

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

## **OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES** **OF INTERNATIONAL “FOR NATIONS AND FOR CLUBS”** **COMPETITIONS** **“TROUT WITH NATURAL BAIT”**

### **ORGANISATION**

- 1- Official international competitions shall only be organised by national Federations that are members of C.I.P.S. The organising Federation shall be officially responsible for the competition under consideration.
- 2- Only the members or the sport Clubs 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.

#### **Regarding the national teams**

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, provided that he meets the following conditions:

- 1) The competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that;
- 2) The application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent.

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

#### **Regarding the Club teams**

All team anglers must not have the same nationality as the Country that they represent. Only two (2) foreign competitors are allowed in a Club, provided that they meet the following conditions:

- 1) They shall have the Club's licence with which they intend to compete and they are not under any disciplinary sanction;
- 2) They shall not be obligatory resident in the Country they represent, provided they have never been representing any other Nation in any other category during the 2 years preceding the championship in question;

3) The application shall be forwarded by the Nation of the Club the angler wishes to represent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No championship organization shall be entrusted to a Nation if that Nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water after they have been counted (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 Nation competitions, 3 trophies for the Club competitions and 3 trophies for the individual competitions. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 450 for 9 trophies. All trophies shall feature a plate, carrying a "F.I.P.S.e.d." engraving or F.I.P.S.e.d.'s logo as well as the place and date of the championship. An invoice will be required in order to prove trophy-related expenses. If the aforesaid provisions (concerning the plate/logo) are not complied with, F.I.P.S.e.d. shall not reimburse any money. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall provide the medals.

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 only one (1) national team for the World Championship for Nations and four (4) Club teams maximum for the World Championship for Clubs. Each team will be composed of 4 anglers; 1 reserve shall be allowed, who shall be nominated before the first draw.

The championships shall be organized contemporaneously as Nations and as Clubs competitions. Therefore, two different team rankings shall be drawn up separately (one for Nations and one for Clubs). On the other side, only one individual ranking will be drawn up for all competitors without any distinction between World Championships for Nations or for Clubs.

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. Such substitutions - with the possibility to replace the fishing tackle – shall be authorised by a Jury member.

- 4- Competitions shall only be organized on fast flowing rivers or torrents (water surfaces such as artificial lakes shall be excluded). It shall be possible to fish on the entire width of the venue; the venue's minimum and maximum widths are 10 metres and 45 metres respectively.
- 5- To the extent possible, the selected venue shall offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors. Any hindrance disrupting the venue's continuity such as power lines, bridges, etc., should be avoided, if possible. The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger. The venue shall also allow angling from the river bank, without entering the water; should wading be necessary to reach any section of the venue, the wading area shall be marked and angling shall be forbidden along the whole wading path.

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 and Clubs shall have two options:

- 1- Opting for the official accommodation proposed by the organizing Nation (optional). In that event, the organizing Nation shall clearly indicate the terms and conditions for the stay, including:
  - The half-board price per night per person, depending on the number of persons sharing each room, regardless of the duration of the stay (full board cannot be mandatory); the participating Nation or Club 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 and to the Clubs shall first be approved by the Technical Commission.

- 2- Selecting their hotels by themselves.

If this is the case, participating Nations and Clubs 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 € 1,300, which shall include 8 closing gala dinners and 5 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (official training and competitions), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.

The Federations, in addition to the medals devoted to the official members of the Delegation, will be allowed to ask for extra medals (up to a maximum of 3 per team), upon payment of a contribution of € 25 per extra medal, which will also include the diploma. The fees for extra medals shall be paid to F.I.P.S.e.d. In no case and for no reason extra medals in a number higher than that provided by these Rules may be requested from F.I.P.S.e.d.

For the closing gala dinner, be it a dinner with table service or a buffet dinner, participating Nations and Clubs 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 and Clubs shall imperatively have to book their accommodations themselves, and shall still pay the 1,300 € registration fee to the organizers.

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

All Nations or Clubs shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the training day. Any absent Nation or Club (yet to arrive) at the first team captains' meeting shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation or Club, and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (see penalties under article 28 § 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, firefighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the program leaflets.

The "Trout with Natural Bait" World Championship for Nations and for Clubs shall usually take place between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. This indication may undergo changes, even substantial ones, based on the climatic conditions of the host country and the characteristics of the competition venue.

- 6- For the competitions, the sector length shall be equivalent to the number of teams, multiplied by 15 metres minimum (e.g.: with 12 participating teams, each sector shall be minimum 12 x 15 = 180 meter long).

Each sector shall be duly demarcated and marked by start and end signs. No natural or artificial interruptions (big trees, big rocks, bridges, etc.) exceeding the length of 30 metres are allowed in a sector.

The sectors shall be well defined so to be far from the spectators; to this end, it is possible to erect a fence or set up ropes at an appropriate distance from the shore (we recommend a distance of at least 10 metres); furthermore, a corridor for authorised

people (organizers, reserves, team captains, press, and Jury) shall be created between the anglers and the spectators.

This official corridor (mandatory) shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle. One infraction = 1 oral warning, a 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction = yellow card.

Team captains (2 per Nation or per Club) the reserve competitor and the delegate may enter the sectors; team captains shall wear green back-numbers or armbands marked with a C, clearly indicating their status. Only one team captain shall be authorised inside a sector. Reserve competitors and delegates shall wear a red back-number or an armband marked with an R letter for reserve competitors and with a D letter for delegates. The back-number shall under no circumstances be applied with pins.

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

### **TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Matching - by drawing - of the four (4) GROUPS set up at the 1<sup>st</sup> team captain meeting with sectors A, B, C and D.

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

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

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

- Matching - by drawing - of the four (4) GROUPS set up at the 3<sup>rd</sup> team captain meeting to the sectors A, B, C and D.

NB: Captains' meetings are informative meetings, where guidelines are provided for the competitions. Under no circumstance shall changes to the Rules be made during the Captains' meeting s. 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 organisers, in the presence of the team captains or delegates of each team, and F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives.
- 9- At the venue, the A sector shall always be located to the left looking at the water body.
- 10- The organizers shall supply team captains with a back number or an armband for each one of their competitors.

Back numbers or armbands for the different sectors shall have different colours (except green or red); alternatively, they may be of a neutral colour with different coloured lettering for each sector.

Wearing back numbers or armbands is mandatory.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

Smoking in sectors is forbidden during competitions.

- 12- There shall be one steward assigned to each competitor and a general steward for each sector. Such individual and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition. Some foreign stewards, drawn by lot among the present Nations and Clubs, shall be appointed in order to help the individual steward of the organising Nation'

anglers for checking the Nations' and Clubs' anglers of the organizing Nation itself. In any case, at least a foreign steward shall be present in each sector.

The individual stewards must:

- a) Control the angling behaviour of the competitor he/she is responsible for. When an individual or sector steward ascertains an irregularity, he must immediately warn the competitor assigned to him (and the international jury in case the seriousness of the infringement requires it) without any interference by third parties (Athletes, Captains, Delegates, spectators, etc.).
- b) Check that the length of each catch is not shorter than to the allowed seize announced at the team captains' meeting (said size may differ depending on the organizing Nation). The catches will be registered on a sector board (which may be consulted by all team captains).
- c) Give each angler a ticket for each valid catch.
- d) At the end of each angling period, accompany their anglers to the centre of the sector, where the number of catches shall be checked and written down on the official document of the competition period (checks will be performed against the tickets given for each catch). Each competitor shall sign the official document for acceptance. No complaints regarding the catch shall be accepted after the signing of said document.
- e) Communicate to Captains, Delegates and Reserves, upon their request, the number of catches of the competitor assigned to him.

**-13-** The competitors shall abide by the rules on legal fish size limit in force for the competition (national rules). Such sizes shall be made public during the 1<sup>st</sup> team captains' meeting (and it is the team captain's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed). Angling shall be performed from dry land.

**-14-** After training and at the end of all legs, fishing lines and surplus/left baits shall not be thrown into the water or in the fishing zone.

**-15-** The competition shall take place by sectors, in two legs, each consisting of four 45-minute angling sessions.

In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the angling session, provided that it lasted at least 15 minutes.

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

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

**-17-** Only single hooks without barb shall be allowed; if bulk weights are used, they shall be fixed at least 5 cm above the hook.

Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.

Using echo sounders is prohibited during training and competition.

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

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

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

Floats may only be used if they do not support the bulk weights.

The terminal tackle may be prepared beforehand, but it shall not be baited before it is mounted on the fishing line.

It is allowed to go to the centre of the sector and get some extra bait, but it shall be up to the angler to stop fishing and go get it him/herself.

- 18- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are only allowed to fish with one rod at a time. Spare rods can be kept at the centre of the sector (at a place made available by the organisers); the rods may be ready to use, but they shall be unbaited and closed.
- 19- The use of nets is allowed only for the competitors, and only to recover the hooked fish.
- 20- Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help; only the team captain is authorized to access the sectors and this only to give verbal advice.

#### -21- 1- CATCHING FISH

Fish may only be taken out of the water by using a landing net (fish shall be netted in and not out of the water). If the shape of the bank makes it impossible, the fish may be brought out of the water and seized by the fisherman's hands. The zones where fish cannot be taken out by using a landing net shall be specified at the team captains' meeting.

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

If two anglers catch each one a fish (2 fishes) and the two anglers' lines hang on each other, the two fishes shall be deemed valid on condition that the two lines during the fishing action get free before that the fishes are caught.

If two anglers lines remain hung on each other after the catch, the fishes (1 or 2) shall not be deemed valid and shall immediately be put back into the water.

CATCHES MADE IN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL NOT COUNT:

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



## 2- CHECKING THE CATCH

A- The fish is not hooked at its mouth.

The individual steward orders to cut the line (scissors movement of index and middle finger); the competitor puts the catch back into the water. That catch shall not count.

B- The fish is hooked at its mouth.

a) The hook is visible and the mouth of the fish is closed. The steward says "OK" and the competitor unhooks the fish and puts it back into the water.

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

C- Allowed Sizes.

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

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

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

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

**22-** Competitors may move freely inside their sectors, without anyway bothering the angling of other competitors.

Inside the sector allotted to them, the anglers shall move discretely and noiselessly.

Competitors are forbidden to cast their line and angle in a neighbouring sector; any fish caught by an angler within his sector that, afterwards, crosses the boundaries of that sector thus trespassing on another area, shall be deemed valid.

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

Only the holders of a press 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.

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

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

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

- 09:00 a.m.- 1<sup>st</sup> signal: it warns the anglers that they are allowed 25 minutes to prepare their gear, to inspect and get to know their sectors;
- 09:25 a.m.- 2<sup>nd</sup> signal: the competitors must gather at the centre of their sectors. Then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the positions of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 09:30). After the signal, no equipment or bait may be handed to the competitors;
- 09:35 a.m.- 3<sup>rd</sup> signal: start of 45-minute angling session (1<sup>st</sup> period);
- 10:20 a.m.- 4<sup>th</sup> signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the positions of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 10:30);
- 10:35 a.m.- 5<sup>th</sup> signal: start of 45-minute angling session (2<sup>nd</sup> period);
- 11:20 a.m.- 6<sup>th</sup> signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the positions of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 11:30);
- 11:35 a.m.- 7<sup>th</sup> signal: start of 45-minute angling session (3<sup>rd</sup> period);
- 12:20 p.m.- 8<sup>th</sup> signal: the competitors shall stop fishing and shall gather at the centre of their sector; then, in the starting order established through the automatic table, they shall go to the positions of their choice (30-second intervals should be envisaged between the departure of one angler and that of the following one, with the first competitor going at 12:30);
- 12:35 p.m.- 9<sup>th</sup> signal: start of 45-minute angling session (4<sup>th</sup> period);
- 13:20 p.m.- 10<sup>th</sup> signal: end of leg.

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

- 24-** During the competition, individual stewards shall stand behind the anglers, on their right or left side, in such a way that they do not bother the anglers but can still control the fish caught by the competitors.

If the organizers 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.

## **THE JURY**

- 25-** An international Jury shall be appointed to examine any complaints lodged and to apply penalties, as per the rules; the Jury shall be established at the first team captains' meeting.

The Jury shall consist of the following members:

- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President, or a substitute delegated by the President;
- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s General Secretary;
- The members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee;
- A delegate representing the organizing Nation, unless he/she holds the same nationality as the above-mentioned members, except for the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President (or his substitute) who shall be the President of the Jury ex officio.

The Jury members shall be at least 3. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different teams shall be chosen by drawing lot. These delegates cannot have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organizing Nation.

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

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

The members of the Jury shall wear a "Jury" badge, and shall be at the competition venue to receive any complaint. Jury members can be reached by mobile phone, so team captains will receive their mobile numbers.

- 26- Any complaints, except for those concerning the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after the end of the leg. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing. **Should the Jury deem it necessary, and only in this case, photos or videos submitted by the delegate of the complaining team may be viewed. Only videos and/or photos incriminating a competitor or team that allow an official complaint to be lodged with the Jury will be taken into consideration, provided that they have not already been circulated or shared on social networks. In this case the photos and videos will not be accepted as evidence and the complaint will not be admissible.****

Complaints concerning the ranking shall be lodged within 30 minutes after publishing of the official results. The publishing time shall be recorded in the official result list.

A **€ 200** deposit - for which the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s General Secretary or his delegate shall issue a receipt - shall complement any written complaint submitted to the Jury. Should the complaint not be judged grounded by the Jury, the deposit shall be transferred to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s bank account.

All infringements and warnings shall be reported to the Jury, with the Jury being the only authority enabled to disqualify anglers. Any competitor who is imposed a penalty shall be informed immediately.

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

- 27- The Rules, which are drawn up in the 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**

**-28-** The penalties shall be as follows:

- a) Oral warning for the infringement of article 6 (fourth §).
- b) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 11 (second §), 16, 19, 20, 22 and after a second warning for the infringement of article 6 (fourth §).
- c) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 14, 17, 18, 32, 35, 37.2 and 38 and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 6 (fourth §), 11 (second §), 16, 19, 20, and 22.
- d) Disqualification of the Nation or of the Club for the infringement of articles 5, 34a and 34b-1.
- e) In case of disqualification for an infringement committed by an angler during one of the 4 periods of a leg, the angler will be disqualified in the sector ranking of the relevant leg.
- f) In this case, the angler will receive a number of points equal to the number of participating teams + 1. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers below him/her in the ranking shall keep their original ranking (for example: if angler X who ranked 8<sup>th</sup> is disqualified, the following anglers shall keep their rankings and shall mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- g) Any warning given to a team shall be recorded in that Club's file and shall remain in the files for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered a "relapse" and the Jury shall make its decision considering such relapse and the list of penalties.
- h) Any warning given to a competitor shall be recorded in the competitor's file for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered as a "relapse", and the Jury shall make its decision considering such new infringement and the list of penalties.
- i) F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall be entitled, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose penalties on fishermen, captains or reserves if they infringe any rule or misbehave, even if said infringements are not provided for in the official Rules.

**-29-** The members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee may access the competition venue and take note of any infringement of the Rules.

## **RANKINGS**

### **-30- 1- COMPETITION RANKING**

For each leg and final ranking and, hence, for each angling period and sector, three different rankings shall be made, namely:

- a) one ranking for the competitors of national teams of each sector, which shall only be used for drawing the Nations ranking;
- b) one ranking for the competitors of the Clubs of each sector, which shall only be used for drawing the Clubs ranking;
- c) one ranking for all competitors of each sector (of both Nations and Clubs), which shall only be used for drawing the individual ranking.

### **2- RANKING BY ANGLING SESSION (PERIOD) IN THE SECTORS**

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

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

### **3- RANKING BY SECTOR IN THE LEGS**

- a) The total number of penalties obtained for each one of the four angling sessions (periods) in a sector. The angler totalling the smallest amount of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and the others will follow.
- b) If penalties are level, the ranking shall be made according to the highest number of fish caught during the 4 angling sessions (periods), then based on the highest number of fish caught during 1 of the 4 angling sessions. In the event of a tie on the number of fish caught, the anglers concerned shall be placed equal and shall be attributed a number of penalties equalling the average placing they would have had.

### **4- RANKING BY TEAM**

#### **A- 1<sup>st</sup> LEG**

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained in each sector (ranking by sector of the 1<sup>st</sup> leg)

by the anglers of a team.

- b) The team scoring the lowest number of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on.
- c) In the event of a tie on penalties obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 4 sectors, the teams shall be ranked first of all based on the smallest number of penalties obtained by the anglers of the same team in the 4 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fish caught by the anglers of the same team in the 4 angling sessions (periods); then, based on the best catch score of the team in one of the 4 angling sessions.

#### B-2<sup>nd</sup> LEG

Same ranking system as for the 1<sup>st</sup> leg.

#### C-GENERAL RANKING

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

### 5- INDIVIDUAL RANKING

#### A- 1<sup>st</sup> LEG

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

#### B-2<sup>nd</sup> LEG

Same ranking system as for the 1<sup>st</sup> leg.

#### C-GENERAL RANKING

- a) Total of the penalties obtained in each of the two legs; the anglers totalling the least number of penalties shall rank 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on (example: an angler who ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the first leg and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the second leg shall get 1 penalty + 2

penalties that is a total of 3 penalties).

- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the anglers shall be ranked first of all based on the least number of penalties obtained in the 8 angling sessions (periods). In the event of another tied score, they shall be ranked based on the highest number of fish caught in the 8 angling sessions (periods); then, by the highest number of fishes caught in one of the two legs and, if necessary, by the highest number of fishes caught in the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg.
- c) The anglers participating in only one leg shall rank last in the individual ranking and following an order based on the number of penalties obtained.

## 6- NATION RANKING

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

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

- 31- The ranking will be established by a person mandated by F.I.P.S.e.d. or, lacking this person, by the organizers in the presence of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President or in the presence of his representative and, possibly, also in the presence of the members of the Jury.

## ROD LENGTH

- 32- The length of the rods is limited to 10.20 metres.

## "CIVIL LIABILITY" INSURANCE

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

## TRAINING

- 34- a) Official training is not allowed outside the official competition venue.
- b) The official venue shall be organised as follows:
  - 1) Closed as from the Sunday evening prior to the championship;
  - 2) One day of training (Friday, without any fish being introduced). The timetable and the duration of the training sessions shall be the same as those of the competition;

- 3) Two-day competition (Saturday and Sunday). The introduction of new fish shall be effected in the afternoon, after the end of the training for the first leg, and in late afternoon of the first leg for the second leg.

Any stocking shall be performed with fish species that do not endanger the habitat, and the fish shall be distributed evenly in all sectors, in the presence of a Jury member. In the championship program the organizers must indicate the species and average size of the fish that will be used for restocking.

On the training day, the organisers shall indicate the authorised angling period by means of sound signals. The teams shall abide by such signals.

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

## **BAITS**

- 35- The "NO KILL" angling system shall be adopted, and the only baits allowed are HONEY MOTHS (*Galleria Mellonella*) and EARTHWORMS (*Annelide Oligochete*). Artificial baits including artificial maggots, silkworms, moths, bloodworms, earthworms, etc. are prohibited.

Adding any type of additive to the baits and using colourful baits is forbidden.

The baits (honey moths, woodworms, earthworms, etc.) deemed necessary for training and legs shall be supplied free of charge and in the same amounts to all participating teams by the organising Nation. The distribution and delivery of baits to the participating Nations and Clubs shall take place by lot in the morning of legs and training.

## **ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS**

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

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

- 37- 1- WHEN BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT BEFORE OR DURING PREPARATION

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

If the weather or water-related conditions do not improve or the competition schedule does not allow, the leg shall simply be cancelled. The cancelled leg shall not be considered when making the rankings, which shall be established based on the results of the held leg. The cancelled leg shall not be held at a later stage.



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

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

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

The Jury may shorten the duration of a leg if the competition schedule does not allow angling for 4 sessions (periods).

A leg shall be validated if it lasted at least 2 angling sessions. The break(s) time shall not be considered when calculating the duration of a leg.

Should the weather or water-related conditions not allow duly carrying out a competition, the Jury may decide to cancel one leg. Said leg shall not be postponed and the ranking shall be drawn up based on the leg that was actually carried out. The cancelled leg shall not be held again.

## **ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS**

**-38-** 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.

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

C.I.P.S., in quality of Testing Authority, will issue the relevant mission order on the ADAMS System, with the concerned instruction for the doping control tests.

A copy of the Doping Control Form (DCF), signed by the Doctor who has provided the tests, must be sent to the C.I.P.S. Secretariat [cipssecretariat@cips-fips.com](mailto:cipssecretariat@cips-fips.com) or delivered immediately after the competition to the F.I.P.S.e.d. official delegate present on place, who will forward it to C.I.P.S.

The athletes participating in the Championships, by registering, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules.

An athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to C.I.P.S. for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the C.I.P.S. strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website: [https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA\\_TUE\\_Form.pdf](https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA_TUE_Form.pdf).

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

Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List of substances: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/prohibited-list> and [2024 list monitoring program en final 22 september 2023.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/prohibited-list) (wada-ama.org).

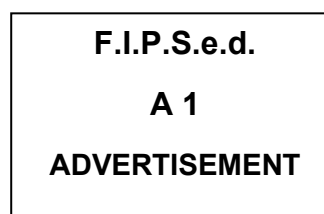
### **ADVERTISING ON BACK NUMBERS OR ARMBANDS**

**-39-** 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 advertisement shall only be authorized on the lower part of the back number, both on the front and on the back sides.

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

**BACK-NUMBER OR ARMBAND SAMPLE** →



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

**-40-** A € 150 fee shall be paid by each participating Nation or Club; said fee shall remain available to F.I.P.S.e.d.

A € 500 fee shall be paid by the organizing Nation to C.I.P.S.'s disposal (to be paid to C.I.P.S.'s bank account).

### **OPENING CEREMONY AND PRICE AWARDING CEREMONY**

**-41-** **The opening and presentation ceremony for the teams and the award ceremony for the winners must be opened with the official C.I.P.S. anthem.**

The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place 2 days before the first leg, at 06:00 p.m. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

The top 3 National teams, top 3 Club 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 (club or competitor) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three athletes/clubs/teams shall be raised. The medals shall be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d. and shall be handed over by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s designated representative.

**World Champion Athletes (individual, team and club) will additionally receive a patch to be applied to their national team uniform in order to be identified as world**

**title holders for the current year.**

During the individual prize-giving ceremony, the fourth and fifth classified must also be called to the podium, but no medals will be awarded.

A certificate stating the results obtained shall be delivered to all the top three Nations' official members and to all the three top Clubs' official members, who shall be present at the prize-giving ceremony, as well as to the five first-ranked individual anglers (if an individual classification is previewed).

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

**During the ceremony announcing the official results, a maximum of 8 people representing a Nation may stand on the podium for handing out the medals, while the national anthem of the winning nation is being played.**

**RULES VERSIONS**

-42- 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**

- 43- 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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