

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

## **OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES** **OF INTERNATIONAL “FOR NATIONS” COMPETITIONS** **“STREET FISHING”**

### **ORGANIZATION**

- 1- Official international competitions shall only be organised by national Federations that are members of C.I.P.S. The organising 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 anglers who belong to the teams must hold the same nationality as the Country that they represent. There shall be only one (1) foreign competitor in each national Federation team, only on 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.

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.

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

All supporting documents shall be presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> team captains' meeting.

Only teams that are members of national Federations **affiliated in F.I.P.S.e.d.** 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 programme shall imperatively be sent to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretariat before the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 travelling 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 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 envisage 3 trophies for the team competitions and 6 trophies for the pair competitions. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 450 for 9 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.

Programmes 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 one team only composed of 8 persons: 2 pairs, 2 reserves, who shall be nominated before the first draw, 1 captain and 1 delegate. **The substitution, once made, will be final.**

**The names of the 6 competitors must be finalised and communicated to the organisers at the time of the accreditation of their delegation; these names may not be changed subsequently, except in cases of force majeure.**

No competitor shall be allowed to participate as an individual.

Before the start of each leg, the team captains shall be entitled to replace competitors, by selecting them among the one included in the relevant championship participation list. It shall be possible to replace one or two members of a "pair". It shall also be allowed to replace two competitors belonging to two different "pairs" with the two official reserves. A maximum of two changes shall be allowed. Substituting one competitor from one pair to another pair is forbidden. 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 or illness during a competition, the regular participant may be replaced by the reserve member designated in official documents. Such substitutions - with the possibility to replace the fishing tackle – shall be authorised by a Jury member.

A regular participant who has been replaced on the first competition day will not be allowed to participate in the second competition day.

- 4- Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as rivers, channels, lakes, or in suitable water basins located in Cities.
- 5- The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger. The venue shall also be such as to allow all participants to fish from dry land.

If a bridge is the outside border of the venue, competitors are allowed to cast under this bridge and towards the end of the venue. If a bridge is the border between 2 sectors, competitors are not allowed to cast under the bridge in the direction of the other sector.

One or more members of the Technical Commission **or a competent delegate designated by the F.I.P.S.e.d.** 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:

- 1- 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 .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.

- 2- Selecting their hotels by themselves.

If this is the case, participating Nations will have the formal obligation 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 shall amount to € 1,300, which shall include 8 closing gala dinners **(4 Anglers, 2 Reserves, 1 Captain, and 1 Delegate)** and 6 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (for both official training and competition days), 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. The price of the additional banquet will be indicated in the program sent by the organizing Nation.

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 € 1,300 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 € 1,300 to the organizing Nation. Nations failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organizing future championships (red card to the Nation).

All Nations shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the training day. Any absent team (yet to arrive) at the first team captains' meeting shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING team, and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (red card to the team).

Together with the event programme, 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.

The "STREET FISHING" World Championship will usually take place in 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-** In the legs, competitors will fish in the venue chosen by the organizers in agreement with F.I.P.S.e.d. The fishing venue shall be well specified (by means of a map) in the program that the organizers must send to the Federations affiliated to F.I.P.S.e.d.

The venue must be big enough to allow each pair to have at least 200 metres of bank available.

Team captains, 1 per Nation, may can get close to their teams' competitor; team captains shall wear green armbands marked with a C, clearly indicating their status. Reserve competitors and delegates shall wear a red armband marked with an R letter for reserve competitors and with a D letter for delegates. When sectors are too far apart, the international jury may authorize one of the reserves or the delegate to enter the sectors. In this case, only one captain for each team (or one of the reserves or the delegate) shall be authorised inside a sector.

## **TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS**

- 7-** It would be advisable that general stewards to attend the 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.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting – On Friday at 3:00 p.m., or on the eve of the first leg

During this first meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 25 of the present Official Rules. Then, the following operations shall be carried out:

- Roll call of Nations.
- Various information about the progress of the championship.
- Setting up of two (2) groups composed of one pair from each participating national team, and numbered 1 and 2. To this aim, each team captain shall write the name of the components of his/her team on two counterfoils provided by the organisers, and shall subsequently deposit one in each of the two (2) dedicated containers. The two (2) groups may also be composed by drawing lots, using ping-pong balls numbered 1 and 2.
- Identification of closed areas of the venue where fishing and access will not be allowed (from property, legal or safety reasons).

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting - Saturday morning or morning of the first leg

- Matching – by drawing – of the two (2) groups set up at the 1<sup>st</sup> team captain meeting with sectors A or B.
- Nominal roll call of competitors.
- Departure of the pairs and start of the first leg.

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting - Saturday afternoon or afternoon after the first leg

- Notification of the results to the participating Nations.
- Remarks on the performance of the leg.

4<sup>th</sup> meeting - Sunday morning or morning of the second leg

- On the second leg, the composition of the two (2) groups made up of a pair of each participating national team will be the same as that of the first leg.
- The pairs who, on the first leg, fished in sector A, on the second leg will fish in sector B and vice versa.
- Nominal roll call of competitors.
- Departure of the pairs and start of the second leg.

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. Steering 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.

## **COMBINATION**

- 8- The combination of the two (2) groups formed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Captains' meeting to Sectors A and B shall be drawn out at least 60 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organisers, in the presence of the team captains or delegates of each team, and F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 9- Team captains shall be given an armband for each one of their competitors provided by the organizers.

Armbands for anglers of the two sectors shall have different colours (except green or red); alternatively, they may be of a neutral colour with different coloured lettering for each sector. Wearing the armbands is mandatory.

- 10- Competitors may reach the fishing location of their choice without to use any means of transport (i.e. it will be allowed to move only on foot).
- 11- Smoking is forbidden in sectors during competitions (yellow card).
- 12- There shall be one steward assigned to each pair and three general stewards for each sector. Such stewards and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition. The stewards of the pairs of the organizing nation must be accompanied by a foreign steward drawn by lot among the present nations. The stewards of pairs shall verify the angling behaviour of the competitors they are responsible for. When a steward ascertains an irregularity, he must immediately warn the competitors assigned to him (and the international jury in case the seriousness of the infringement requires it) without any interference by third parties (Athletes, Captains, Delegates, spectators, etc.).
- 13- The following fish species will be considered valid: asp (*aspilus*), black-bass (*micropterus et cichla*), pike (*esox*), perch (*perca*), zander (*lucius perci*), ide (*leuciscus idus*), wels catfish (*silurus glanis*), etc. This list may be completed by the F.I.P.S.e.d. Steering Committee if this appears necessary.

Under no circumstances may salmonids such as trout (*salmo trutta et al.*), grayling (*thymallus thymallus*), salmon (*salmo salar et al.*), whitefish (*coregonus lavaretus*), etc. be listed as valid species.

The programme for each championship shall specify the fish species that will be considered valid (from a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 5) and, for each of the aforementioned species, the maximum number of catches that will be taken into account for the compilation of the rankings (quotas).

Excepting one derogation, the competitors shall abide by the rules on legal fish size limit in force for the competition (national rules). Such sizes shall be made public in the competition program and during the 1<sup>st</sup> team captains' meeting (is the team captain's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed). Angling shall be performed from dry land (yellow card).

- 14- After training sessions and at the end of legs, the fishing lines and artificial lures shall not be thrown into the water or in the fishing zone (red card).

- 15-** The competition shall take place by sectors, in two legs. Each leg will have a duration of 5 hours without interruptions. During the 5 fishing hours, pairs will be able to move freely in all the spots present in their sector. All movements within the sector must be made on foot.

Anglers composing each pair must fish close to each other in order to contribute to the validation of the catches. The maximum distance allowed between the two members of the same pair is 10 meters.

It is forbidden for members of a pair to fish at a distance under 10 meters from an angler of another pair (yellow card).

Anglers can only claim their fishing spot as they are both present at this spot.

The acoustic signals for the different phases of the championships shall be short; in all cases, the beginning of the signal is taken into consideration.

The running of a leg will deal with the following conditions (example of a leg that starts at 10:00 a.m.):

09:30 a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> signal: it warns the pairs that they must gather in the place indicated for the departure to move towards the fishing spot of their choice. After this signal, no equipments or artificial lures may be handed to the competitors (yellow card).

09:55 a.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> signal: it indicates to pairs that there are 5 minutes left before the start of fishing.

10:00 a.m. - 3<sup>rd</sup> signal: it warns the pairs the start of fishing lasting 5 hours.

14:55 p.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> signal: it warns the pairs that there are 5 minutes left to the end of the leg.

15:00 p.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> signal: it indicates to pairs the end of the leg.

At the end of the competition, any fish caught and still in the water (even if in the landing net) will not be considered valid and must be immediately returned to the water without being counted (yellow card).

His pairmate must remain present during this period and proceed to the validation of the fish (yellow card).

- 16-** Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules (yellow card).

- 17-** Only artificial lures are allowed (swimming fish, soft lures, metal lures, etc.). Artificial fly fishing, in all its forms, is prohibited (examples: dry flies, nymph flies, streamers, jig or micro-jig in feathers or hair, etc.) (red card). Every natural bait, in all its forms, is strictly prohibited (dead or alive, in formalin, freeze-dried, earthworms, squid, bacon, bread, vegetables, etc.) (red card).

The anglers shall take care in all circumstances to adopt a respectful behavior towards the environment, the fauna, the flora and the population in order to convey a positive image of our sport. They will adopt responsible behavior aimed at preserving the physical integrity of their catches (yellow card).

The shapes, materials, dimensions, etc. of reels, lines, hooks and gears used for fishing are free, taking into account the applicable laws in the different host countries.

Using attractive aromas, flavors and oils is only allowed to impregnate the artificial lures. All types of groundbaits, baits, pastes, oils, natural or artificial flavors poured into the water or impregnated on anything other than the lure in order to attract fish are prohibited (red card).

Lures will be fitted with single, double or triple hooks with a maximum of 2 hooks in compliance with local regulations. A rod can be equipped with two lures, but there cannot be more than 2 hooks in total (red card).

Using echosounder is only allowed during training (red card).

Gaffs and fish-grips or fish tongs are prohibited (red card).

Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited (red card).

- 18-** In the fishing action, each competitor may only use one fishing rod equipped with a reel (red card). However, competitors may have several rods ready to fish during the leg.

The fishing action must be carried out only with the rod held in the hand and not with a rod placed on the ground or something else with the lure in the water (yellow card).

- 19-** Using a landing net is mandatory to take out a fish from the water (yellow card). However, if the fish has a small size (under 20 cm) this requirement is not mandatory. Landing nets with a metal or rope (**knotted** wire of plastic or string) net are prohibited because of their abrasive nature which damages fish (cartellino giallo). A welded mesh rubber net is ideal.

- 20-** Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help (yellow card). Only the team captain is authorized to access the angling spot of the competitors of his/her team and this only to give verbal advice (yellow card); a team captain is allowed to hand over food and/or drink to a competitor of his team. The hand over must be visible for the accompanying steward.

A team captain shall not be allowed into the spot of an angler who is not part of his/her team (yellow card).

**-21-** 1- Catch of fish and their validity

Fish will be valid if the following conditions are met:

- a) they must be taken by the mouth, or between the mouth and the pectoral fins or between the mouth and the gills, with at least one branch of the hook;
- b) they should be got out and gently returned to water using the landing net. However, if the fish has a small size (under 20 cm) and could be released from hand directly into the water (there is no high shore that will require that the fish will be thrown), this requirement is not mandatory;
- c) if a fish caught by an angler hangs the neighbouring angler's line, the fish shall be deemed valid on condition that the two lines during the fishing action get free before that the fish is caught;
- d) if two anglers catch each one a fish (2 fishes) and the two anglers' lines hang on each other, the two fishes shall be deemed valid on condition that the two lines during the fishing action get free before that the fishes are caught;
- e) if two anglers lines remain hung on each other after the catch, the fishes (1 or 2) shall not be deemed valid and shall immediately be put back into the water (yellow card).

2- Legal sizes to respect

When a legal size is to be respected and in case of doubt about it, the steward will participate in measuring the fish. The measure is taken from the tip of the lips to the end of the tail in its natural position and in its maximum extension.

After the possible size verification by the steward, the angler will release the fish only by mean of the landing net with maximum care. Also in this case, if the fish has a small size (under 20 cm) can be released from hand directly into the water.

**-22-** The anglers shall move discretely and noiselessly (yellow card).

Only the holders of a “press card” or a document accrediting them as journalists will be able to request a badge or an armband that will allow them to have access into the sectors provided that they do not disturb the anglers. It is therefore compulsory that journalists accredit themselves with the organisation by showing the document accrediting them as such.

**-23-** A smartphone per angler is required to take the photos validating the catch of fish and their size done with the tool that will be made available to each angler by the organizer.

The photos must be immediately sent to the organizers through a special mobile application (APP) provided by the organizers themselves. The use of this application is mandatory.

The validation of the immediate re-entry into the water of a fish caught and measured must be carried out each time by the pair’s steward.

On the photos of the catches of fishes it is essential that the armband, the badge or the fishing licence of the concerned angler is visible.

In case of failing of the registration APP, photos of the measurement of the fish can be taken by the steward and sent to the organization to verify this catch.

Anglers are allowed to use auricolars and mobile phones during competition. Walkie talkies are prohibited (yellow card).

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

**-24-** During the competition, stewards of pairs shall stand at a maximum distance of about 10 meters from the anglers of his pair, on their right or left side, in such a way that they do not bother the anglers but can still control the fish caught by their competitors.

If the organizers do not have an adequate number of stewards available, the jury may decide to turn to accompanying persons who are not members of the organization.

## **THE JURY**

**-25-** 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 General Secretary;
- F.I.P.S.e.d.’s President of Technical Commission;
- 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. This delegate must speak one of the 2 F.I.P.S.e.d. official languages, namely French or English.

The Jury members shall be at least 3. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different Nations shall be chosen by drawing lot. 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 a competitor, by a pair 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 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.

In case a violation to rules is ascertained during the competition by a Jury member, this one has the right to immediately intervene in order to notify the angler of the offense committed and to inform him that he will have to appear at the end of the competition (alone or with a person of his choice) before the Jury who will decide on a possible sanction: a warning (yellow card) or a disqualification (red card).

When the captain of a team (coach) does not comply with the rules, for example he enters the area reserved for anglers to help them, for any reason, he will be invited, just as the angler to appear before the Jury (yellow card).

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.

- 26-** Any complaints, except for those concerning 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 publishing of the official results. 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 competitor who is imposed a penalty shall be informed immediately.

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

- 27- 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.

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

## **LIST OF PENALTIES**

- 28- The penalties shall be as follows:

- a) **Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 11, 13 (fourth §), 15 (fourth §), 15 (seventh §), 15 (eighth §), 15 (ninth §), 16, 17 (second §), 18 (second §), 19, 20 (first §), 20 (second §), 21.1e, 22 (first §), 23 (sixth §), 23 (seventh §), 25 (seventh §), 25 (eighth §) and 36.2d.**
- b) **Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 14, 17 (first §), 17 (fourth §), 17 (fifth §), 17 (sixth §), 17 (seventh §), 17 (eighth §), 18 (first §), 25 (seventh §), 32, 35, 36.1 (first §), 36.2b, 36.2c and 37 (second §) and after a second infringement of articles 11, 13 (fourth §), 15 (fourth §), 15 (seventh §), 15 (eighth §), 15 (ninth §), 16, 17 (second §), 18 (second §), 19, 20 (first §), 20 (second §), 21.1e, 22 (first §), 23 (sixth §), 23 (seventh §), 25 (seventh §), 25 (eighth §) and 36.2d.**
- c) **Warning of the Nation/team (yellow card) for the infringement of article 34b (third §).**
- d) **Disqualification of the Nation/team (red card) for the infringement of articles 5 (ninth §) and 5 (tenth §).**
- e) In case of disqualification for an infringement committed by a pair during a leg, the pair will be disqualified in the sector ranking of the relevant leg.
- f) In this case, the pair will receive a number of points equal to the number of participating pair + 1. If a pair is disqualified, the pairs below in the ranking shall keep their original ranking (for example: if the pair X who ranked 8<sup>th</sup> is disqualified, the following pairs shall keep their rankings and shall mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- g) 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.
- h) Any warning given to a pair shall be recorded in the pair'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.

- i) F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall be entitled, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose penalties on fishermen, captains or reserves if they infringe any rule or misbehave, even if said infringements are not provided for in the official Rules.

**-29-** 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.

## **RANKINGS**

### **-30- 1- RANKING OF PAIRS BY SECTOR IN THE LEGS**

- a) The classification by sector of each leg will be made on the basis of the points (1 point per centimetre) obtained by summing the length of each fish caught by the two anglers composing the pair.

The pair that obtains the greatest number of points will receive 1 penalty, the second 2 penalties and so on.

- b) In the event of a tied score, the pairs concerned shall be placed equal and shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the average placing they should have had (2 pairs placed equal 5<sup>th</sup> shall get  $5+6 = 11$  penalties divided by two =  $5 \frac{1}{2}$  penalties each; 3 pairs ranking 8<sup>th</sup> shall get  $8+9+10 = 27$  penalties, divided by 3 = 9 penalties.
- c) Pairs who have not caught any fish will receive a number of penalties equal to the average value of non-attributed places in their sector (example n° 1: 24 pairs, 12 of whom rank at the first 12 places with penalties ranging between 1 and 12, the following pairs will mark  $(13+24):2 = 18.5$  penalties each; example n° 2: 29 pairs, 5 of whom have caught fish and scored 1 to 5 penalties - the 24 pairs who have not caught any fish mark  $(6+29):2 = 17.5$  penalties; example n° 3: 29 pairs, 26 of whom have caught fish, whereas the 3 pairs who have not caught any fish will score  $(27+29):2 = 28$  penalties. If there is only 1 pair who has not caught any fish or one or more absent pairs in a sector, they shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the last position in the sector (example: 29 "pairs", 28 of whom have caught fish, whereas one pair has not, the latter will get 29 penalties).

### **2- RANKING OF DUOS IN THE LEGS**

- a) Pairs will be classified on the basis of the penalties obtained in the concerned sector. The pairs which obtain 1 penalty are classified first, followed by the pairs with 2 penalties, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the concerned pairs shall be ranked based on the highest number of points obtained.
- c) In the event of a tie on points, the pairs concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of fish caught.
- d) In the event of a further tied score, the pairs concerned shall be ranked based on the biggest fish caught.

### 3- RANKING OF TEAMS IN THE LEGS

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained in each sector by the DUOS of a team.  
The team scoring the lowest number of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of total points recorded by the pairs of the same team.
- c) In the event of further tied score, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of points recorded by one of the pairs of the team.
- d) In the event of another tied score, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the number of fish caught by the pairs of the same team.
- e) If the tie score still persist, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the biggest fish caught by one of the pair of the team.

### 4- GENERAL RANKING BY PAIRS

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained by each pair in the two legs; the pair totalling the least number of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the pairs concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of total points obtained in the two legs.
- c) In the event of another tied score, the pairs concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of total points obtained in one of the two legs.
- d) If the tied score still persist, the pairs concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of total fish caught in the two legs.
- e) Any pairs that did not take part in all the two legs shall be ranked in the last places of the classification, following the order of their penalties (firstly the pairs that have participated to all the two legs, then those pairs that just disputed only one leg). For this reason, when one or two substitutions are made in a pair, the pair will be ranked after those ones who have run all the legs keeping their original composition. The ranking of the pair in which substitutions were made will therefore be drawn up taking into consideration the composition of that pair which has performed more days of competition.

### 5- GENERAL RANKING BY TEAMS

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained in each sector by the pairs of each team in the two legs; the team totalling the least number of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the highest number of total points obtained by the pairs of the same team in the two legs.
- c) In the event of another tied score, the teams shall be ranked based on the highest number of total points obtained by the pairs of the same team in one of the two legs.

- d) If the tied score still persist, the teams shall be ranked based on the highest number of fish caught by the pairs of the same team in the two legs, then based on the biggest fish caught by one of the pair of a team in the two legs.

## 6- NATION 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 the 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.

- 31- 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

- 32- The length of the rods is limited to 3 metres maximum (red card).

## "CIVIL LIABILITY" INSURANCE

- 33- The organizers SHALL take out a "CIVIL LIABILITY" insurance to cover the whole event (from the beginning of the training 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

- 34- a) Official training shall mandatorily take place in the same watercourse where the competition is taking place.  
b) The official competition venue and the training area, which must be coincident, shall be organised as follows:

- 1) Two training days: 2 days before and the eve of the first leg.

The duration of the training sessions shall be at least the same as those of the legs of the competition.

- 2) Two competition days: Friday and Saturday.

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

During official training sessions, only the 6 members of the team (4 owners and 2 reserves) will be allowed to fish on the venue (yellow card to the team).

## **ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS**

- 35-** Anglers are not allowed to fish at a distance of less than 25 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.) (red card).

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

### **-36- 1- WHEN BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT BEFORE OR DURING PREPARATION**

No angler shall be allowed to access his/her peg or prepare his/her material; a signal shall indicate the postponement of the access into the angling peg or the end of the preparation phase (red card). If the weather or water-related conditions and the competition schedule allow, the leg may be regularly performed.

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. The cancelled leg shall not be held at a later stage.

### **2- IF BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT DURING THE LEG**

With the permission of the jury, the organization, through the stewards of the different pairs, will make a signal which means:

- a) immediate stop of fishing (1<sup>st</sup> signal from the organization);
- b) anglers must stop fishing (red card) and any fish hang at the end of the line will not be counted;
- c) fishing rods must be placed on the ground, in the fishing area, and anglers must take shelter moving away from the fishing rod (red card);
- d) it is forbidden to handling equipment during the stop of the competition (yellow card);
- e) if the atmospheric or hydraulic conditions allow it, the competition will be restored by a second signal which will allow anglers to return to their place;
- f) a 3<sup>rd</sup> signal will warn the anglers that the competition will be resumed in 5 minutes and anglers can prepare their equipment;
- g) a 4<sup>th</sup> signal, 5 minutes later, will authorize the resumption of fishing.

As the storm is not part of the competition, the leg will be extended depending on the length of the stop (storm).

A maximum of 2 breaks shall be authorised in one leg, and their overall duration shall not exceed one (1) hour; otherwise, the leg shall be stopped for good.

The Jury may shorten the duration of a leg if the competition schedule does not allow to complete the leg (decision of the jury).

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 that was actually carried out. The cancelled leg shall not be held again.

## **ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS**

**-37-** 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. Any angler selected to undergo anti-doping checks who does not report for the controls shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be given a penalty corresponding to the bottom rank in the ranking + 1, for all the competition days he participated in (red card).

Cost of Anti-doping controls **at the championships** shall be borne by the organising nation. All contacts with the N.A.D.O. (National Anti-Doping Organization) of each Nation shall be exclusively kept **by C.I.P.S. as controlling authority**.

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](mailto: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/resource/international-testing-agency-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-application-form/>.

The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: [tue@ita.sport](mailto:tue@ita.sport).

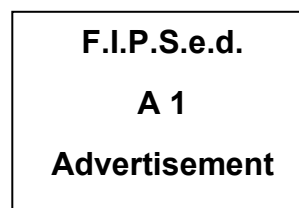
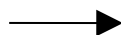
Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List of substances: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/prohibited-list>.

## **ADVERTISING ON ARMBANDS**

**-38-** Advertising shall not be obligatory.

The size of the advertisement characters on the armbands shall not exceed a height of 3 cm; this form of advertising shall only be authorized on the lower part of the armbands.

**ARMBAND SAMPLE**



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

**-39-** A € **200** fee shall be paid by each participating Nation; said fee 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 PRICE AWARDING CEREMONY**

**-40-** 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 2 days before the first leg, at 06:00 p.m. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

The top three Nations and the top three pairs shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively. In conformity with international standards, during the prize awarding procedures, the national anthem of the winner (team or pair) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three pairs/teams 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 **pair** 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 **pair** prize-giving ceremony, the fourth and fifth classified **pairs** 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 pairs.

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 8 people 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**

**-41-** 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**

**-42-** 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 2 official languages (English and French).

The President of F.I.P.S.e.d.  
Ugo Claudio MATTEOLI



The General Secretary of F.I.P.S.e.d.  
Barbara DURANTE

