



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES **OF INTERNATIONAL “FOR NATIONS” COMPETITIONS** **“ICE 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, or members of sport clubs that belong to the same Federation shall be allowed to participate. They shall be designated by their Federations; the anglers who belong to the teams of clubs or national Federations must hold the same nationality as their Federations.

There shall be only one (1) foreign competitor in each national Federation team, on condition that the following requirements are met:

- The application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent;
- The application shall be complemented by a letter of the Sports Ministry of the concerned Country;
- The competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years.

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 managers' 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 first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner; F.I.P.S.e.d. shall pay for the relevant travelling expenses.

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

The Nation organizing a World or Zone Championship shall be responsible for procuring the trophies, which will be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d.; the organizing Nation shall envisage 3 trophies for the team competitions and 3 trophies for the individual competitions. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 300 for 6 trophies. Such trophies shall feature a plate, carrying a "F.I.P.S.e.d." engraving or F.I.P.S.e.d.'s logo as well as the place and date of the Championship. An invoice will be required in order to prove trophy-related expenses. If the aforesaid provisions (concerning the plate/logo) are not complied with, F.I.P.S.e.d. shall not reimburse any money. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall provide the medals.

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 5 anglers and 1 reserve who shall be nominated before the first draw.

No competitor shall be allowed to participate as an individual.

In the event of any injury during a competition, the regular participant may be replaced by the reserve member designated in official documents; it shall be possible to replace the fishing tackle. Angler substitutions shall be authorised by a Jury member.

- 4-** Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as rivers, canals, or at suitable stretches of water, such as lakes etc.
- 5-** The selected venue shall be as straight as possible; it shall offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors. The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger.

One or more members of the Technical Commission 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 shall amount to € 1,200, which shall include 9 closing gala dinners and 6 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (training and competitions), 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 the € 1,200 registration fee to the organizers.

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

All Nations shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the first training day. Any absent Nation (not showing up at the venue) not taking part in the last day of training shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (see penalties under article 34 § 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 manager. Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, fire-fighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the program leaflets.

The "ICE FISHING" World Championship will take place between the 15th of January and the 31th of March.

- 6-** The surface of the sectors shall be defined in agreement with the Technical Committee. The sectors shall be separated from each other and surrounded by a neutral zone (corridor) of at least 5 metres, whose boundaries shall be marked by ropes or banners.

The angling positions shall be well defined so to be far from the spectators. A special corridor for authorised people only (including the organisers, the reserves, the team managers, the press, and the Jury members) shall be created between the angler positions and the spectators.

The official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle, except the reserve tools (augers).

Team managers – 2 per Nation – shall wear green back-numbers marked with a C, clearly indicating their status. Reserve competitors shall wear a red back-number marked with an R letter.

TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

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

In the event that a team manager 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 Friday afternoon, or on the eve of the first leg

During this first meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 31 of the present Official Rules. Then, the following operations shall be carried out:

- Roll call of nations;
- The delegates of all Nations shall draw lots in alphabetical order to assign an order number to each Nation. Such number shall be assigned to each angler of the relevant Team, and shall become their back number throughout the two-day competition.
- Various information about the progress of the championship.

2nd meeting – Saturday morning or morning of the first leg

Lot drawing to assign the sectors (A, B, C, etc.) of the first leg to each angler making up each team.

3rd meeting – Saturday afternoon or after the first leg

Notification of the results of the leg to the participating Nations.

Remarks on the performance of the leg.

4th meeting – Sunday morning or morning of the second leg

Drawing lots attributing sectors (A, B, C, etc.) of the second leg to each angler who is part of a team.

NB: Managers' Meetings are informative meetings, where guidelines are provided for the competitions. Under no circumstance shall changes to the Rules be made during the Managers' 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 for each leg shall be drawn out at least 120 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organizers, in the presence of the team managers or delegates of each team, and F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives.

For the two legs, the 5 anglers shall be attributed their sectors by drawing lots. For the second leg, the lot drawing order shall be reversed.

- 9- In streams, rivers and watercourses, sector A shall always be located downstream; in water bodies (lakes, ponds, etc.), sector A shall always be located to the left looking at the water body, and marking will run from the left to the right.

- 10- Team managers shall be given a back number for each one of their competitors.

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 PROVISIONS

- 11-** The competitions shall only take place if the ice is at least 10-cm thick. The tolerated air temperature for the competitions shall be determined by the organizers, depending on the relevant climatic zones.

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

- 12-** **a)** During the competition, only fishing with mormyschka (small lure's hook) will be permitted. During the competitions, the anglers shall be allowed to use one rod only, with a single mormyschka. The mormyschka's body maximum diameter shall not exceed 15 mm. The single hook located in the body of the mormyschka, colour and shape of the mormyschka shall be left to the choice of competitors and are not regulated. The use of other elements on the line and the hook shall not be allowed.
- b)** The organizers shall provide each angler with two numbered flags, corresponding to their back numbers, in order to mark the holes they make in the ice (the holes shall be drilled throughout the whole ice layer). The flags shall be clearly visible to the competitors and the stewards.
- c)** The composition of ground baits and baits shall be entirely of natural origin.
- d)** Except for the sowing of baits and ground baits, baiting for the bottom shall only be allowed with chum dispensers (like valve feeder), which shall not remain submerged. Surface baiting shall only be allowed by hand. No surplus/left ground baits and baits shall be thrown into the water after training period and after the competition.
- 13-** **a)** The selected venue for the competitions shall feature, if possible, identical fishing conditions for all competitors (bottom topography, depth, aquatic plants). The venue shall be divided into 5 sectors (A, B, C, D and E), with at least 400 square metres per angler (example: 5 Nations = 5 anglers per sector = 2,000 square metre sector).

The venue shall be chosen by the organizers considering the conditions of the waterbody. The length of the sector's closest side to the bank shall correspond to the number of anglers in the sector – at least 11 metres for each angler (example: 11 Nations x 11 metres = minimum 121 metre-long sector).

The sectors shall be marked by posters carrying the letters A, B, C, D and E. The sector boundaries shall be marked by ropes or banners. The posters shall be visible to the competitors and the spectators.

- b)** Only the team managers (2 per Nation), photographers, cameramen, stewards and Jury members shall be entitled to access the neutral zones. The Team Managers, photographers, cameramen shall only be allowed to enter neutral zones after the first signal indicating the anglers' entry into the sector. After being authorised by the general steward or by one of the assistant stewards of the relevant sector, the team manager shall be entitled to ask his competitor to get closer to the rope or banner and give him oral instructions. Neither the team manager nor the angler shall be entitled to trespass on the neutral zone.
- c)** The Officials shall be allowed to move discreetly and noiselessly inside the neutral zones; they shall not disturb the competitors.

For the second leg, the sectors shall be located in a different area of the chosen venue.

- 14-** **a)** Before the first signal, the general steward of each sector shall check his sector's list of competitors; then, he shall carry out the checks on the baits and ground baits, which shall take place outside the neutral zone. After the baits and ground baits are checked,

the anglers shall not be allowed to receive additional baits and ground baits. Before entering the sectors and until the checks are carried out, the baits and ground baits may be prepared – outside the sector – by the angler or by a third person.

Each angler shall present for the checks the quantities of baits and ground baits envisaged in the program. In the event of non-compliance, the competitor shall be reprimanded - (under article 34a). The list of reprimanded competitors shall be presented at the managers' meeting. Should the violation be committed again during the second leg or during the following championship, the competitor shall be disqualified due to "recidivism" (article 34b).

- b) Ground baits and baits shall be presented at the checks in "official size" boxes, or in graduated boxes carrying volume markings, provided by the organizers for a fee.

Aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms) may be presented in no more than two boxes (e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$ of bloodworms in a $\frac{1}{4}$ box and $\frac{3}{4}$ of jokers in a $\frac{3}{4}$ box). 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 shall imperatively be equipped with their boxes of the allowed size. Competitors who do not carry "official size" boxes or graduated boxes carrying volume markings shall get one penalty point in the sector ranking (for instance, a competitor who does not have boxes at the end of the leg and ranks 5th, shall be given 6 points instead of 5. The competitor who ranks 6th shall, in any case, be given 6 points).

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 = the bottom rank in the ranking + 1, for all the competition days he participated in. Should the violation be ascertained during the first day of a championship, the angler shall be excluded for the remainder of the competition. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Steering 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 of time.

After the checks on their baits and ground baits, the anglers shall enter the neutral zone of their sectors.

The competitors may stand inside the neutral zone around their sector as they wish.

- c) The first signal shall mark the entrance into the sector (at least 5 minutes before the beginning of the competition).

The competitors will be allowed to enter their sectors and choose a spot to drill a hole. Each competitor shall mark such spot with a little flag. When entering the sectors, the blade or the drill tools necessary to make holes in the ice (drills, braces, ice-breakers, augers) shall be protected by a cover. The competitors shall only be allowed to remove the cover after they take their positions at the selected spots.

The use of engine tools is strictly forbidden.

In the sectors, the anglers shall be allowed to drill their holes as they wish (the holes of the same angler may lie one next to the other); on the contrary, anglers from different nationalities shall keep at least 5-metre distance between one hole marked by a flag and the next one. In the event of disagreement, the steward shall be tasked with settling the dispute amicably, or by drawing lots, always giving priority to the angler who made his choice by placing a flag (it is forbidden to throw flags in order to take possession of a spot); the first competitor who marks the selected sport with a flag shall be given priority.

d) The second signal shall mark the beginning of the leg.

Competitors are allowed to fish and move freely in their sectors, and drill as many holes as they wish; however, as they are only allowed to mark two spots with two flags, they shall only fish in the two holes they marked. The spot marked by a flag shall be declared occupied as soon as the ice drilling operations start. Drilling shall be deemed valid as soon as the drill is put on the ice. The flags shall be placed 30 cm from the occupied hole, and shall be clearly visible to the competitors and the stewards.

The competitors are not allowed to leave their fishing tackle (augers, rods, fishes, ground baits, baits, etc.) near the free holes, except for their augers and rod covers; all other equipment shall be placed next to one of the two holes where the angler is fishing (marked by his flag). The anglers shall not cover (hide) any free holes with their rod covers or augers. The relevant angler shall be given a yellow card.

It is forbidden to fish in a hole that is not marked by one's own flag. The word "fishing" includes fishing itself, as well as the ground baiting and drilling operations. During the competition, for safety reasons, the augers that have not been put back into their packaging shall always be anchored to the ice, vertically or obliquely, with their blades wholly into the ice.

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

f) The fourth signal shall mark the end of the competition; after this signal, only the caught fish that is already out of the water shall be included in the fish count.

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

-15- During the competition, the competitors are not allowed to receive any external support, except for medical help.

-16- If authorised by the stewards, the anglers shall be allowed to change their augers.

-17- Each sector shall be assigned a general steward and an assistant steward for every 5 anglers. General and assistant stewards are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the competition rules.

The general and assistant stewards (if possible, supported by a member of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee and/or by members of the International Jury) shall:

a) verify the quantity of ground bait [all ground bait shall be measured when ready to use and without being pressed (wet or dry) including earth, gravel, etc. or any additional additives that are not harmful to the fauna and the aquatic environment], which shall amount to 2 litres maximum. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee may modify said quantities, upon the proposal of the Technical Commission;

b) verify the quantity of baits used for baiting and hooking (all baits shall be measured), which shall not exceed 1.5 litres, 1 litre of which of aquatic larvae (jokers, bloodworms etc.), including 0.50 litre maximum of bloodworms. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee may modify said quantities, upon the proposal of the Technical Commission;

c) collect any surplus/left of baits and ground baits after the checks;

d) sign, together with their anglers, the weighing sheet carrying the weighting results.

-18- The general and assistant stewards are tasked with:

- a) Controlling the angling behaviour of the competitors they are responsible for;
- b) At the end of the competition, the stewards shall keep fish caught by the anglers under control and shall forbid access to the angling positions to any unauthorised person, until the weighing team is done weighing.

-19- The competitors shall abide by the rules on legal fish size limit in force for the competition (national rules). Such sizes shall be made public during the 1st team managers' meeting (and it is the team manager's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed).

Any caught fish that is smaller than the minimum legal size or is mutilated shall be seized by the weighing team, and the angler concerned shall be given a yellow card.

The catch shall be presented for weighing clean, and in identical bags to be provided by the organizers.

-20- The competition shall take place by sectors in two legs of 3 hours each; In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. low temperature, thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the leg, provided that it lasted at least 1 hour. The duration of the leg can be shortened by the President of the International Jury, in the event of bad weather conditions (strong frost). Should this happen, the decision shall be announced before the beginning of the relevant leg.

-21- The catching of a fish is valid even if it is accidentally hooked outside its mouth. Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.

Using echo sounders and underwater cameras is prohibited, including during training.

During the competition, anglers shall not be allowed to use any auricular or walkie-talkie.

-22- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are only allowed to fish with one rod at any time.

When fishing, the rods shall be hand-held; it is forbidden to leave a rod unattended during the fishing operations.

-23- Only the competitors shall be allowed to use small spears (small hooks) to take the fish they have already caught out of the water.

-24- Competitors may use the sectors allotted to them as they wish; however, they shall move discretely and noiselessly. They shall not be allowed to enter the neutral zone.

-25- Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules.

-26- Should a member of the Jury notice or be asked to record the obvious infringement of paragraphs a) and c) of article 12 during a leg, he may call for checks on the line of the angler under consideration, without waiting for the end of the leg. Should this happen, the competitor shall not modify his line (destruction of the line, etc.). Should the angler refuse to undergo the aforementioned checks or should he modify his line, he shall be brought before the Jury.

-27- During the competition, the stewards shall stand on the right or left side of the anglers, in such a way as not to bother the anglers, but still being able to control the catches of their competitors.

If the organizers don't have an adequate number of stewards, the jury can decide to turn to companions outside the organization.

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

- 28-** The weighing operations shall be performed by the general and assistant stewards of the relevant sector.

The general steward shall be responsible for weighing.

Another person shall write down the weights in the official record.

The other people shall be in charge of all other handling operations.

Should weighing take place at the venue, one scale shall be available in each sector. The containers used to weight the fish shall feature holes, so to allow water drainage. The weighing operations shall be performed in identical containers and without the bags.

Weights shall be recorded in grams.

When very small fish such as fry are caught, which do not register on the scales (scales scoring 0 grams), the fishermen shall be ranked based on the number of fishes caught, and then ranked after those fishermen who were ranked based on to the weight of the fish they have caught.

- 29-** Until the arrival of the weighing team, each competitor shall stand near the hole where he was at the end of the fishing operations. The Fish, in the bags, shall be collected by one of the assistant stewards of the sector; after weighing, the catch will be at the organizers' disposal (unless otherwise provided for by relevant national rules and regulations).
- 30-** Each competitor shall be present and shall witness the weighing operations, in order to control them and sign the weighing sheet carrying the weight of the fish he has caught. After the end of the weighing operations in a sector, and after the weighing protocol has been signed, no weight-related complaints shall be accepted.

THE JURY

- 31-** 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 managers' 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 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.

There shall be at least 5 Jury members. Should this number not be reached, delegates from different Nations shall be elected by drawing lots, in order to have at least 5 members. Such delegates shall not have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organizing Nation.

The delegates shall be recorded in the team registration forms; captains cannot be designated 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 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.

- 32-** Any complaints, except for those regarding the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after the end of the leg. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing. Should they deem it necessary, the Jury may watch any video or look at any picture produced by the delegate of the team filing 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 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.

- 33-** The Rules, which are drawn up in the 2 official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the team managers 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 delegate shall have the casting vote. All members of the 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

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

- a) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 12d, 13b, 14a, 14c, 14d, 15, 19, 22, 24 and 29.
- b) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 12a, 12c, 14b, 21 and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 12d, 13b, 14a, 14c, 14d, 15, 19, 22, 24 and 29.
- c) Warning on the Nation for the infringement of article 39c.
Disqualification of the Nation for the infringement of articles 5, 39b-1 and 39b-3 and after a second warning for the infringement of the article 39c.
- d) When an angler is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of participating Nations +1 will be assigned to him. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers below him in the ranking shall keep their original ranking (for example: if angler X who ranked 8th is disqualified, the following anglers shall keep their rankings and shall mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- e) Any warning given to a Nation shall be recorded in that Nation's file and shall remain in the files for a period of 3 years. 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 competitor shall be recorded in the competitor'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.
- h) The anglers and the people allowed to be present in the neutral zones should not prevent the stewards from performing their functions, nor should they groundlessly challenge their decisions; otherwise, these persons shall get a warning. In the event of a new infringement within 3 years, that shall be considered as recidivism and the Jury shall make a decision.

-35- 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

-36- 1- RANKING BY SECTOR IN THE LEGS

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

2- RANKING BY TEAM

A- 1st LEG

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained in each sector by the anglers of a team.
The team scoring the lowest number of penalties 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 penalties obtained by one of the anglers composing the team.

B- SECOND LEG

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

C- GENERAL RANKING

- a) The sum of the penalties obtained in the two legs; the team obtaining the lowest number of penalties will rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned will be ranked by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the competitors in the two legs.
- c) In the event of a tie on weight in the two legs, the heaviest weight obtained by a team in one of the two legs shall be taken into account.
- d) If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked based on the lowest number of penalties obtained by a team in one of the two legs.

3- INDIVIDUAL RANKING

A- 1st LEG

- a) The anglers shall be ranked based on the penalties obtained in the relevant sector. The anglers who got 1 penalty shall rank 1st; they shall be followed by those who got 2 penalties, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the competitors shall be ranked by the heaviest weight obtained.
- c) In the event of a tie on weight, the ranking shall be established based on the highest number of fishes caught.
- d) If a tie still exists, the competitors shall be ranked based on the highest number of drawn peg.

B- 2nd LEG

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

C- GENERAL RANKING

- a) The sum of the penalties obtained in the two legs; the anglers obtaining the lowest number of penalties will rank 1st, and so on.
- b) In the event of a tie on penalties between two or more anglers, the anglers concerned will be ranked by the highest total aggregate weight obtained in the two 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 legs.
- d) The anglers participating in one leg only, shall be put at the bottom of the individual ranking, following an order based on their placing.

4- NATION RANKING

A world ranking per Nations, considering the last 5 years (as F.I.F.A.'s rankings), shall be drawn up for all championships; such ranking list shall be updated every year and published on F.I.P.S.e.d.'s website.

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

- 37- 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.

CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

TRAINING

- 39- a) Official training shall take place on the relevant waterbody, but outside the official venue; however, the training area shall be located as close as possible to the official competition venue.

Each team shall be allowed to angle at the training area; only the 9 official team members shall be entitled to do so (maximum 6 angling permits).

- b) The official venue shall be organized as follows:

- 1) seven days of total closure. During these 7 days, training at the venue shall be forbidden for all Nations in the entire area chosen for the championship. Apart from the closed period, the venue shall be made available for regular visits and fishing [local closing periods and special fishing conditions (fishing permit) 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);
- 2) three training days (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; on Thursday and Friday, fishing shall end at 2 pm, latest);
- 3) the last day of training shall be compulsory for all Nations (whole teams with all their anglers);
- 4) two days of competition (Saturday and Sunday).

- c) The organizers shall mark a common training area in order to guarantee the same angling conditions for all participating teams. The training area shall be identical (in terms of main features, such as depth, fishes, etc.) to the competition official venue.

During the training days, the authorised angling sessions shall be indicated by acoustic signals. The teams shall abide by such signals.

The same amount of baits and ground baits as the maximum amount allowed for a competition day shall be allowed.

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

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

-40- It is strictly forbidden to place competitors at a distance of less than 25 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

RULES IN THE EVENT OF A THUNDERSTORM

-41- 1- WHEN A THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT BEFORE OR DURING PREPARATION

No angler shall be allowed to go and take hold of his place or prepare his fishing tackle; a signal shall indicate the postponement of the authorisation to take hold of the spot, or the stop of the preparation activities. If the weather conditions and the competition schedule allow, the leg may be regularly performed.

If the weather 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 A THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT DURING THE LEG

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

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

The Jury may shorten the duration of a leg if the competition schedule does not allow angling for 3 hours.

A leg shall be validated if it lasted at least 1 hour. The break(s) time shall not be considered when calculating the duration of a leg.

Should the weather 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.

ANTIDOPING CONTROLS

-42- 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.

The 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.

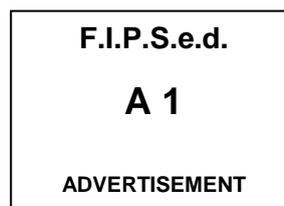
The organizers will be responsible of fishing material and equipment of the angler drawn to be tested, while he is engaged with the anti-doping control.

ADVERTISING ON BACK NUMBERS

-43- Advertising 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 advertising 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

-44- 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 PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY

-45- The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams must take place 2 days before the first leg, at 06:00 p.m.. The duration of this ceremony shall not be longer than 2 hours and shall not end later than 08:00 pm.

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

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 9 persons, who shall be handed out the medals while playing their national anthem.

RULES VERSIONS

-46- 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

-47- 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).

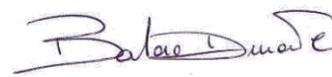
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