls, the concerned angler shall be disqualified from the competition and all his catches will be cancelled.

Organizing Nations shall cover all anti-doping controls costs. All contacts with the NADO (National Anti-Doping Organization) of each Nation shall be exclusively kept by the organizers of the championship under consideration.

The organizers shall be responsible for the fishing material and equipment of the angler drawn to be tested, while he is undergoing the anti-doping control.

C.I.P.S., in quality of Testing Authority, will issue the relevant mission order on the ADAMS System, with the concerned instruction for the doping control tests.

A copy of the Doping Control Form (DCF), signed by the Doctor who has provided the tests, must be sent to the C.I.P.S. Secretariat cipssecretariat@cips-fips.com or delivered immediately after the competition to the F.I.P.S.e.d. official delegate present on place, who will forward it to C.I.P.S.

The athletes participating in the Championships, by registering, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules.

An athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to C.I.P.S. for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the C.I.P.S. strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website: https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA_TUE_Form.pdf.

The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: tue@ita.sport.

Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List of substances: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/prohibited-list> and [2024 list monitoring program en final 22 september 2023.pdf \(wada-ama.org\)](#).

F.I.P.S.e.d. AND C.I.P.S. FEES

-49- A € 150 fee shall be paid by each participating team; for each "individual" angler the fee shall be € 50. Said fees shall remain available to F.I.P.S.e.d.

A € 500 fee shall be paid by the organizing Nation to C.I.P.S.'s disposal (to be paid to C.I.P.S.'s bank account).

OPENING CEREMONY AND PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY

-50- The opening and presentation ceremony for the teams and the award ceremony for the winners must be opened with the official C.I.P.S. anthem.

The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place two days before the first leg at 6:00 p.m.. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

The top 3 Nations and the top 3 individuals shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively. If a Nation has two teams competing, only the top team from that Nation will be considered for medals. All anglers competing are eligible for the Individual medals. In conformity with international standards, during the prize awarding procedures, the national anthem of the winner (Nations or individual) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three Nations or individuals shall be raised. The medals shall be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d. and shall be handed over by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s designated representative.

World Champion Athletes (both individual and team) will additionally receive a patch to be applied to their national team uniform in order to be identified as world title holders for the current year.

During the individual prize-giving ceremony, the fourth and fifth classified must also be called to the podium, but no medals will be awarded.

A certificate stating the results obtained shall be delivered to all the three first-ranked Nations' official members, who shall be present at the prize-giving ceremony, as well as to the five first-ranked individuals.

Any other reward shall be equally awarded to all participating Nations. All participating Nations shall provide their flags and the recordings of their national anthems.

During the ceremony announcing the official results, a maximum of 6 people (4 anglers + 1 captain and 1 delegate) representing a Nation may stand on the podium for handing out the medals, while the national anthem of the winning nation is being played.

RULES VERSIONS

-51- In the event of any dispute arising from or in connection with the interpretation of these Rules, only the French version shall be considered as the original and reference text.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZING NATIONS

-52- The organizing Nation of a World or Zone (Europe, etc.) Championship shall:

- a) Have the F.I.P.S.e.d. trophies engraved (plate or logo);
- b) Send out official programs and information about the championship in the two official languages (English and French).

The President of F.I.P.S.e.d.

Ugo Claudio MATTEOLI



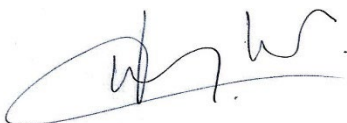
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KAYAK FISH MEASURING GUIDELINES OF F.I.P.S.E.D.

THE BASICS

Kayak fishing is scored by total length of your fish limit catch. Anglers will measure your fish or a catch, photo, and release method as employed in all F.I.P.S.e.d. championships for kayaking.

Catch, Photo, and Release: The equipment used consists of a measuring board device, a camera (typically a smart phone connected to the internet) and some kind of “marker” distributed by F.I.P.S.e.d. organizers to prove the photo was taken that day. Length of submitted fish is determined by the photo of the bass on the approved measuring device. (see Measuring Rules for photo requirements). Fish’s length is rounded down to nearest centimeter. With a 40 centimeter fish - If the tail is just short of the 41 centimeter mark, for example, then the fish will be counted as 40 centimeters assuming the photo meets the requirements to be legal.

The process of scoring a catch is:

- A fish over the size minimum) is caught and placed on a measuring board. Fisherman can measure the fish in the kayak or on land next to the kayak.



Using a smart phone or connected camera, a photo is taken of the fish in the way described in the rules below.

- The photo is uploaded to the championship website under your registered name where it becomes part of your catch and counts towards your score, assuming it is a legal catch and the photo was taken within F.I.P.S.e.d. rules.
- The championship judges (3) will then record the agreed to length of each of the top fish recorded. The fisherman also enters the length of the fish as they see it on the measuring board, and that measurement is reviewed by the championship judges.
- The championship judges approve the measurement and photo and that fish is added to the fisherman’s total length score. If the fisherman and judges length results are different then the judges length decision is final.
- At the end of the official championship day the fishermen are ranked on total length of their longest fish.

FISHERMAN'S TIP

Please double check all photos before releasing fish so you are in compliance with each rule, and your fish will count in full toward your total. Also, store the photo on your phone/camera before loading to the approved website for scoring. We recommend NOT just using the app to store your photo in case you lose internet connection when uploading.

OFFICIAL KAYAK ANGLING MEASURING RULES

RECOMMENDED AND LEGAL PHOTO EXAMPLES



This angler has an approved measuring device in the photo, the kayak appears in the photo, as does the identifier, and the photograph has been taken in daylight. He is not manipulating the mouth in any way with his hands or fish grips. The photo is taken from straight above. The fish is flat and facing left. This is the legal way to photograph your fish.

FISH IS DISQUALIFIED AND DO NOT COUNT FOR RANKING

- 1) In the absence of an identifier or when the kayak is not visible the catch is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.
- 2) The certified measuring board approved by the organizers must be used. No other measurement devices will be permitted. If the angler decides to use another measuring board, the fish is disqualified and not counted for ranking.
- 3) The fish's lower jaw and/or upper lip must be touching the left side of the bump board. If the fish is further than 5 centimeters from the bump, it is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.

- 4) The fish's lip and tail shall both be visible in the photo, and the fish shall be facing to the left on the bump board. If the picture does not show either the nose or tail of the fish, whereby the catch is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.
- 5) If the fish is not placed in the correct position (see picture), it is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.
- 6) Anglers shall not picture any part of their hand or fish gripping tools in the fish's mouth. In that case, the fish is disqualified and not counted for the ranking. The competitor will be penalized with a yellow card.
- 7) Incorrect handling of the fish, for example putting the hand over the fish's eye, or putting the hand in some parts to hide fish identification marks. The competitor will be penalized with a yellow card and the fish is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.
- 8) The use of a stringer to clip through the fish's mouth is not allowed. The competitor will be penalized with a yellow card and the fish is disqualified and not counted for the ranking.

PENALIZATION OF THE FISH LENGTH WITH DEDUCTION OF CENTIMETERS

RULE 1: If the fish does not touch the left side of the measuring board, one or more centimeters of penalty shall be awarded, which, depending on the distance from the bump, may be up to 5 centimeters. If the distance from the bump is more than 5 centimeters, the fish will be disqualified and not counted for the ranking.

RULE 2: The tail of fish shall be in a natural position and not pinched by the competitor. If the tail appears to have been pinched intentionally by the angler, a 3 centimeter deduction will be applied.

RULE 3: The mouth of the fish shall be closed during the picture and shall touch the measuring board. If the mouth is intentionally opened for the picture, a 3 centimeter deduction will be applied.