

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

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

ORGANIZATION

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

The national teams' anglers must hold the same nationality as the Country that they represent. Only one (1) foreign competitor is allowed in the team, 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 produced at the 1st team captains' meeting.

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

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.

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

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

No championship organization shall be entrusted to a Nation if that Nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water after they have been counted and weighed (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, 6 trophies for the "pair" competitions and 2 trophies for the "pair" who has caught the biggest fish. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 550 for 11 trophies. Such trophies shall feature a plate, carrying a "F.I.P.S.e.d." engraving or F.I.P.S.e.d.'s logo as well as the place and date of the championship. An invoice will be required in order to prove trophy-related expenses. If the aforesaid provisions (concerning the plate/logo) are not complied with, F.I.P.S.e.d. shall not reimburse any money. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall provide the medals.

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

- 3-** Each C.I.P.S. member Nation shall be allowed to present one team only, composed of 3 "pairs" of competitors (for carp fishing, competitors compete in "pairs"). No competitor shall be allowed to participate as an individual. Maximum two reserves will be allowed for each Nation. If an angler is replaced, the substitution shall be final. Competitors that are replaced for technical or medical reasons shall be replaced under the supervision of the stewards. The reserves may enter the peg with their fishing tackle, but without their baits and ground baits.

It shall be possible to replace one or two members of a "pair". It shall also be allowed to replace two competitors belonging to two different "pairs" with the two official reserves. Maximum two changes shall be allowed. Substituting one competitor from one pair to another pair is forbidden.

- 4-** Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as rivers, canals, or at suitable stretches of water, such as lakes etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue. The venue's average depth shall be of at least 1.5 meter. The minimum width of the venue shall be 100 meters for rivers, if the competitors are lined up on one shore only. For all other stretches of water (without currents), the venue's minimum width shall be 100 metres, with the competitors being lined up on one shore only, or 300 meters if the competitors are lined up on both shores. The carp population shall be sufficient, with a good percentage of fish weighing between 3 and 5 Kg.

Any possible fish-restocking program 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 3 months before any championship. A video or photographs documenting the restocking operations shall be shot/taken by the organizers and sent to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Commission.

- 5-** The selected venue shall offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors; the venue should be free from obstacles – to the extent possible – including power lines, bridges etc., except from the space between the sectors; sectors shall be at least 200 metres far from each other. The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger. Medical facilities shall be set up near the fishing sectors. Organizers shall make toilets, showers, and washbasins available to the anglers.

When selecting a venue, lakes should be preferred to rivers or streams, and they shall allow accommodating 25 Nations.

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

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

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

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

- 2- Selecting their hotels by themselves.

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

In both cases (participation through or without the help of the organizers), the registration fee is € 1,450.00, which includes 11 closing gala dinners and 8 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship, insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc..

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

If no details about the accommodation are provided by the deadline set by the organizers, the participating Nations shall imperatively have to book their accommodations themselves and shall still pay € 1,450.00 to the organizers.

Any Nation that undertakes to take part in a championship by filling in the relevant registration form but does not show up, shall, in any case, pay the contribution of € 1,450.00 to the organizing Nation. Nations failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organizing future championships.

All Nations shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the competition. Any absent Nation (that has not arrived) at the first team captains' meeting shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (see penalties under article 31 § c).

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

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

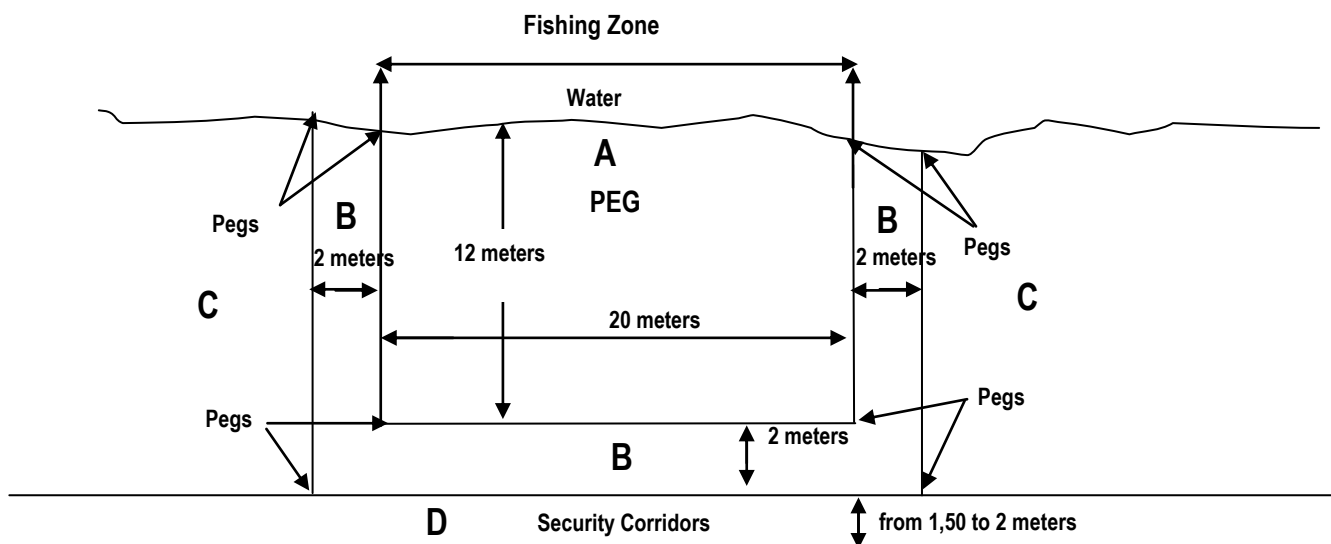
The "Carp Fishing" World Championship shall take place in late September.

- 6-** For the competitions, the distance between the fishing areas of each "pair" (to be measured from the exterior of an area to the exterior of the other area) shall be between minimum 20 metres and maximum 60 metres. This distance may be reduced subject to F.I.P.S.e.d. approval.

The angling area of each "pair" shall consist of "20 x 12 metre" peg, which may be entirely used and shall allow setting up camping tents and umbrellas. No bright colours shall be used for said tents and umbrellas (dark green, khaki or "camouflage"). The fishing area shall be staked out; the poles shall be well driven into the shore and along the sides of the safety lane; furthermore, they shall be evenly spaced, 20 metres from each other. Similarly, a D corridor shall be created, which will serve as a passageway for organisers, Jury members, reserves, journalists, and delegates of all participating Nations. Access to such security corridor shall be forbidden for the public and the spectators.

Team captains - 2 per Nation - may enter their teams' competitor pegs; team captains shall wear green back-numbers marked with a C, clearly indicating their status. Only one team captain shall be authorised inside a peg. Reserve competitors shall wear a red back-number marked with an R letter. If sectors are too far from each other, the International jury can allow one reserve to enter into the boxes.

The organization shall customize each pair's peg by means of a board indicating the names and the nationality of the pair's competitors, as well as the number, weight and type of every fish caught, updated every 6 hours. Such boards are provided by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s person in charge of the rankings.



- A** Access authorised for two competitors, their captains (one at a time) and Jury members.
- B** Access authorised for Jury members, stewards, reserves, the captains of the Nation to which the competitors belong and the press, with the consent of the two competitors.
- C and D** Access authorised for the organisers, Jury members, press, reserves, captains and delegates of all Nations, but forbidden to the public and to spectators.

Only the holders of a press licence or of any other accreditation document will be entitled to have a badge for having access into the corridors reserved to captains and to reserves.

The organisers have the obligation to reserve one (or more) appropriate areas nearby the competition venue, far from the competitors' boxes and tents, where the national teams' reserves, captains and delegates shall install their tents and park their vehicles.

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

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

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

1st meeting - On the eve of the competition's start

During this first meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 28 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.
- Various information about the progress of the championship.

- Drawing lots exclusively attributing sectors (A, B, C) to the “pairs” of each team.

2nd meeting - In the morning of the competition starting day

- Drawing lots to attribute anglers their competition slots in the various sectors.

Subsequent meetings – During the competition, the organisers will organise daily meetings (time to be determined by the organizers)

- Comments on the progress of the championship.

Depending on the issues to be discussed, an extraordinary meeting may be summoned by the organizers.

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

DRAWING LOTS

- 8- Lots shall be drawn out at least 180 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organizers, in the presence of the team captains or delegates of each team, and F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives.

The drawing lots will be carried out according to an automatic grid defined in advance by F.I.P.S.e.d.. Said grid shall be designed in a way such as to allow positioning the “pairs” belonging to a team in each third of a sector.

- 9- The position number 1 shall always be located to the left looking at the water body, and marking will run from the left to the right.
- 10- Team captains shall be given a back number for each one of their competitors making up the “pair”.

Back numbers 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 back numbers is mandatory.

GENERAL RULES

- 11- Each “pair” shall have 120 minutes to get ready. As soon as the anglers arrive at the venue wearing their back numbers, they shall imperatively deposit all their equipment and baits at the peg they have been attributed by drawing lots - regardless of whether they are ready for use or not - without however entering the peg (these provision also apply to the people helping the anglers to transport their equipment). It is not allowed to prepare the material until the signal is given that the competitors are allowed to enter their pegs. During preparation, the competitors may not get any help. The bait and all pieces of equipment may be handed over to the competitors until the ground baiting signal is given.

After the signal, only once during the entire competitions shall it be possible to hand over baits, ground baits, equipment, or fishing tackle to the anglers, and this through their team captains. Said supplies shall be handed over during the competition, at the same time to all participating Nations. The day, time and duration of the aforesaid supply operations shall be decided at the first team captains' meeting.

Any angler ("PAIR") caught in the act (flagrante delicto) to acquire any supplies at a time other than the authorised one, or having more baits or ground baits than the quantities allowed for the competition, shall be given a red card = last rank + 1 in the final ranking. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee reserves the right - depending on the violation - to prevent the anglers ("pairs") from participating in future F.I.P.S.e.d. championships for a given period of time.

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

- 12- Normally, there shall be one steward assigned to each "pair" and a general steward for each sector. In any case at least 1 steward every 3 "pairs" shall always be present on the venue, in day time, and at least 1 steward every 5 "pairs" during the night.** Such individual and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition. In order to make sure that at least one steward always present, there may be two or three of them working in shifts. The stewards in charge shall weight the fish caught by a team from the organizing Nation, but such weighing operations shall then also be validated by a member from another country, both at night and during the day.

The individual steward must:

- a) Control the carp keep-net and, if necessary, control the ground bait quantity.
 - b) Control the angling behaviour of the "pair" he is responsible for.
 - c) Verify and take note of every fish caught and of its weight.
 - d) Keep an eye, at the end of the competition, on the fish caught by the "pair" and forbid access to the angling position to any unauthorised person until the arrival of the weighing team; together with the anglers of the "pair", the individual steward shall sign the weighing sheet carrying the weight of the fish.
- 13- Only carps (mirror, common, leather) and grass carps (white coloured) shall be validated. To be included in the calculations, fish shall weigh at least 1,500 grams.**

If during the weighing operations, a weigh between 1,499 and 1,400 g is recorded (100 g of tolerance), the fish shall be deemed not valid and the related competitors will not receive any penalty.

If the fish weighs 1,399 g or less, it shall be deemed not valid and the related competitors will be sanctioned with a yellow card.

These provisions shall be included in the program and reminded at the first team captains' meeting. The organisers shall formally inform F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Technical Commission should most carps in the waterbody selected for the championship not weigh at least 1,500 grams. Should that be the case, the 1,500 g fish minimum weight shall be reduced. Fish shall only be kept alive in carp keepnets (only 1 fish per keepnet). During the competition, the keepnets shall be immersed into the water to their full length, and shall contain no lead, ballast, or any other object. Throughout the competition, no other system for preserving the caught fish shall be used. Competitors shall have a sufficient quantity of carp keepnets. Any caught fish that is smaller than the minimum legal size or

is mutilated, shall be seized by the weighing team, and the “pair” concerned shall be given a yellow card.

In the event of any lack of keepnets, the stewards shall be asked to weigh some fish in order to free a few keepnets.

- 14- It is forbidden to use animal baits and ground baits, both living and dead, fish roe and products of metal origin.

Only the following shall be authorised:

- Fresh or frozen meals, covering mixes;
- Seeds, boilies and pellets – natural or artificial.

Any agglomerate of the above-mentioned products shall not exceed the size of a 70-mm diameter sphere. Argyle, bentonite and baiting-leads coated with covering meal are forbidden.

For the 72-hour angling activities, the amount of solid fish food for both ground baiting and hooking shall not exceed 200 kg per “pair”; said amount may however be reduced depending on the venue.

At the end of the competition, any ground bait waist shall not be thrown into the water.

- 15- The competition shall consist of a single 72-hour leg.

Up until 20 teams, the venue shall be separated into 3 sectors, each one of which shall include one of the “pairs” of the participant Nations. In the case the participant Nations are 21 or more, it will be a task of the Technical Commission, upon advice of the organizers, to determinate whether to separate the venue into 3 sectors or, rather, into 6 sub-sectors.

In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the leg, provided that it lasted at least 48 hours.

The Jury can decide to reduce the duration of the leg if the competition schedule does not allow continuing angling for the 72 scheduled angling hours.

- 16- Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules.

- 17- Obligations, Prohibitions et Autorisations.

Obligations:

17.01- Reels shall compulsorily feature a fixed drag.

17.02- The lines shall be stretched inside the angling area marked by the axes of the peg’s side implantations. Baiting outside such angling area is forbidden. During the angling activities, all mounted lines shall be thrown outside the fishing peg, only by using fishing rods and by no other means.

17.03- Only a single hook shall be allowed for each fishing-line, and the “hair rig” is compulsory.

- 17.04- Only angling with a lead of a minimum of 50 g shall be allowed. Should the line break, the assembling system used shall allow the fish to easily free itself from the lead. Similarly, the fishing line shall feature an “anti shock” system preventing breakage when casting.
- 17.05- During the throwing of the tackles, the lead shall not make any lateral movement in the peg. Lead movements shall only be in the peg-water and water-peg directions.
- 17.06- The perimeter of the fishing areas may be marked by floats, which may or may not be luminous. Said landmarks shall be placed inside the angling areas marked by the pole axes of the peg sides. Said landmarks may remain there throughout the competition, but shall be removed at the end of the competition.
- 17.07- Keepnets and the damp reception beds are compulsory. Their size and quality shall ensure the fish safety. The keepnets and the damp reception beds shall be dampened before putting in the fish.
- 17.08- After the weighing, the fish shall be put back into the water alive and with care.
- 17.09- Fishing tents are compulsory inside the pegs.
- 17.10- At the end of the competition, the pegs shall to be left absolutely clean.
- 17.11- At night, only team captains may enter into their competitors’ pegs, but they shall be accompanied by a steward or by a team captain of a different nationality. The 2 captains may stay together in the same sector, but only one captain per time may enter into the box.
- 17.12- The fish caught shall only be valid on condition that the sinker used for casting is still hanging on the line.

Prohibitions:

- 17.13- Fishing using floats is forbidden. Angling with swing feeder, swing tip, quiver tip and resorts baits is forbidden.
- 17.14- Using remotely controlled devices and echo sounders is forbidden.
Using drones is prohibited, both during competition and trainings, excepting the special cases authorized by the International Jury, on advice of the Technical Committee.
- 17.15- It is forbidden to light the water by means of torches or lamps; however, it is allowed to use illumination aids inside the tent (discrete lighting with a frontal torch shall be allowed to net fish).
- 17.16- All devices propelled by compressed air, gas or electricity are forbidden. Preparation and mixing of ground baits can be done with an electric mixer.
- 17.17- Vehicles are not allowed to circulate at night, except for those of the organizers.
- 17.18- Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.
- 17.19- All kinds of fire are forbidden inside the tent.

Autorisations:

- 17.20- Back leads shall be allowed but the stewards may order their withdrawal at any time, in order to verify the angling axes.
 - 17.21- Using electronic, acoustic and visual bite signalling units is allowed.
 - 17.22- One competitor - or two in the event of a simultaneous catch – may only enter the water up to his/her boots (below the knees) to net a fish or put it in the net.
 - 17.23- The catching of a fish is valid, even if it is accidentally hooked outside its mouth.
 - 17.24- Any fish caught in a pair's ring and trespassing on the ring of a direct neighbour, shall be valid.
 - 17.25- If a fish caught by an angler hangs the neighbouring angler's line, outside his fishing zone, the fish shall be deemed valid.
 - 17.26- 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.
 - 17.27- During the competition, anglers are allowed to use any auricular, telephone or walkie-talkie.
- 18-** Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are only allowed to fish with a maximum of 4 rods per "pair" at any time. Extra rods shall be placed vertically outside the angling rod pods, whereas the rods used to place the luminous landmarks shall be identified, marked out, and they shall not be located on the rod pod for the rods in use.
- 19-** Only the competitors shall be authorised to use landing nets. Round landing nets shall have a minimal diameter of 70 cm; the triangular ones shall have an entrance (base) of minimum 70 cm.
- 20-** Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help; 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 a "pair" who is not part of his/her team.
- 21-** Competitors may use the space of the peg allotted to them however way they wish.
- Inside the peg allotted to them, the competitors shall move discretely and noiselessly. All angling actions shall only take place inside the peg (throw-in, recuperating, ground baiting and netting).
- Using of "flashes" or any other lighting system is forbidden at night (hours to be established at the first team captains' meeting).
- 22-** The anglers shall wait for the first signal before entering their peg; after the signal, the competitors may start preparing their equipment, testing their lines, and preparing their ground bait (see quantity-related provision in article 14). They shall be allowed 120 minutes to perform said preparatory operations; anglers are not allowed to get out of their pegs during preparation.

When the second signal is given, the anglers may start ground baiting and fishing.

Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands (of the type used for throwing baits), tubes for throwing boilies handled with one or two hands, big spoons with handle or grip held by one or two hands, catapults placed on the ground and handled with two hands, the propulsion power of which must be elastic bands or, possibly, springs, soluble bags, soluble wires, baits rockets with a dimension that does not exceed 70 millimetres at the inner diameter and 200 millimetres of length, thrown by means of a fishing-rod are allowed. It is forbidden to use catapults resting on the angler's legs. From 6.30 p.m. until 8.00 a.m., it is forbidden to use the catapults and bait rockets placed on the ground. Only throwing sticks for boilies using one or both hands and the catapult handled with two hands are authorised.

Except for the aforesaid time interval, baiting is allowed with all baits and systems envisaged by the rules.

The third signal shall warn the competitors that they have only 15 minutes left before the end of the competition.

The fourth signal shall mark the end of the competition.

Fifteen more minutes shall be allowed to take out of the water any fish hooked before the 4th signal.

In this event, a 5th signal shall be given 15 minutes after the 4th signal; after the 5th signal, only the fish that is fully out of the water shall be counted.

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.

- 23- 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 assigned to them. Carp keep-nets shall be positioned so that the stewards can see them; the fish shall be put in the net and kept alive until the weighing team arrives.

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

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

- 24- The weighing operations shall be performed by three teams composed by 2 elements each (one team for each sector). All weighing procedures must take place as soon as possible and at least every 2 hours. The weighing must be carried out with a scales certified with a conformity certificate; the scales shall be suspended on a tripod placed on the ground in the official corridor. In the three sectors, the scales must be identical, both as regards the model and the brand and with a graduated scale with indications every 50 grams.

- 25- The weight marking shall be visible to both by the stewards and the competitors of the "pair".

Apart from stewards, the competitors concerned and their team captain, no other person, except the Jury members, is authorised to intervene, neither verbally nor in any other way, in the weighing operations.

One person will be in charge of weighing.

Another person shall be tasked with registering the weight in the official document.

Two scales shall be provided for each sector. The carp keepnet provided by the organisation shall be compulsory for the weighing of each fish; it will be dampened and tared before each weighing. Carp keepnets shall be of a special type, suitable for the weighing of carps; they shall be made of a soft, synthetic material, which is permeable and fret worked. The keepnets shall be identical for all three sectors.

Weights shall be recorded in grams.

- 26- Until the arrival of the weighing team at their pegs, the competitors shall leave their carp keepnets in the water. The caught fish shall be carefully taken out and put in the weighing keepnet; it shall be put on a reception bed by a member of the team of the “pair” concerned; after weighing, the fish shall be put back into the water under the supervision of the stewards (after weighing, the fish cannot be put back into the keepnet). This operation shall be performed with great care.
- 27- The two anglers making up the “pair” shall be present in order to witness the weighing operations and sign the weighing protocol, where the weight of the catch is recorded. Once the weighing procedure is over, the fish has been put back into the water, and the weighing protocol has been signed, no complaint about the weight shall be accepted.

THE JURY

- 28- 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**. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different Nations shall be chosen by drawing lot. These delegates cannot have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organizing Nation.

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

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

The members of the Jury shall wear a “Jury” badge, and shall be at the competition venue to receive any complaint. A place where one or more members of the Jury shall always be available shall be indicated.

- 29-** Any complaints, except for those concerning the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after **the publication of each temporary ranking or** the end of the championship. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing. Should they deem it necessary, the Jury may watch any video or look at any picture produced by the delegate of the Team filling the complaint.

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 € 100 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 “pair” 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.

- 30-** The Rules, which are drawn up in the 2 official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the team captains by the organizers of the championship.

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

All members of F.I.P.S.e.d.’s Executive Committee shall wear a personal badge; 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

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

- a) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 11, 13, 16, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 17.10, 17.12, 17.17, 17.22, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 26.
- b) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 11 (last but one §) 14, 17.01, 17.03, 17.04, 17.07, 17.08, 17.09, 17.11, 17.13, 17.14, 17.15, 17.16, 17.18, 17.19, 18, 38, 39.2 and 40, and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 11, 13, 16, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 17.10, 17.12, 17.17, 17.22, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 26.
- c) Disqualification of the Nation for the infringement of articles 5 and 37.
- d) When a “pair” is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of the participating Nations + 1 will be assigned to it. If a “pair” is disqualified, the “pairs”, which follow upon it in the ranking, will keep their original ranking (for

example: X that was qualified 8th is disqualified, the subsequent “pairs” will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).

- e) Any warning given to a Nation shall be recorded in that Nation’s file and shall remain in the files for a period of 3 years. 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.
- f) Any warning given to a “pair” shall be recorded in the pair’s file for a period of 3 years. Any new infringement shall be considered as a “relapse”, and the Jury shall make its decision considering such new infringement and the list of penalties.
- g) F.I.P.S.e.d.’s Executive Committee shall be entitled, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose penalties on fishermen, captains or reserves if they infringe any rule or misbehave, even if said infringements are not provided for in the official Rules.

-32- 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

-33- 1- RANKING BY SECTOR

- a) Ranking by sector or sub-sector shall be drawn up based on the weight (1 point per gram).

The competitor who recorded the highest weight shall be given 1 penalty, while 2 penalties shall be attributed to the second one, and so on.

- b) In the event of a tied score (same weight) in the same sector or sub-sector, the “pairs” concerned shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the average placing they should have had (example n° 1: two “pairs” placed equal 5th shall obtain $(5+6):2 = 5.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: three “pairs” tying in the 8th placing, totalise $(8+9+10):3 = 9$ penalties each).
- c) “Pairs” who have not caught any fish will receive a number of points equal to the average value of non-attributed places in their sector or sub-sector (example n° 1: 24 “pairs”, 12 of whom rank at the first 12 places with penalties ranging between 1 and 12, the following “pairs” will mark $(13+24):2 = 18.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: 29 “pairs”, 5 of whom have caught fish and scored 1 to 5 points - the 24 “pairs” who have not caught any fish mark $(6+29):2 = 17.5$ penalties; example n° 3: 29 “pairs”, 26 of whom have caught fish, whereas the 3 “pairs” who have not caught any fish will score $(27+29):2 = 28$ penalties. If there is only 1 “pair” who has not caught any fish or one or more absent “pairs” in a sector or sub-sector, they shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the last position in the sector or sub-sector (example: 29 “pairs”, 28 of whom have caught fish, whereas one “pair” has not, the latter will get 29 penalties).

2- GENERAL TEAM RANKING

Up to 20 Nations, the ranking shall be drawn up by sector (as always).

If there are 21 participating Nations or more, each sector shall consist of two sub-sectors. In the event of an odd number of “pairs” (example: 2 sub-sectors with a total of 23 participating Nations: the “pair” located in number 12 shall be considered in both sub-sectors: for ranking purposes, such “pair” shall be attributed the place obtained in the sub-sector with the smallest number (1 to 12), while the score obtained in the other sub-sector (12 to 23) shall be considered for the ranking of the “pair” in that sub-sector. If the “pair” ranks 3rd in the 12 to 23 sub-sector, the other “pairs” shall rank 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th).

The general team ranking shall be drawn up as follows:

- a) Total of the penalties obtained in each sector or sub-sector by the “pairs” of the same team; the national team with the lowest number of penalties shall rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned shall be ranked by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the “pairs” of the same team throughout the competition.
- c) In the event of a tie on weight, the heaviest weight obtained by a “pair” shall prevail.
- d) Should two or more “pairs” have obtained the same weight, priority shall be given to the “pair” that has caught the biggest fish.
- e) In the event of a new tie, priority shall be given to the smallest number of fishes caught.

3- GENERAL “PAIR” RANKING

- a) The “pairs” that ranked first in each sector or sub-sector ranking shall run for the top positions in the general ranking; the ones who ranked second in each sector or sub-sector shall compete for the following positions, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the “pairs” shall be ranked by the heaviest weight obtained.
- c) Should two or more “pairs” have obtained the same weight, priority shall be given to the “pair” that has caught the biggest fish.
- d) In the event of a new tie, priority shall be given to the smallest number of fishes caught.

4- NATION RANKING

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

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

- 34-** 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

- 35- The length of the rods is limited to 4 metres.

“CIVIL LIABILITY” INSURANCE

- 36- The organizers shall take out a “CIVIL LIABILITY” insurance to cover the whole event (from the eve of the competition 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

- 37- Training at the venue during the 14 days prior to the competition is forbidden. **In any case, the organizers shall grant to all participating Nation the possibility to train on the venue before the 14 days of closing.**

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

- 38- It is strictly forbidden to place competitors at a distance of less than 50 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

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

- 39- 1- WHEN BAD CONDITIONS BREAKS 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 competition may be regularly performed.

- 2- IF BAD CONDITIONS BREAKS OUT DURING THE COMPETITION

The competition shall immediately be stopped (a 1st signal will be emitted by the organizers) and all competitors shall take shelter outside the pegs. If the weather or water-related conditions allow, the competition shall then continue and a 2nd signal shall inform the competitors that they may return to their pegs; a 3rd signal, 5 minutes later, shall authorize the competitors to resume angling. The interruption duration shall not be added to the initial 72 hours.

The Jury may shorten the duration of the competition if the competition schedule does not allow angling for 72 hours.

The competition shall be validated if it lasted at least 48 hours.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

-40- F.I.P.S.e.d. adopts the World Anti-doping Code applied by C.I.P.S..

During a championship, the anglers selected to undergo anti-doping controls shall imperatively go to the designated place at the indicated time, following F.I.P.S.e.d.'s or the Jury's guidelines. When an angler selected to undergo anti-doping checks does not report for the controls, the concerned "pair" shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be given a penalty corresponding to the bottom rank in the ranking + 1.

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

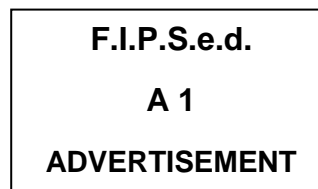
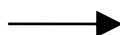
The organizers shall be responsible of the fishing material and equipment of the angler drawn to be tested, while he is undergoing the anti-doping control.

ADVERTISING ON BACK-NUMBERS

-41- Advertisements shall not be obligatory.

The size of the advertisement characters on the back numbers shall not exceed a height of 6 cm; this form of advertisement shall only be authorized on the lower part of the back number, both on the front and on the back sides.

BACK-NUMBER SAMPLE



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

-42- A € 150 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 AWARDING OF PRICES TO THE WINNERS

-43- The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place the eve of the competition at 6:00 p.m.. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m..

The top 3 teams and the top 3 “pairs” shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively. In conformity with international standards, during the prize awarding procedures, the national anthem of the winner (team or “pair”) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three “pairs”/teams shall be raised. The medals shall be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d. and shall be handed over by F.I.P.S.e.d.’s designated representative.

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

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

During the ceremony for the announcement of the official results, the winning Nation may be represented on the podium by up to 11 persons, who shall be handed out the medals while playing their national anthem.

RULES VERSIONS

-44- 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

-45- 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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