

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.E.D. RULES **OF INTERNATIONAL "FOR NATIONS" COMPETITIONS**

"COARSE FISHING"

"NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUBS, LADIES, YOUTH (U15, U20, U25), MASTERS AND VETERANS"

ORGANISATION

- 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.

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

No championship organisation shall be entrusted to a Nation if that Nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water. In the F.I.P.S.e.d. championships it is forbidden to kill fish.

The same Federation cannot organise in the same year the World Championship for Nations, European Championship and the World Championship for Clubs; neither can these three championships be assigned to neighbouring or geographically close Nations.

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, F.I.P.S.e.d.'s committee has the right to cancel that candidature and to give the organisation for another country.**

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. and through of F.I.P.S.e.d. channels. No invitations shall be sent to clubs or individuals.

For all F.I.P.S.e.d. championships, the organising 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; their stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner.

The organising Nation shall pay for all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) for a third person of F.I.P.S.e.d. This third person is responsible to the printed material, documentation for captain's meetings, rankings, certificates and rankings for the awarding of prizes for all championships. 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.

The country organising a World or Zone Championship shall be responsible for procuring the trophies, which will be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d.:

- a) the country organising a Nations World Championship shall envisage 3 trophies for the team competition and 3 trophies for the individual competition. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 300 for 6 trophies;
- b) the same procedure will be applied for European Championship and, Ladies, Masters, Veterans, U15, U20 and U25 World Championships;
- c) the Nation organising a World Championship for Clubs shall envisage 3 trophies for the top three Clubs and F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 150 for 3 trophies.

All 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.

The organisation is responsible to organise an opening ceremony and a prize giving ceremony, according to the programme.

The organisation is responsible to organise a gala dinner assuring that each team has several seats corresponding to the number of gala dinners that they booked.

The organisation is responsible for the insurance of the anglers and official staff of the teams, and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.

The organisers shall see to it that all registration forms are duly filled in and carry the mobile phone numbers of one delegate and one captain.

Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, firefighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the programme leaflets.

The organisation must feed the WhatsApp group of Captain's and delegates with all pertinent information concerning the championship and details of organization.

CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

- 2- The organisers **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.

REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING VENUE

- 3- Competitions shall be organised at watercourses, such as rivers and canals, or at suitable stretches of water, such as lakes etc.

The selected venue shall be as straight as possible, without interruptions or obstacle of any type and it shall offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors.

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

The venue candidate to host those world championships shall be, at least, 2 km long. If possible, the whole fishing area shall feature the same depth, which shall be of at least 1.5 metres; the minimum width allowed for a venue is 40 metres.

§ **For Nations and Clubs championships a venue with 2,5 km long is recommended.**

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

Unknown venues or venues that were modified only can be confirmed after to be inspected by one or more members of the Technical Commission or a competent delegate designated by the F.I.P.S.e.d.

§ F.I.P.S.e.d. will decide who and when the inspection of the venue will be done. 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 organisers 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.

Any possible fish-restocking programme must be submitted to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Technical Commission for approval. In any case, fish-restocking shall take place at least 2 months before any championship. A video or photographs documenting the restocking operations shall be shot/taken by the organisers and sent to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Commission.

CONCERNING ACCOMMODATION

- 4- Regarding accommodation, participating teams shall have two options:

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

- the half-board price per night per person, depending on the number of persons sharing each room, regardless of the duration of the stay (full board cannot be mandatory);

- the participating 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 teams shall first be approved by the Technical Committee;
- together with the event programme, the organising Nations shall provide a list of hotels, lodgings, rooms and campsites located within a 20 km range from the venue.

b) 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 organisers, the participating Nations or Clubs shall imperatively have to book their accommodations themselves and shall still pay the relevant registration fee to the organisers.

STRUCTURE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 5- The competition shall take place by sectors or sub-sectors, in two legs of 4 hours each (Nations, European, Clubs, Veterans, U20 and U25), two legs of 3 hours (U15) and three legs of 4 hours each (Ladies and Masters).**

From 2027 and forward years:

- **European, Clubs, U15, U20, U25, Ladies, Masters and Veterans Coarse Angling World Championships will have three legs;**
- **for all the championships listed above, there will be 4 days for official training (from Sunday until Wednesday), and 3 days of competition (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).**

A decision regarding the Nations Coarse Angling World Championship will be made in November 2026, but whatever the decision (2 or 3 legs), the last day of competition will be on Saturday.

Under no circumstances should a sector have more than 19 teams. If more than 19 or 38 teams are present, the sector will be divided by two or three sub-sectors, respectively.

In the event of an odd number of anglers per sector, the sub-sector on left will have one angler more than the sub-sector on the right. However, for ranking purposes of the second sub-sector, the angler in the middle will be also ranked in this sub-sector but its ranking will be obtained in the first sub-sector.

Under no circumstances may there be interruptions within a sector. Unconnected sectors shall imperatively be separated by at least 3 pegs, but a minimum number of separations is recommended.

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

In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the leg, if it lasted at least:

- **two and a half hours (2.30 h) (Nations, European, Clubs, U20, U25, Ladies, Masters and Veterans);**
- **one hour and forty-five minutes (1h45) (U15).**

The break(s) time shall not be considered when calculating the duration of a leg.

Due to natural disaster the International Jury can cancel one or more legs and, in extraordinary circumstances, are able to cancel the whole event.

DATES TO HOST COARSE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6-** The different coarse angling world championships shall take place, preferably, during the following periods:
- VETERANS and DISABLED: in June.
 - EUROPEAN: in June.
 - CLUBS: in July.
 - YOUTH (U15, U20 and U25): in August.
 - LADIES and MASTERS: in August.
 - NATIONS: in September.

These recommendations may undergo changes, even substantial ones, based on the climatic conditions of the host countries and the characteristics of the competition venues.

PARTICIPATION TEAMS

- 7-** Only the national Federations affiliated in C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d., who have fully paid their annual membership fees shall be allowed to participate.

Each country has the right to choose, between their members, its representative teams or Clubs. These requirements are applied for to World and Zone (Europe, etc.) Championships.

§ **But under no circumstances may two teams belonging to the same Club take part in the Coarse Fishing Clubs World Championship. In other words, all participating teams must belong to different Clubs.**

A) Requirements to represent a national team

- 1) The national teams' anglers must hold the same nationality as the Country that they represent.
- 2) Only one (1) foreign competitor is allowed in the national team, if he/she can prove the following conditions:
 - a) To reside in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that.
 - b) 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 one Nation, shall not be allowed to compete for any other Nation.

B) Requirements to represent a Club team

- 1) All anglers registered by a Club in the World and Zone Championship must be members of that Club.
- 2) Preferably, all Club anglers must have the nationality of the country they represent.
- 3) However two (2) foreign competitors are allowed in a Club, if they have the following conditions:
 - a) they shall have the Club's licence with which they intend to compete, and they are not under any disciplinary sanction;
 - b) they shall not be obligatory resident in the Country they represent, provided they have never been representing any other national or Club team, in any other discipline, during the 2 years preceding the championship in question;
 - c) the application shall be forwarded by the Federation of the Club the angler wishes to represent.

C) Requirements to represent categories of U15, U20 or U25

In 2026 the age limits to belong to the "YOUTH" (U15, U20 or U25) categories are as follows:

- U15: being under 15 and over 10 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship. **Competitors born between 2011 and 2015 included.**
- U20: being under 20 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship. **Competitors born in 2006 or in the following years.**
- U25: being under 25 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship. **Competitors born in 2001 or in the following years.**

§ It shall be possible to move up to the preceding category (one or more U15s may take part in the U20 category, and one or more U20s may take part in the U25 category). **In any case the reverse is not possible.**

D) Requirements to represent categories of MASTERS and VETERANS

In 2026 the age limits to belong to the “MASTERS” and “VETERANS” categories are as follows:

- MASTERS (O55): being 55 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship. **Competitors born between 1961 and 1970 included.**
- VETERANS (O65): being 65 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship. **Competitors born between 1950 and 1960 included.**

§ Over 65 years old athletes, who therefore belong to the VETERANS category, can be part of the MASTERS category, while the reverse is not possible.

In any case, Athletes being 75 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the championship shall present a medical certificate attesting their good health state.

Competitors shall always be able to prove their nationality by means of national IDs or passports. All supporting documents shall be produced at the 2nd captains' meeting.

THE RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

-8- Each C.I.P.S./F.I.P.S.e.d. member Nation as the right to be represented by the following teams:

- 1) **NATIONS: one team only, composed by 5 anglers and 1 reserve, who shall be nominated before the draw for each leg.**
- 2) **EUROPEAN: one team only, composed by 5 anglers and 1 reserve, who shall be nominated before the draw for each leg.**

§ **From 2027 and forward years each European team shall be composed by 4 anglers and 1 reserve.**

- 3) **LADIES, MASTERS, VETERANS, U15, U20 and U25: one team of each category, composed by 4 anglers and 1 reserve who shall be nominated before the draw for each leg.**
- 4) **CLUBS: each member Nation has the right to be represented by 2 Clubs composed of 5 anglers and 1 reserve who shall be nominated before the draw for each leg.**

§ **From 2027 and forward years the Clubs' Team shall be composed by 4 anglers and 1 reserve.**

- 5) **The previous year's Club World Champion will be automatically admitted. For this reason, his country of origin will also be able to register a third Club, but on condition that the second clubs of all other countries were accepted. If due to venue capability any second team of one country is refused, the Nation of the Club World Champion of previous year will be allowed to register only a second Club.**
- 6) **If for any reason, venue is too short or the event has abnormal number of Clubs interested to participate in the Coarse Fishing Clubs World Championship, only the maximum number of Clubs that the venue can accommodate will be admitted. In this case, the admission criteria are as follows:**
 - 1st) **one team per country;**
 - 2nd) **the team world champion in the previous year;**
 - 3rd) **a second team of the organising country;**
 - 4th) **a second team of other interested countries taking into account the Clubs F.I.P.S.e.d. ranking based on the best 5 results obtained in the last 6 years and updated to the previous year, giving priority for the first country of the ranking, than the second and so on until the maximum capacity of the venue;**
 - 5th) **a third team of the country of the Club World Champion of previous year.**
- 7) For all championships mentioned above, the names of the 6 or 5 anglers 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.
- 8) **In the NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUB, VETERANS, U15, U20 and U25 Championships, which are held in two legs, each team may make only one substitution. In the LADIES and MASTERS Championships, which are held in three legs, each team may make two substitutions.**

§ In the event of any injury during a competition, the angler may be replaced by the reserve angler, however, it shall not be possible to replace the fishing tackle. Angler substitutions shall be authorised by a Jury member.
- 9) **No competitor shall be allowed to participate as an individual. Exception for a new or experimental world championship, individual invitations can be made once.**
- 10) **Any lady can take part of the NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUBS, MASTERS, VETERANS, U15, U20 or U25 teams, provided that she meets the requirements of the specific championship in which she participates.**

PARTICIPATION FEES

-9- Depending on the type of championship, the registration fees shall be as follows:

- a) € 1,400, including 9 closing gala dinners (5 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate) and 6 fishing licenses, for participation in the NATIONS, EUROPEAN and CLUBS Championships;
- b) € 1,300, including 8 closing gala dinners (4 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate) and 5 fishing licenses, for participation in the **LADIES**, MASTERS, VETERANS Championships;
- c) **€ 1,300, including 8 closing gala dinners (4 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate) and 5 fishing permits, for participation of a single team in the U25 World Championship;**
- d) **€ 1,300, including 8 closing gala dinners (4 Anglers, 1 Reserve, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate) and 5 fishing permits, for participation of a single team in the € U15 or U20 World Championship, € 500 of which shall be deducted and paid by F.I.P.S.e.d., thus reducing the registration fee to € 800;**
- e) **€ 2,000, including 16 closing gala dinners (8 Anglers, 2 Reserves, 4 Captains, and 2 Delegates) and 10 fishing permits, for participation of two teams in the U15 and U25 or in the U20 and U25 World Championships, € 500 of which shall be deducted and paid by F.I.P.S.e.d., thus reducing the registration fee to € 1,500;**
- f) **€ 2,000, including 16 closing gala dinners (8 Anglers, 2 Reserves, 4 Captains, and 2 Delegates) and 10 fishing permits, for participation of two teams in the U15 and U20 World Championships, € 1,000 of which shall be deducted and paid by F.I.P.S.e.d., thus reducing the registration fee to € 1,000;**
- g) **€ 2,700, including 24 closing gala dinners (12 Anglers, 3 Reserves, 6 Captains, and 3 Delegates) and 15 fishing permits, for participation of three teams in the U15, U20 and U25 World Championships, € 1000 of which shall be deducted and paid by F.I.P.S.e.d., thus reducing the registration fee to € 1,700;**
- h) **€ 200 shall be paid by each team of NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUBS, LADIES, MASTERS, VETERANS, U20, U25; said fee shall remain available to F.I.P.S.e.d. No F.I.P.S.e.d. fee is envisaged for U15 category;**
- i) **€ 500 shall be paid by the organising Nation to C.I.P.S.'s disposal (to be paid to C.I.P.S.'s bank account) for NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUBS, LADIES, MASTERS, VETERANS, U20 and U25 championships. No C.I.P.S. fee is envisaged for U15 World Championship;**
- j) **extra medals, maximum 3 per team has the cost of € 25,00 each, including diploma. This cost must be done directly to F.I.P.S.e.d.;**
- k) **extra gala dinner must be required to the organisation in advance. The cost must be mentioned in the programme and must not exceed € 60,00 per dinner;**

- l) any Nation or Club that undertakes to take part in a championship by filling in the relevant registration form but does not show up, shall, in any case, pay the relevant fee to the organising Nation. Nations or Clubs failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organising future championships.

OPENING CEREMONY

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

The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place at 06:00 p.m., preferably on the Sunday and not later than Monday for the LADIES and MASTERS championships and Monday and not later than Tuesday for NATIONS, EUROPEAN, CLUBS, VETERANS, U15, U20 and U25 championships. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

BOXES AND TRAINING

WARNING: It is strictly forbidden to place competitors at less than 25 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

- 11- Official training shall take place at the official venue.

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

The official venue shall be organised as follows:

- 1) **six**-day absolute closing before the first official training day for all the members of the participating official teams. During these **6** days, training at the venue shall be forbidden for all teams in the entire area chosen for the championship, as well as 500 metres upstream and downstream of said area (including the opposite banks for lakes, rowing venues, canals, streams and rivers) (yellow card to the team);
- 2) the organisers shall mark the borders of the training area by using clearly marked signage;
- 3) apart from the closing period, the venue shall be made available for regular visits and fishing [local closing periods and special fishing conditions (fishing license) shall be abided by]. Should the venue be always closed to fishing, it shall be made available on at least 2 weekends (the dates shall be specified in the programme);
- 4) in order to enable all teams to train at the official venue during the 5 or 4 training days, the organisers, will divide the venue in boxes;
- 5) each "BOX" shall consist of 6 pegs for NATIONS, EUROPEAN and CLUBS Championships, and 5 pegs for LADIES, MASTERS, VETERANS, U15, U20 and U25 Championships;

- 6) the drawing of boxes must be carried out during first captains meeting in the afternoon before the first day of training (**Saturday or Sunday afternoon**) The boxes drawing time and place shall be included in the event programme;
- 7) during boxes draw, each team will take a number correspondent to a line where are attributed the boxes for the five or four days of training;
- 8) only the 5 anglers and 1 reserve or 4 anglers and 1 reserve of the several official teams will be allowed to fish on the venue during training days (yellow card for the team);
 - § **However, during training sessions for the Ladies and U15 World Championships, the captain is allowed to fish for certain periods to demonstrate specific angling techniques, such as line handling, and thus complement the verbal explanation of the intended action. But to fish, the captain must have the respective local license.**
- 9) **five days of official training (from Monday until Friday) for NATIONS, EUROPEAN and CLUBS championships. Competition on Saturday and Sunday;**
- 10) **four days of official training (from Monday until Thursday) for VETERANS, U15, U20, U25 championships. Competition on Friday and Saturday;**
- 11) **four days of official training (from Sunday until Wednesday) for LADIES and MASTERS. Competition on Thursday, Friday and Saturday;**
- 12) the last day of training shall be compulsory for all teams (whole teams with all their anglers);
- 13) the amount of baits and ground baits allowed for competition shall be the same allowed for training days;
- 14) on each training day, the organisers shall indicate the authorised angling hours by means of special acoustic signals, for heavy baiting (09:50 a.m.), start fishing (10:00 a.m.) and end of training (02:00 p.m. or 06:00 p.m.);
- 15) the standard periods of training are as follow:
 - **day of opening ceremony and last day of training: 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.;**
 - § **For Ladies and Masters championships the training period is of 5 hours: 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.**
 - **remaining days of training: 10:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.**
 - § **Last Day of training, venues must be completely cleared by 03:00 p.m. (04:00 p.m. for Ladies and Masters).**
- 16) **before 10:00 a.m. and after 02:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. for Ladies and Masters) or 06:00 p.m., angling shall be forbidden** (yellow card for team);
- 17) the teams shall abide by the aforesaid angling schedule (no baiting shall be authorised before the official signal) (yellow card for team);

- 18) any absent team (not showing up at the venue) not taking part in the last day of official training shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING team and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (red card to the team);
- 19) according to fish species present in the venue some restrictions for fish protection can be imposed during training days, for example: no keepnets, keepnets allowed only during a small period of time or for some fish species catch and release immediately.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PEGS OF THE VENUE

-12- The pegs for competition must respect the following conditions:

- 1) the peg shall have a width of 10 metres (min) to **15 metres (recommended) or 20 metres (max)**. The fishing area is delimited by two imaginary lines perpendicular to the shoreline and located **not less than** 5 meters from the marker indicating the centre of the fishing area;

§ **In case of shorter venues, a different width of the pegs can be defined under F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Committee authorization.**

- 2) the position number 1 shall always be located to the left looking at the water mass, and numbering will run from the left to the right;
- 3) the angling positions shall be well defined so to be far from the spectators. **A minimum distance of 10 meters is recommended**. Furthermore, a corridor for authorised people (organisers, reserves, captains, press, and Jury) shall be created between the anglers and the spectators;
- 4) this official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle during competition (oral warning);
- 5) the organisation shall customize each angler's peg by means of a board indicating the name and the nationality of the competitor. Such boards are provided by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s person in charge of the rankings;
- 6) should it be necessary to trace a line to align up all competitors along the venue (string, line traced on the ground or into the water, etc.), so to avoid that some of the competitors will be further ahead than others. This shall be done before the start of the training session and monitored by the sector steward;
- 7) when visiting and inspecting proposed competition venues, the Technical Committee shall make sure that the pegs have sufficient space to uncouple their rods at any one time.

CAPTAINS' MEETING

§ Captains' meetings are informative meetings, where guidelines are provided for the competitions. ***Under no circumstance shall changes to the Rules be made during the captains' meetings.*** The Rules shall only be changed at F.I.P.S.e.d. Executive Committee's annual

meetings, based on the recommendations that shall be sent in writing by National Federations to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretary General.

-13- It would be advisable that general stewards attend the captains' meetings.

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

1st meeting - On the eve of the first training day

- **The organisation will provide information about venue, parking, local laws, programme of the championship, etc.**
- **Drawing boxes for training days, based in a drawing grid.**

2nd meeting - On the eve of the first leg, at 05:00 p.m.

During this meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 30 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 1st leg. The call-up order shall be reversed for the 2nd leg (e.g.: the Nation which drew lots first the first leg, will then draw last for the second leg, etc.);
- various information about the progress of the championship;
- drawing sectors (A, B, C, etc.) to each angler of each team (Nations, European, Ladies, Masters, Veterans, U15, U20 or U25).

§ **In Club competitions, instead of assigning a sector to each competitor by drawing lots, the captain has the right to choose which sector (A, B, C, etc.) each of his team's anglers will fish in.**

3rd meeting – On the morning of the first leg

- Draw pegs, for each angler, in the various sectors.

4th meeting – On the afternoon after the first leg

- Notification of the results to the participating Nations.
- Remarks on the performance of the leg.
- Drawing pegs exclusively attributing sectors (A, B, C, etc.) of the second leg to each angler of each team (Nations, European, Ladies, Masters, Veterans, U15, U20 or U25). For Clubs, the Captain is the right to nominate them.

5th meeting – On the morning of the second leg

- Draw pegs, for each angler, in the various sectors.

6th meeting - On the afternoon after the second leg (for Ladies and Masters only)

- **Notification of the results to the participating Nations.**
- **Remarks on the performance of the leg.**
- **Drawing sectors (A, B, C, etc.) of the third leg to each angler of each team (Ladies and Masters).**

7th meeting - On the morning of the third leg

- **Draw pegs, for each angler, in the various sectors.**

CAPTAINS' RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

-14- The captains are the team's representatives to the organisation and the F.I.P.S.e.d.

Two captains by team are allowed. Captains must be identified wearing green bib or armbands marked with a C.

Only the captains have the right to participate in the captains' meeting.

Only the captains have the right to ask questions to the organisation and/or F.I.P.S.e.d.

Only the captains have the right to enter and remain inside of a peg of an angler of their team. But no more than one captain at the same time in one peg (oral warning).

The captains have a duty to make the team and to participate in the draw, boxes or pegs.

The captains must assure that their anglers wear bibs or armbands.

The captains must assure that their anglers know the rules.

It is the captain's responsibility to ensure the competitors are aware about information's given during captains meeting.

The captains are responsible for the team behaviour. Any card for the team represents a card for the captains.

§ Reserve competitors shall wear a red bib or armband marked with an R letter. If sectors are too far from each other, the International Jury can allow the reserve to enter the pegs, as third captain.

Anytime a captain shall not be allowed to enter the peg of an angler who is not part of his/her team (oral warning).

DRAWING SECTORS AND PEGS FOR EACH LEG

-15- Draw procedures

- a) The draw of sectors and pegs, during captain's meetings, are done by F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives, under the scrutiny of the organisers, in the presence of the captains or delegates of each team, and/or International Jury.
- b) The draw for the sectors will be done in the day before each leg during captain's meeting (Nations, European, Ladies, Masters, Veterans, U15, U20 and U25).

§ **For Clubs competition, during captain's meetings, the captain has the right to nominate one angler for each sector.**

- c) Pegs for each leg shall be drawn out at least 180 minutes before the beginning of the leg.
- d) The positions/pegs for the first leg shall be attributed according to a drawing grid prepared by F.I.P.S.e.d., for all sectors, in order to ensure the highest possible conditions of theoretical equality for all. This procedure is applied for all championships.
- e) **The same procedure using a drawing grid can be used for second leg and, where applicable, for the third leg. But also, the draw can be done random, angler by angler, peg by peg.**
- f) In any case, preparation of grid or random draw, some conditions are considered, like end pegs and pre-end pegs selected.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

-16- General provisions concerning angler behaviour

- 1) Competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transportation.
- 2) Each competitor shall have 120 minutes to get ready. As soon as the anglers arrive at the venue, they shall wear their bibs or armbands and deposit all their equipment in the entrance of the allotted peg.

§ **Under special conditions, the international Jury can authorize to perform some tasks inside of the peg before the starting signal to be given, like to cut grass or reeds, to install platform or seat box, etc.**

- 3) Anglers **and their companions** shall not be allowed to prepare their equipment before the official starting signal (yellow card).
- 4) After starting signal, competitors are allowed to enter their pegs and to prepare their rods, lines, fishing tackles, etc.
- 5) Before the starting signal be given to entry in the peg, the anglers **or their companions** shall be allowed to prepare outside of the peg only baits and ground baits. **After starting signal, the angling companions can continue preparing**

baits and ground baits, outside of the peg, until the signal to baits and ground baits control.

- 6) **The anglers must respect the straight lines defined by organization before to install the seat box or platform.**
- 7) **The anglers can use a platform, but platform as seat box shall be installed in a straight line, clear of the water or, if necessary, partially or totally submerged, but always must respect no more than a half meter deeper for front legs or the line of alignment installed by organisation.** This decision will be taken by the organisers, with the approval of the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Committee, and will be included in the programme or communicated during the Captains' meeting.
- 8) As soon as the baits control signal is given, the baits and ground baits shall be located in the corridor behind angler's peg and no additional change or inclusion shall be allowed until the checks are performed (yellow card).
- 9) The ground baits shall be presented ready for use. Sealed bags of ground bait, shall not be authorized (yellow card).

§ **Exception, the angler can have a sealed bag with maximum 0,250 g of flavour.**

- 10) After the baits and ground baits checks, the anglers shall not be allowed to receive any additional baits and/or ground baits (red card).

§ **In case of a catastrophic loss of baits or ground baits before the heavy baiting, the International Jury can authorize the entrance of additional baits or ground baits, but always under his supervision.**

- 11) After baits and ground baits control, any fishing tackles may be handed over to the anglers before the heavy baiting signal, but only by a sector steward.
- 12) After baits and ground baits control, the anglers are not allowed to exit from the peg, without permission and always under steward supervision.
- 13) If the control of baits and ground baits has not been carried out, competitors are not authorized to fish (red card).
- 14) After the heavy baiting signal, it shall be forbidden to hand over any kind of material (baits, ground baits and equipment) to the competitors (red card).

§ **Exception of above restriction, pieces of broken rods, which may be replaced through the sector stewards.**

- 15) It shall be forbidden to fish and throw bait or ground bait in the pegs upstream or downstream (left and right) (oral warning).
- 16) No surplus/left ground baits and baits shall be thrown into the water after training period and after the competition (yellow card).
- 17) Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help (yellow card); the captain is authorized to give verbal advice only.

§ Sector stewards or captains may also help anglers to unfasten any possibly stuck rod part.

- 18) Wearing the bibs or armbands is mandatory (oral warning).
- 19) Inside the peg allotted to them, the anglers shall move discretely and noiselessly (oral warning).
- 20) Competitors may use the space allotted to them however way they wish.
- 21) Smoking on the venue is forbidden during competitions (yellow card).

BAITS AND GROUND BAITS

-17- Concerning baits and ground baits

The composition of baits and ground baits shall be of natural origin. It is forbidden to use **artificial or** metal products (red card).

The use of pellets, boiles or any other kind of agglomerated ground baits or pasted baits, **silicone lures or similar**, is not allowed for hooking and ground baiting (red card).

Sieving of ground baits (through a sieve, hamper, landing nets' tip and others) and mixing (with electric mixer) are forbidden once the control have been carried out (yellow card).

The ground baits shall be presented at the control in graduated buckets. Anglers must be fully equipped with their own graduated buckets for bait control (yellow card).

After baits and ground baits control until the end of the competition, re-moist ground baits and earths as well as to stick and preserve the baits, only can be done using sprayers (yellow card).

The use of additives liquid, for a maximal amount of **125** ml, is allowed and they can be added to bait and ground bait.

Artificial baits of whatever material (polystyrene, rubber, sponge, etc.) such as fake maggots, silkworms, moths, bloodworms, earthworms, etc. are prohibited (red card).

Spoons, artificial flies, baits made by using living or dead fish (or fishes' parts), other animal species such as frogs or fish roe are prohibited (red card).

The baits must be ready for control inside of "official size" boxes. **The boxes must indicate their capacity and must be transparent to see which baits are inside**. The boxes shall be presented closed, without using anything to keep them closed (e.g. adhesive tape may not be used to keep the lid closed).

Competitors who do not present the baits inside of "official size" boxes shall get one penalty point in the ranking. For instance, a competitor who does not have boxes for baits control, at the end of the leg if he ranks 5th, shall be given 6 points instead of 5. The competitor who ranks 6th shall, remain with 6 points.

The bloodworms that are meant for hooking shall be presented inside a "F.I.P.S.e.d. official size" box. After the control, bloodworms as all other baits can be used for baiting, mixed or not with ground baits.

Aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms) may be presented in no more than two boxes (e.g. ¼ of bloodworms in a ¼ box and ¼ of jokers in a ¼ box).

Any angler caught in the act (flagrante delicto), after the controls, of having more baits or ground baits than the quantities allowed for the competition, shall be given a red card and he will be in the bottom rank in the ranking + 1, for the rest of competition days. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee reserves the right -depending on the violation- to prevent the angler from participating in future F.I.P.S.e.d. championships for a given period.

ROD AND KEEPNETS

-18- Concerning rods and keepnets

a) Keepnets and rod lengths control will be performed before or during baits and ground baits control. The anglers to be controlled will be drawn one per sector.

b) The length of the rods is limited to:

- 10.00 metres for the "U15" category.
- 11.50 metres for the "U20" category.
- 11.50 metres for the "LADIES" category.
- 11.50 metres for the "MASTERS" and "VETERANS" category.
- 13.00 metres for the "U25", "NATIONS", EUROPEAN and "CLUBS" categories.

§ **Under no circumstances shall be permitted to exceed these rod length** (yellow card).

c) Despite said limits, fishing with rod and reel is allowed.

d) The minimum length of the keepnets is 3.50 metres. Any angler using shorter keepnet than 3.50 m, shall get a yellow card.

§ The keep-net mesh cannot exceed 10 mm on 10 mm. The keepnet shall have either a minimum diameter of 40 cm for the round ones or a minimum diagonal of 50 cm for the rectangular ones.

§ **Keepnets must remain outside of the water until the moment of baits control.**

e) **To have two keepnets, each with a minimum length of 3.50 metres, inside of the peg is compulsory** (yellow card).

§ **Under decision of International Jury, the second keepnet can be used to separate fragile species or to make sure there isn't too many fish in one single keepnet.**

- f) The keepnet shall be positioned underwater for at least 2 metres during the entire competition.

§ It shall be prohibited to use any other means to keep the fish.

RULES OF COMPETITION

-19- Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules:

- 1) The fishing-line shall imperatively be equipped with a float.
- 2) Ledgering and fishing with the weight on the bottom and/or with feeder is strictly forbidden; it is also forbidden to mount the weight on snoods or branch lines (red card).
- 3) Overshooting of the float is forbidden (the weight of the sinker of the line must not exceed the capacity of the float used) (yellow card).
- 4) The main mass of the sinker shall for no reason lie at the bottom (yellow card).

§ However, 10% of the total weight of the sinker may lie at the bottom.

- 5) The placing of sinker in the line must assure a normal displacement of the line, even in situations of strong stream. For “throwing and dragging” angling, the line shall continue its progression without interruptions, if released (yellow card).
- 6) 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).
- 7) The spare rods shall not be baited (yellow card).
- 8) Only single hooks barb or barbless are allowed.

§ Treble hook is not allowed (red card).

- 9) Baits used on the hook shall not be mixed on the point. The bait should be skewered on the hook (yellow card).
- 10) Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands or baiting with a “cup” applied to a rod tip are allowed.
- 11) Anglers are not allowed to form their heavy ground baits balls and ground bait before the baits and the ground baits checks are carried out.
- 12) Ground bait balls shall be prepared and thrown into the water without any container (socks, feeder socks, anti-pollution containers, etc.).
- 13) Balls for light baiting shall not be formed before the beginning of the competition.

14) During competition anglers shall only use light bait (by light bait, we intend the manipulation using one hand only, without leaning against anything - thigh, bucket, etc.) (yellow card).

§1. But when light baiting is performed with a cup, ground baits and sticky maggots shall be taken with one hand only, but they may subsequently be handled with both hands to prepare the ball.

§2. When light baiting is performed with a catapult, sticky maggots shall be taken with one hand only, but they may subsequently be handled with both hands to prepare the ball.

§3. When light baiting is performed with a catapult, ground baits, earth, etc. shall be taken with one hand only and the balls can be prepared with one hand only, contrary to what was established for sticky maggots.

15) Using mini “cups” permanently fixed on the tip of the fishing rods is allowed during the fishing action.

16) When ground bait is thrown using a “cup”, only one rod shall be permitted above the water surface (the contemporary use of a second rod for this type of baiting is prohibited) (yellow card).

17) When using cup baiting, under no circumstances may the rod extend beyond the peg area limits (yellow card).

§ **In certain venues, the Jury may, exceptionally, authorize the rod to extend beyond the peg area limits, during the initial baiting and/or during the competition. This exception will be communicated to all captains during the 2nd captains' meeting.**

18) Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited (yellow card).

19) When a fish is caught, angling shall be forbidden until the caught fish is put in the keepnet (yellow card).

20) The use of a landing net is only permitted for competitors (yellow card).

21) It is prohibited to define the angling distance by means of any mechanical or electronic aid (red card).

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

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

24) Using drones is prohibited, during competition (yellow card).

§ **During training days and under special conditions the drones can be authorized by the International Jury, on advice of the Technical Committee.**

25) The use of platforms with a maximum size of 1 x 1 metre is allowed; the competitors may stand on them.

§1. **Under no circumstances may the front feet of the platform be placed beyond the alignment line or placed at a depth greater than a half meter** (yellow card).

§2. **In order to assure better conditions for the fish can the International Jury and organisation decide different alignment or deep.**

§3. **Additional platforms may be set up in line with the main platform, but only for placing the equipment.**

§4. **Conditions above are, also, valid for seat box.**

26) Electrical equipment such as drills, cutters or similar devices used to mix ground baits or to chop or cut additives to be added to ground bait (corn, hemp, grains, etc.) is only permitted before bait and ground bait control.

§ However, the use of electric cutters is always forbidden for chopping or cutting baits (maggots, worms, jokers, bloodworms, casters, etc.), which must always be submitted for control in their entire state (yellow card).

27) Lacking any such check, competitors shall not be authorized to fish.

28) At any time during a competition, if a Jury member or a sector steward notices or there are clear suspicions that an angler is violating the rules, the Jury or the steward may ask the angler to stop fishing, allowing the verification of the probable irregularity (position of the float, sinker on bottom, rod length, etc.).

§ As soon as the Jury member or steward asks for verification, the angler can not modify the composition of his/her line (position of the float, variation of the weight of the sinker, rupture of the end of the sinker, destruction of the line, etc.) (red card).

29) Should the angler under consideration refuse to undergo the afore mentioned checks or should he/she modify his/her line, he/she shall be brought before the Jury (red card).

VALID SPECIES

-20- The competitors shall abide by the rules which fish species and legal fish size are valid according national/local law. That information must be written in the programme and shall be made public during the 1st and 2nd captains' meeting.

1) Only the species admitted by local law are valid (oral warning).

2) Fish that are smaller than the minimum legal size are not valid. The fish shall be seized by the weighing team, and the angler concerned shall be given a yellow card.

3) **Fish that were severely damaged and may have died due to rough handling are not valid.** The fish shall be seized by the weighing team, and the angler concerned shall be given a yellow card.

- 4) Fish shall be kept alive in micromesh keepnets, and the keepnets must be submerged assuring conditions of survival for the fish (yellow card).
- 5) The catching of a fish is valid even if it is accidentally hooked outside its mouth.
- 6) Any fish is valid, even if it is proven that during its capture it may have invaded adjacent pegs and become entangled in the line(s) of other(s) competitor(s), provided that both lines get free during the fishing action and before the fish is caught.
- 7) But, if two (or more) anglers lines remain hung on each other after the catch, the fish (1 or 2) shall not be deemed valid and shall immediately be put back into the water.
 - § Should a competitor refuse to do so and should he/she put the fish under consideration into his/her keepnet, without previous authorization, during the final weighing phase the person in charge of weighing shall weigh the biggest fish separately and take note of the weight of the fish concerned on the competitor's card. The Jury shall then decide whether to deduct the weight of the fish concerned from the total weight. The competitor shall be given a yellow card, if the catch is not deemed valid.
- 8) **Any fish is valid, even if it is proven that it invaded an adjacent peg crossing lines, entangled or not, as long as the competitors decide to move to the neutral zone between pegs and, without either handling the other's rod, uncross the lines and both lines become free during the fishing action and before the fish is caught.**
- 9) **Decisions of an exceptional nature and relating to valid species may be decided by the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Committee. On a case-by-case basis, such as banning certain species or limiting the weight to be assigned to large specimens, etc.**

STEWARDS

-21- Concerning the importance of the stewards.

The stewards are important members of organisation, they can support the members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee, **monitoring the anglers and ensuring that the rules are followed.**

There shall be at least **5 stewards per sub-sector or sector in the case of sectors with less than 20 anglers. It is highly recommended a general steward for each sector or sub-sector.** Such stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition and must able to:

- do a sector or sub-sector control;
- apply the compliance with rules;
- do a proper assessment in cases of questionable fish;
- do the weighing operations;
- collect any surplus/left of baits and ground baits after the control;

- 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.);
- keep an eye, at the end of the competition, on the fish caught by the angler and forbid access to the angling position to any unauthorised person until the arrival of the weighing team. Together with the angler, the steward shall sign the weighing sheet carrying the weight of the fish.

The general steward, supported by a member of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive, must be also able to:

- verify the quantity of ground bait and baits;
- verify if the ground baits respect the condition of wet and sieved, including earth, gravel, corn maize, wheat, hempseed, etc. and other additives that are not toxic for the fauna and the water environment;
- verify the overall quantity of baits. All baits shall be measured without being pressed. Earthworms and other baits shall be presented to the control entire (not-cut) and inside the correct box;
- verify that each angler presents for the checks the quantities of baits and ground baits envisaged in the programme. In the event of non-compliance, the competitor shall be reprimanded with yellow card;
- measure keepnet and rod, if requested.

SIGNALS

-22- 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.

At first signal, anglers can entry in the peg and they start preparing their fishing tackles, measuring the water deep, preparing their lines, their ground baits, etc.

The second signal shall indicate that 5 minutes are left before to start the baits and ground baits control.

The third signal shall indicate to start the baits and ground baits controls (1 hour before heavy ground baiting). The control starts from the peg n° 1 of each sector or from the first peg of each sub-sector.

The fourth signal, shall allow anglers to start heavy baiting (10 minutes are allowed for this task).

The fifth signal shall indicate the beginning of the competition.

The sixth signal shall warn the competitors that only 5 minutes are left before the end of the competition.

The seventh signal shall indicate the end of the competition.

§ After this signal, only the fish that is already out of the water shall count. Hooked fish but inside into the water must return to the water immediately.

WEIGHING OPERATIONS AND WEIGHING EQUIPMENT

-23- In each sector or sub-sector must be available:

- a) **one scale with divisions of 10 g and capacity to weight at least 20 kg. One model like Kern that gives the average weight in 10 seconds is recommended;**
- b) the weighing bags must have holes enough to allow water drainage. Also the net of bag must be adequate for fish avoiding fish stuck in the net;
- c) a tripod for scale must be available to more accurate weighing;
- d) in case of windy or wet day, also an umbrella or portable tent must be available during weighing operation.

-24- Weighing criteria

- a) Weights shall be recorded in grams.
- b) When very small fish, which do not register on the scales (scales scoring 0 grams), the number of fish must be registered and the angler shall be ranked based on the number of fishes caught, after all others anglers ranked based on to the weight of the fish they have caught.

-25- The weighing operations shall be performed by, at least, 5 main stewards. The tasks of each stewards are the following:

- a) Steward number one shall be responsible for weighing, making tara every peg or confirming that weighing starts from zero and taking care of scale and weighing bag.
- b) Steward number two is responsible for the bucket and landing net, helping the angler to transfer the fish from keepnets to landing net inside of the bucket. After to confirm that all fish was removed from keepnet, this steward transfer the fish from landing net to the weighing bag.
- c) Steward number three shall write down the weights in the official record or app, asking the angler to confirm and sign.
- d) Steward number four shall write the total weight in a table showing the information for staff from other teams and spectators. And also, can help steward number one moving the tripod from one peg to another.
- e) Steward number five must collect bibs or armbands for the next leg.
- f) A sixth steward is necessary in the windy and/or wet days, to protect the scale with an umbrella or portable tent.

-26- Procedures of the angler before, during and after weighing

- a) Until the arrival of the weighing team, competitors shall leave their keepnets with the fish into the water.
- b) The fish shall be handled with care during transfer from keepnet to the landing net and weighing bag.
- c) After the weighing, the fish shall be put back into the keepnet of the angler, and the keepnet shall be put back into the water without delay. This shall allow double checking weight in the event of any complaint.

§ **In case of fragile species like bleak and to assure the better survival conditions for the fish, the international jury can decide that those species will be kept, and weight separated from others species and immediately return to the water after weighing.**

- d) Each angler shall witness the weighing operations to control the weight of fish caught, than and sign the weighing sheet or app confirming the weight.

§ After the weighing sheet or app has been signed, no weight-related complaints shall be accepted.

- e) Only after to finish the weighing of all anglers of the sector or sub-sector and if no complaints the fish can back into the water careful.

§ **If any angler intends to make pictures of the fish, the action must be quick and careful. Fragile species, like bleak, must be returned immediately into the water and pictures are not allowed.**

RANKINGS

- 27- Under no circumstances should a sector have more than 19 teams. If are present more than 19 or 38 teams, the sector will be divided in two or three sub-sectors, respectively (if there are 20 teams in the sector, that will be divided into two sub-sectors of 10 competitors each, while if there are 39 teams in the sector, that will be divided into three sub-sectors of 13 competitors each).**

1- RANKING BY SECTOR IN THE LEGS

- a) Ranking by sector or sub-sector shall be drawn up based on the weight.
- b) The competitor who recorded the highest weight shall be given 1 point, while 2 points shall be attributed to the second one, and so on.
- c) If the sector is divided into sub-sectors and the number of teams is odd, the ranking of the angler in between both sub-sector will be ranked by sector on the left. But his weight also counts for the ranking of the sub-sector on the right, but this position should not be considered for him.
- d) In the event of a tied score (same weight) in the same sector or sub-sector, the anglers concerned shall obtain a number of points equalling the average placing they should have had (example: two competitors with same weight

placed in 5th position, they will obtain $(5+6)/2 = 5.5$ points each. If instead of tie with two anglers, we have tie of three or four anglers, we must follow the same criteria (example: three competitors tying in the 8th position, the average will be $(8+9+10)/3 = 9$ points, and so on).

- e) An angler who have not caught any fish will receive the number of points equal to the last of sector or sub-sector.

If we have more than one angler, in one sector or sub-sector with no fish we follow the same rule for a tie: each anglers will receive the number of points equal to the average of non-attributed places in their sector or sub-sector (example: 18 anglers, 12 caught fish and they will be placed at the first 12 places with points from 1 to 12. The remaining anglers from 13th to 18th position will get the average of points: $(13+18)/2 = 15.5$ points each.

2- RANKING BY TEAM

A- 1st LEG

- a) Sum of the points obtained in each sector or sub-sector by the anglers of a team.

The team scoring the lowest number of points shall rank 1st, and so on.

- b) In the event of a tied score, the rank shall be made on the teams concerned based on the heaviest weight recorded by the anglers of the same team.

- c) In the event of further tied score, the team with the heaviest individual weight shall be higher in the ranking.

- d) If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked based on the lowest number of points obtained by one of the anglers composing the team.

B- SECOND LEG AND THIRD LEG (should it exist)

- a) The ranking is established in the same way as for the first leg.

C-FINAL GENERAL RANKING

- a) The sum of the points obtained in the two or three legs; the team obtaining the lowest number of points will rank 1st, and so on.

- b) In the event of a tie on points, the teams concerned will be ranked by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the competitors in the two or three legs.

- c) In the event of a tie on weight in the two or three legs, the heaviest weight obtained by a team in one of the two or three legs shall be considered.

- d) If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked based on the lowest number of points obtained by a team in one of the two or three legs.

3- INDIVIDUAL RANKING

A- 1st LEG

- a) The anglers shall be ranked based on the points obtained in the relevant sector or sub-sector. The anglers who got 1 point shall rank 1st; they shall be followed by those who got 2 points, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on points, competitors will be ranked according to the highest weight achieved.
- c) **In the event of a tie on weight, the fishermen will be ranked with the same number of points and the next competitor in the ranking will be awarded a number of points equal to the number of competitors ahead of him + 1.**

B- 2nd LEG and 3rd LEG (should it exist)

- a) The ranking is established in the same way as for the first leg.

C-FINAL GENERAL RANKING

- a) The sum of the points obtained in the two or three legs; the anglers obtaining the lowest number of points will rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on points between two or more anglers, the anglers concerned will be ranked by the highest total aggregate weight obtained in the two or three legs.
- c) In the event of a tie on total weight, the ranking shall be established based on the highest weight obtained on one of the two or three legs.
- d) If a tie still exists, the anglers shall be ranked based on the lowest number of points obtained on one of the two or three legs.
- e) **The anglers participating in only one leg (in the case of a championship consisting of two legs) or only one or two legs (in the case of a championship consisting of three legs) will be listed in the individual ranking in the following order: first those who competed in all three legs, then those who competed in two, and finally those who competed in only one leg.**

The ranking will be established by a F.I.P.S.e.d. President or F.I.P.S.e.d. Delegate, lacking this person, by the organisers in the presence of the members of the Jury.

ANNUAL NATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

-28- A world or zone ranking per Nations or 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 ranking 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.

PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY

-29- The award ceremony for the winners must be opened with the official C.I.P.S. anthem.

In the World Championships for Nations, European, Ladies, Masters, Veterans, U15, U20 and U25, the top 3 teams and the top 3 individual competitors shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively.

In the World Championships for Clubs, the top 3 Clubs shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medals 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' or Clubs' 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).

For the Coarse Fishing World Championship for Clubs, only a team classification is previewed. No individual award shall be recognized.

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 and awarding the medals, **only the 9 members (NATIONS, EUROPEAN and CLUBS) or the 8 members (LADIES, MASTERS, VETERANS, U15, U20 and U25) of the official delegation for each team may access the podium (yellow card to the team).**

THE JURY

-30- 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 2nd 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 organising 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, and 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.

Should a member of the Jury notice or be led to record, during a leg, the obvious infringement of articles 17 (second §) and 18b, he/she may call for checks on the angler's line or ask to verify the length of the pole of the angler under consideration, without waiting for the end of the leg. Should the angler under consideration refuse to undergo the afore mentioned checks or should he/she modify his/her line, he/she shall be brought before the Jury.

The control of the rules 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.

- 31- 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 a thorough knowledge of such Rules.

- 32-** The Rules, which are drawn up in the 2 official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the captains by the organisers 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 the casting vote.

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

LIST OF PENALTIES

- 33-** If the same angler receives another yellow card, during the same or another championship **in the same discipline**, he/she shall be disqualified in that day.

The penalties shall be as follows:

- a) Oral warning for the infringement of articles 12.4, 14 (fifth §), 14 (eleventh §), 16.15, 16.18, 16.19 and 20.1.
- b) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 16.3, 16.8, 16.9, 16.16, 16.17, 16.21, 17 (fourth §), 17 (fifth §), 17 (sixth §), 18b, 18d, 18e, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 19.7, 19.9, 19.14, 19.16, 19.17, 19.18, 19.19, 19.20, 19.22, 19.23, 19.24, 19.25, 19.26, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.7 and 21 (fourth §) and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 12.4, 14 (fifth §), 14 (eleventh §), 16.15, 16.18, 16.19 and 20.1.
- c) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 16.10, 16.13, 16.14, 17 (second §), 17 (third §), 17 (eighth §), 17 (ninth §), 17 (fourteenth §), 19.2, 19.6, 19.8, 19.21, 19.28, 19.29, 35.1, 35.2 and 36 (second §), after a second infringement of articles 16.3, 16.8, 16.9, 16.16, 16.17, 16.21, 17 (fourth §), 17 (fifth §), 17 (sixth §), 18b, 18d, 18e, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 19.7, 19.9, 19.14, 19.16, 19.17, 19.18, 19.19, 19.20, 19.22, 19.23, 19.24, 19.25, 19.26, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.7 and 21 (fourth §) and after a third infringement of articles 12.4, 14 (fifth §), 14 (eleventh §), 16.15, 16.18, 16.19 and 20.1.
- d) Warning (yellow card) to the team for the infringement of articles 11.1, 11.8, 11.16, 11.17 and 29 (tenth §).
- e) Disqualification (red card) of the team for the infringement of the article 11.18 and after a second infringement of articles 11.1, 11.8, 11.16, 11.17 and 29 (tenth §).
- f) When an angler is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of the sector's or sub-sector's anglers + 1 will be assigned to him/her. 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).

- 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. Any new infringement over these 3 years shall be considered as a "relapse" and the Jury shall make its decision considering such relapse and the list of penalties.
- h) 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.
- 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.

-34- 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.

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

-35- 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

The leg shall immediately be stopped (a 1st signal will be emitted by the organisers) 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 (heavy ground baiting is forbidden).

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 5 hours.

Should the weather or water-related conditions not allow to 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

-36- 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 Organisation) of each Nation shall be exclusively kept by C.I.P.S. as controlling authority.

The organisers 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.

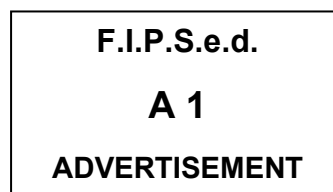
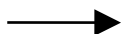
ADVERTISING ON BIBS

-37- 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.

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 back sides.

BIB SAMPLE



MISCELLANEOUS

-38- Photographers and cameramen will be entitled to access along the line that separates two pegs, with the prior authorization of the competitors and the relevant individual stewards. However, photographers and cameramen must not cross the line 3 meters behind the competitors' line. The permanence of cameramen or photographers on the demarcation line of two specific fishing pegs may in no case exceed 15 minutes for each fishing hour, provided that there is the agreement of the concerned competitors. Stewards are in charge of verifying the compliance with these rules

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.

RULES VERSIONS

-39- 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.

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