

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 SHORE ANGLING”**

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.

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

All supporting documents shall be presented at the 2nd 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.

Only teams that are members of 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.

After candidature acceptance to organise an international championship, the preliminary programme shall, imperatively, be sent to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretariat before the 31st October of the preceding year. **If this requirement is not accomplished by the organising country, the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee has the right to cancel that candidature and to give the organisation for another country.**

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 3 trophies for the individual competitions. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 300 for 6 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, ready to give.

Programmes and invitations for all championships shall only be sent in the 2 official languages (English and French) 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 4 anglers and 1 reserve, who shall be nominated before the first draw. The substitution shall be final.

The names of the 5 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.

In the event of any injury during a competition, the regular participant may be replaced by the reserve member. Such substitution - with the possibility to replace the fishing tackle - shall be authorised by a Jury member.

There are no restrictions on the participation of female competitors in national teams.

- 4- Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as streams, rivers or channels or in suitable water basins, such as lakes, etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue; the minimum width of the venue must be 10 metres. Sectors must be defined by mean of cords or banderols. As far as possible, the organizers will have to mark the boundaries of sectors and of pegs also on the opposite bank to the one where the fishing is performed (by mean of spray paint for instance).
- 5- As far as possible, the selected venue shall be characterized by analogous fishing conditions for all competitors. Furthermore, the venue shall allow the lining up of all participants without any possible interruptions caused by power lines, bridges, etc. 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; should it be necessary to enter the water to reach a part of the venue, the ford shall be reported, and fishing shall be forbidden in that section.

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.

The candidature to host a world championship must be done, at least, two years in advance.

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 (for this championship full board may be decided upon);
 - the participating team shall specify the dates for check in and check out, informing the organisation at least one week before the first official training;
 - the accommodation terms proposed to the Nations shall first be approved by the Technical Commission;
 - 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.
- 2- Selecting their hotels by themselves.

If this is the case, participating teams shall inform the organisation where they stay and when they arrive.

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.

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, 1 Reserve, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate) and 5 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 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 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.

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.

Any absent team (yet to arrive) at the first team captains' meeting shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation, and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (red card to the team).

The "PREDATORS ARTIFICIAL BAIT SHORE ANGLING" World Championship will usually take place between the 15th of May and 15th of June. This indication may undergo changes, even substantial ones, based on the climatic conditions of the host country and the characteristics of the venue.

- 6- During the competitions, all competitors shall have a 10 (minimum) to 20 metres (maximum) long angling position (peg). In case of still or very slow water, the length of the fishing position (peg) can be reduced to 10 metres maximum, upon decision of the Technical Commission.

The width of the pegs shall be defined together with the Technical Commission.

The number of pegs in each sector shall be double the number of Countries present in that sector. For example: 10 Countries = 20 pegs, numbered from 1 to 20; 15 Countries = 30 pegs, numbered from 1 to 30.

Each sector shall be suitably marked off with signs to be put up at the start and the end of the zone. No natural or artificial interruptions (big trees, big rocks, bridges, etc.) exceeding the length of 30 metres are allowed in a sector.

The angling positions shall be well defined so to be far from the spectators; to this end, a fence or a ropes at an appropriate distance from the shore (we recommend a distance of at least 10 metres) must be set. Furthermore, a corridor at least one metre wide for authorised people (organizers, reserves, team captains, press, and Jury) must be created between the anglers and the spectators.

This official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle (oral warning).

Team captains, 2 per Nation, the reserve competitor and the delegate may enter their teams' competitor pegs; team captains shall wear green bibs or armbands marked with a

C, clearly indicating their status. Only one team captain shall be authorised inside a peg. Reserve competitors and delegates shall wear a red bib or an armband marked with an R letter for reserve competitors and with a D letter for delegates. The bib shall under no circumstances be applied with pins.

The organisation shall place a board at the centre of each sector, carrying the name of the Nations and featuring special fields allowing writing down, for each angling session, the number of catches made by each Nation. Furthermore, a special area shall be made available in each sector for proper storage of the competitors' spare rods.

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.

1st meeting - On Thursday afternoon, or on the eve of the training day

- **The organisation will provide information about venue, parking, local laws, program of the championship, etc.**

2nd 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.
- Nations shall draw lots in alphabetical order to define the call-up order of the draw for the first leg.
- Various information about the progress of the championship.
- Setting up of four (4) GROUPS composed of one angler from each participating national team, and numbered from 1 to 4. To this end, each team captain shall write the name of the components of his/her team on four counterfoils provided by the organisers, and shall subsequently deposit one in each of the four (4) dedicated containers. The four (4) groups may also be composed by drawing lots, using ping-pong balls numbered from 1 to 4.
- Drawing for the starting order of the competitors in GROUP 1. Once the drawing has been completed, the starting order for all other GROUPS shall be determined automatically, for both days of the contest, based on a table drawn up according to the number of participating Nations.

3rd meeting - Saturday morning or morning of the first leg

- Matching – by drawing – of the four (4) groups set up at the 1st team captain meeting with sectors A, B, C and D.

4th meeting - Saturday afternoon or afternoon after the first leg

- Notification of the results to the participating Nations.

- Remarks on the performance of the leg.
- Setting up of four (4) GROUPS composed of one angler from each participating national team, and numbered from 1 to 4. To this end, each team captain shall write the name of the components of his/her team on four counterfoils provided by the organisers, and shall subsequently deposit one in each of the four (4) dedicated containers. The four (4) groups may also be composed by drawing lots, using ping-pong balls numbered from 1 to 4.

5th meeting - Sunday morning or morning of the second leg

- Matching – by drawing – of the four (4) groups set up at the 4th team captain meeting with sectors A, B, C and D.

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.

DRAWING OF LOTS

- 8- Lots for each leg shall be drawn out at least 90 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.

The angling positions for the two legs shall be attributed by means of a lot-drawing table, drawn up beforehand by F.I.P.S.e.d. Such table shall be designed so as to distribute – for each angling period – the anglers of one team in all fourths of each sector. Furthermore, the total obtained by summing up the start numbers of the anglers of each Nation for each angling period, shall be as uniform as possible. Similarly, to the extent possible, during each angling period, the athletes of the same team shall not have start numbers belonging to the same fourth.

- 9- The position number 1 shall always be located to the left looking at the water course or basin, and marking will run from the left to the right.
- 10- Team captains shall be given a bib or an armband for each one of their competitors provided by the organizers.

Bibs or armbands for the different 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 bibs or the armbands is mandatory (oral warning).

GENERAL RULES

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

Smoking is forbidden in sectors during competitions (yellow card).

- 12-** There shall be one steward assigned to each competitor and a general steward for each sector. Such individual and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition. The individual stewards of the competitors of the organizing Nation shall be coupled with and supported by foreign stewards, chosen among the present Nations by drawing lots.

The individual stewards shall:

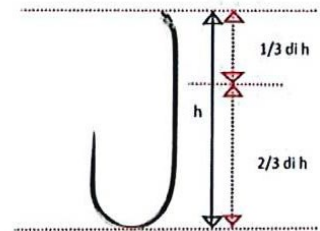
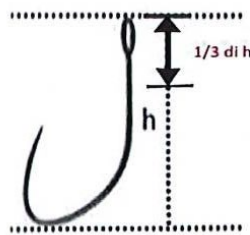
- a) Control the angling behaviour of the competitor he/she is responsible for. When an individual or sector steward ascertains an irregularity, he must immediately warn the competitor assigned to him (and the international jury in case the seriousness of the infringement requires it) without any interference by third parties (Athletes, Captains, Delegates, spectators, etc.).
 - b) Check that the length of each catch is not shorter than to the allowed seize announced at the team captains' meeting (said size may differ depending on the organizing Nation). The catches will be registered on a sector board (which may be consulted by all team captains).
 - c) Give each angler a ticket for each valid catch.
 - d) At the end of each angling period, accompany their anglers to the centre of the sector, where the number of catches shall be checked and written down on the official document of the competition period (checks will be performed against the tickets given for each catch). Each competitor shall sign the official document for acceptance. No complaints regarding the catch shall be accepted after the signing of said document.
 - e) Communicate to Captains, Delegates and Reserves, upon their request, the number of catches of the competitor assigned to him.
- 13-** 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 during the 2nd team captains' meeting (and it is the team captain's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed). Angling shall be performed from dry land (oral warning).
- 14-** After training and at the end of all legs, the fishing lines and artificial baits 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 consisting of four 45-minute angling sessions; in the event of any forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the angling session, provided that it lasted at least 15 minutes.

The Jury can decide to reduce the duration of the leg if the competition schedule does not allow continuing angling for the 3 scheduled angling hours (four 45-minute angling sessions).

- 16-** Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules (yellow card).
- 17-** Only artificial baits shall be allowed ("fly" imitations and soft lures imitating fish eggs, corn or pellets are prohibited) (red card).



Only lead-headed hooks or leaded in the first third of the hook – both flexible and fixed – may be used to weigh down artificial elastic baits (yellow card).



It is forbidden to use leads of any kind on the line. Apart from lead-headed hooks or leaded in its first third (yellow card), the hooks shall be barb-free (yellow card) (barring F.I.P.S.e.d. exceptions, in particular for fishes other than trout) and “bare” (yellow card).

Each lure can hold a maximum of three hooks and each hook can be single, double or triple (red card).

Hooks present on artificial lures may be checked immediately after each catch. After casting the lure 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 (yellow card).

Only the following species of fish will be accepted: shad, asp, black bass, pike, white fish, sturgeon, grayling (“chevalier”, common or fountain), perch, zander, salmon, wels catfish and trout (rainbow, brown and sea trout). This list may be completed by F.I.P.S.e.d.’s jury, if necessary.

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

Using echo sounders is prohibited during training and competition (red card).

Only the 5 team’s members are allowed to fish in the competition venue during trainings (4 effective members plus 1 reserve) (red card to the team).

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

During the competition, anglers shall not be allowed to use any auricular, telephone or walkie-talkie (yellow card).

- 18- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are only allowed to fish with one rod at any time (red card). Spare rods can be kept in the middle of the sector (at a place made available by the organisers). However, competitors shall be allowed to take their spare fishing rod(s) with them.
- 19- The use of the landing net is allowed only for competitors, and only to recover the hooked fish (yellow card).
- 20- Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help (yellow card); only the team captain is authorized to access the angling peg of the competitors of his/her team and this only to give verbal advice. A team captain shall not be allowed into the peg of an angler who is not part of his/her team.

-21- 1- CATCHING FISH

Fish may only be taken out of the water by using a landing net (fish shall be netted in and not out of the water). In this case, during the unhooking operations, the fish may not be caught in any way with bare hands, but only from outside the net of the landing net (yellow card).

If the shape of the bank makes it impossible to use the landing net, the fish may be brought out of the water and taken in the air with the landing net by the competitor. The zones where fish cannot be taken out by using a landing net shall be specified at the team captains' meeting.

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.

If a fish caught by an angler hangs the neighbouring angler's line, outside his fishing zone, the fish shall be deemed valid on condition that the two lines during the fishing action get free before that the fish is caught.

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.

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.

CATCHES MADE IN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL NOT COUNT:

- a) The fish is thrown on the ground when it is brought out of the water.
- b) The fish is unhooked before it is seized, and falls onto the ground.
- c) The fish is guided and laid on the ground before it is seized.
- d) The fish touches the ground before being put into the water.

2- CHECKING THE CATCH

A- The fish is not hooked at its mouth, or between its mouth and the pectoral fins, or between its mouth and its gills:

- a) The competitor unhook the catch and puts it back into the water. That catch shall not count.

B- The fish is hooked at its mouth, or between its mouth and the pectoral fins, or between its mouth and its gills (at least one bend of the hook):

- a) The hook is visible and the mouth of the fish is closed. The steward says "OK" and the competitor unhooks the fish and puts it back into the water.
- b) The hook is not visible and the mouth of the fish is closed. The steward indicates to the fisherman with a scissors movement using the index and middle fingers that he must cut the line; the angler puts the catch back into the water.

C- Allowed Sizes

In the event of any doubt as to whether fish size is legal, the steward shall measure the fish using a "MAYATRUITE"-type instrument. The measurement shall be performed from the tip of the fish mouth to the end of the tail, with the fish being its natural position and maximum extension.

After any size check by the individual steward, anglers shall put the fish back into water with the utmost care and discretion.

Only the fish reaching the minimum legal size shall be considered valid (the legal sizes shall be specified at the team captains' meeting).

ANY ATTEMPT TO UNHOOK THE FISH WITHOUT THE AUTHORISATION OF THE STEWARD SHALL SYSTEMATICALLY CAUSE THE FISH TO BE RETURNED TO THE WATER AND NOT BE COUNTED, UNLESS THE STEWARD HAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE FISH HAS UNHOOKED ITSELF.

-22- Inside the peg allotted to them, the anglers shall move discretely and noiselessly.

Competitors are forbidden to cast their line and angle in a neighbouring sector or peg. The control of this rule compliance is of exclusive responsibility of the members of the Jury, of the general steward of sector or of the steward assigned to the competitor. In no case will interference from third parties (Captains, Delegates, Athletes, spectators, etc.) be allowed.

Photographers and cameramen shall be entitled to access the sectors, provided that they do not disturb the anglers and their entry is authorized by the stewards.

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 corridor reserved for captains and reserves. It is therefore compulsory that journalists accredit themselves with the organisation by showing the document accrediting them as such.

-23- Competitors shall reach the centre of their sector at least 15 minutes before the first signal. The roll call shall be effected by the individual steward of each sector.

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.

A leg shall be as follows (example with 10 participating Nations):

09:00 a.m. - 1st signal: it warns the anglers that they are allowed 25 minutes to prepare their gear, to inspect and get to know their sectors;

- 09:25 a.m. - 2nd signal: the competitors must gather at the centre of their sectors. Then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the free pegs of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 09:30). After the signal, no equipment or artificial bait may be handed to the competitors;
- 09:35 a.m. - 3rd signal: start of 45-minute angling session (1st period);
- 10:20 a.m. - 4th signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the free pegs of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 10:30);
- 10:35 a.m. - 5th signal: start of 45-minute angling session (2nd period);
- 11:20 a.m. - 6th signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the free pegs of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 11:30);
- 11:35 a.m. - 7th signal: start of 45-minute angling session (3rd period);
- 12:20 p.m. - 8th signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the free pegs of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 12:30);
- 12:35 p.m. - 9th signal: start of 45-minute angling session (4th period);
- 13:20 p.m. - 10th signal: end of leg.

Each time the anglers stop angling (10:20, 11:20, 12:20, and 13:20), only the fish that is already fully out of the water shall be counted.

Right after each angling starting signal is given, the competitors may start angling in one of the free pegs.

- 24-** During the competition, individual stewards shall stand behind the anglers, 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 the 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;
- 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, but the number of 5 is recommended. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different Nations shall be chosen by drawing, until to reach the number of 3 or 5. These delegates cannot have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organising 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 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" bib or 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.**

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 bib and/or 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) Oral warning for infringement of articles 6 (sixth §), 10 (third §) and 13 (first §).
- b) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 11 (second §), 16 (first §), 17 (second §), 17 (third §), 17 (fifth §), 17 (eleventh §), 19 (first §), 20 (first §) and 21 (first §) and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 6 (sixth §), 10 (third §) and 13 (first §).
- c) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 14 (first §), 17 (first §), 17 (fourth §), 17 (seventh §), 17 (eighth §), 18 (first §), 32 (first §), 36.2 and 37 (second §), after a second infringement of articles 11 (second §), 16 (first §), 17 (second §), 17 (third §), 17 (fifth §), 17 (eleventh §), 19 (first §), 20 (first §) and 21 (first §) and after a third infringement of articles 6 (sixth §), 10 (third §) and 13 (first §).
- d) Warning (yellow card) to the team for the infringement of articles 34b-1 and 40 (eighth §).
- e) Disqualification (red card) of the team for the infringement of articles 5 (tenth §) and 17 (ninth §) and after a second infringement of articles 34b-1 and 40 (eighth §).
- f) In case of disqualification for an infringement committed by an angler during one of the 4 periods of a leg, the angler will be disqualified in the sector ranking of the relevant leg.
- g) In this case, the angler will receive a number of points equal to the number of participating Nations + 1. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers below him/her 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).
- h) 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.
- i) Any warning given to a competitor 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.

- j) 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 BY ANGLING SESSION (PERIOD) IN THE SECTORS

In each sector, a ranking shall be drawn up for each angling session (period) based on:

- a) The number of fishes caught.
- b) In the event of a tied score, the anglers concerned shall be placed equal and shall obtain a number of points equalling the average placing they should have had (2 anglers placed equal 4th shall get $4+5 = 9$ points divided by two = $4 \frac{1}{2}$ points each; 3 anglers ranking 6th shall get $6+7+8 = 21$ points, divided by 3 = 7 points.
- c) Anglers who have not caught any fish shall get a number of points equal to the average number of non-attributed points for the same angling session (period) (example: 13 anglers, 8 ranking first to eight, with points ranging from 1 to 8: the following anglers shall be attributed $(9+13) \div 2 = 11$ points. If there is only 1 angler who has not caught any fish or one or more absent anglers in a sector, they shall obtain a number of points equalling the last position in the sector (example: 13 competitors, 12 of whom have caught fish, whereas one has not: the latter will get 13 points).

2- RANKING BY SECTOR IN THE LEGS

- a) The total number of points obtained for each one of the four angling sessions (periods) in a sector. The angler totalling the smallest amount of points shall rank 1st, and the others will follow.
- b) If points are level, the ranking shall be made according to the highest number of fishes caught during the 4 angling sessions (periods), then based on the highest number of fishes caught during 1 of the 4 angling sessions. In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the lowest number of points in one of the 4 angling sessions (periods), then, if necessary, the anglers concerned shall be placed equal and shall be attributed a number of points equalling the average placing they would have had.

3- RANKING BY TEAM

A- 1st LEG

- a) Sum of the points obtained in each sector (ranking by sector of the 1st leg) by the anglers of a team.
- b) The team scoring the lowest number of points shall rank 1st, and so on.

- c) In the event of a tie on points obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 4 sectors, the teams shall be ranked first of all based on the smallest number of points obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 4 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fishes caught by the anglers of the same team in the 4 angling sessions (periods); then, based on the best catch score of the team in one of the 4 angling sessions and, then, if necessary, based on the highest number of fishes caught by a team in the last angling session.

B- 2nd LEG

Same ranking system as for the 1st leg.

C- GENERAL RANKING

- a) Total of points obtained in each sector by the anglers of each team in the two legs; the team totalling the least number of points shall rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on points obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 8 sectors, the teams concerned shall be ranked based on the least number of points obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 8 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fishes caught by the anglers of the same team in the 8 angling sessions (periods); then, by the highest number of fishes caught by the anglers of the same team in one of the two legs and, if necessary, by the highest number of fishes caught in the 2nd leg.

4- INDIVIDUAL RANKING

A- 1st LEG

- a) The anglers shall be ranked according to the number of points obtained in the relevant sector. The anglers who have totalled 1 penalty shall rank first, followed by the anglers who have obtained 2 points, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on points in the sectors, the anglers shall be ranked first of all based on the least number of points obtained in the 4 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fishes caught in the 4 angling sessions (periods), then, by the highest number of fishes caught in one of the 4 angling sessions and, then, if necessary, by the highest number of fishes caught in the last angling session. If the tied score still persist, they shall be ranked based on the lowest number of points in one of the 4 angling sessions (periods).

B- 2nd LEG

Same ranking system as for the 1st leg.

C- GENERAL RANKING

- a) Total of the points obtained in each of the two legs; the anglers totalling the least number of points shall rank 1st and so on (example: an angler who ranked 1st in the first leg and 2nd in the second leg shall get 1 penalty + 2 points that is a total of 3 points).
- b) In the event of a tie on points, the anglers shall be ranked first of all based on

the least number of points obtained in the 8 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fishes caught in the 8 angling sessions (periods); then, by the highest number of fishes caught in one of the two legs and, if necessary, by the highest number of fishes caught in the 2nd leg.

- c) The anglers participating in only one leg shall rank last in the individual ranking and following an order based on the number of points obtained.

5- ANNUAL NATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

A world or zone annual rankings per Nations or per individuals 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.

Nations and individuals included in such rankings that, for any reason, do not participate in a championship, shall be given a number of points equal to the number of participating Nations or individuals 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 2.75 metres (9 feet) (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 section of the watercourse where the competition is taking place, when the fish population mainly consists of trout, and if restocking is envisaged for the event.

Conversely, if the fish population at the venue mainly consists of predators fish other than trout, and no restocking is envisaged for the competition, the training area shall preferably be different from the competition venue, but training shall take place on the same waterbody.

- b) The official competition venue and the training area, if any, shall be organised as follows:

- 1) Closed as from the Sunday evening prior to the championship (yellow card to the team).
- 2) One day of training (on the eve of the first leg).

If the fish population mainly consists of trout, on the afternoon of the day before the training, it is mandatory to restock the competition area with at least 5 trout for each of the pegs.

The timetable and the duration of the training sessions shall be the same as those of the legs of the competition.

- 3) Two competition days (Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday). **Before the two days of competition, it is mandatory to carry out two restocking operations:**
 - a) **the first one after the end of training;**
 - b) **the second after the end of the first leg;**
 - c) **for both the first and second leg, restocking must involve the introduction of at least 10 trout for each peg in the competition area.**

All restocking shall be performed by using fish species that respect the local habitat, and shall be evenly distributed throughout all the sectors in the presence of a Jury member. In the championship program the organizers must indicate the species and average size of the fish that will be used for restocking.

On the training day, the organisers shall emit the relevant sound signals indicating the authorised angling period. The teams shall abide by such signals.

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

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

- 35-** It is strictly forbidden to place competitors at a distance of less than 25 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

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. 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

The leg shall immediately be stopped (a 1st signal will be emitted by the organizers) and all competitors shall take shelter outside the pegs (red card). If the weather or water-related conditions allow, the leg shall then continue and a 2nd signal shall inform the anglers that they may return to their pegs; a 3rd signal, 5 minutes later, shall authorize the competitors to resume angling.

Maximum 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 angling for 4 angling sessions (periods).

Two angling sessions shall be required for a leg to be declared valid. The break(s) time shall not be considered when calculating the duration of a 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 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 to 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).

Organising nations shall bear the cost of any doping control carried out at the Championships. 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 the controlling body.

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/resource/international-testing-agency-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-application-form/>.

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

Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List of substances: https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2025-09/2026list_en_final_clean_september_2025.pdf.

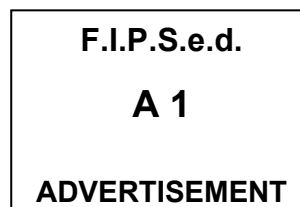
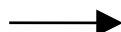
ADVERTISING ON BIBS OR ARMBANDS

-38- Advertising shall not be obligatory.

The size of the advertisement characters on the bibs shall not exceed a height of 6 cm; this form of advertising shall only be authorized on the lower part of the bib, both on the front and on the backsides.

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 bib or the armband.

BIB OR 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 teams and the top three individual competitors 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 competitor) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three athletes/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 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 3 first-ranked Nations' official members, who shall be present at the prize-giving ceremony, as well as to the 5 first-ranked individual anglers (if an individual classification is previewed).

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.

For the announcement of the official results, **a maximum of 8 people from each team will be allowed on the podium (yellow card to the team)** for handling out the medals and to listen to the national anthem of the winning Nation.

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 OF THE ORGANIZING NATIONS

-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).

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