



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

## **OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES CONCERNING** **INTERNATIONAL “FOR NATIONS” COMPETITIONS** **“NATIONS, CLUBS, LADIES, YOUTH (U14, U18, U22) AND** **VETERANS”**

### **ORGANIZATION**

- 1- Official international competitions must be organized by national federations affiliated to C.I.P.S.. The organizing federation will be officially responsible for the competition in question.
- 2- Only those who are members of a national federation affiliated to C.I.P.S. with their full annual fee paid for or those who are members of sport clubs which constitute part of the same federation shall be admitted; they are to be nominated by the federations they are members of; the anglers who make up the teams of the clubs or national federations must hold the nationality of the latter.

As regards the teams belonging to CLUBS, the presence of merely one foreign person shall be authorized on condition that the foreigner has the appropriate licence of its CLUB and that he is not under the effect of a disciplinary sanction of the country where he resides.

An angler, who has already participated in a World Championship or in an international competition representing a nation, cannot compete for another nation.

Competitors shall always be able to prove their nationality by means of ID cards or passports or other documents attesting that; in any other case, competitors shall be able to present an official document certifying their nationality and dwell in the same country they are representing. The identifying document shall be presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team managers' meeting.

Only teams that are members of the national federations shall be admitted to World and Zone (Europe, etc.) Championships.

**World Championships for Nations and Zone (Europe) Championships cannot be organized in the same year by the same federation nor assigned to neighbouring countries or to nations geographically close between them.**

In order to apply for the organization of a championship, the nation in question must have participated at least once, during the past three years, in the championship that it proposes to organize.

A preview programme must absolutely be sent to the secretary of F.I.P.S.e.d. before the end of November in the preceding year.

With the exception of the World Fishing Games, F.I.P.S.e.d. can be responsible for providing the software program and all certificates and classifications for prize-giving for all the championships; in this case, the organising Nation shall meet all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) for the person undertaking this work; the 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. will be responsible for travel costs.

For all F.I.P.S.e.d. championships, the organizing Nation shall meet all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) for two members of the F.I.P.S.e.d. directive committee; the stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner.

A championship cannot be awarded to a nation if the nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water after they have been counted and weighed (it is forbidden to kill fish).

The nation which organises a World or Zone championship will be responsible for acquiring the trophies which will be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d.; the nation must provide 3 trophies for the team trials and 3 trophies for the individual trials; The maximum amount that F.I.P.S.e.d. will reimburse will be 300 € for 6 trophies. These trophies must have a plaque, on which will be inscribed "F.I.P.S.e.d." or a logo as well as the place and date of the championship. F.I.P.S.e.d. will continue to provide the medallions. An invoice will be required in order to justify trophies expenses. If these dispositions (plaque or logo) will not be respected, there will be no compensation from F.I.P.S.e.d..

Programmes and invitations for all championships should only be given to nations which are members of F.I.P.S.e.d. (no invitations should be given to clubs or individuals).

The age limits required for belonging to the "YOUTH" (U14, U18 and U22) and "VETERANS" categories are as follows:

- U14: under 14 and over 10 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the Championships;
- U18: under 18 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the Championships;
- U22: under 22 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the Championships. **U22 category will become U23 since 2012 on.**

It will only be possible to move up to the category immediately above (one or more U14s may take part in the U18 category, and one or more U18s may take part in the U22 category).

- VETERANS: over 60 years of age on 31 December of the year preceding the Championships.

- 3- Each nation that is a C.I.P.S. member will be allowed to present only one team composed of 5 anglers and 1 reserve who must be nominated before the first draw.

VETERANS and YOUTH (U14, U18 and U22) World Championship will be held by teams composed of 4 anglers and 1 reserve who must be nominated before the first draw.

No competitor will be allowed to participate as an individual.

In the event of injury during a competition, the first-choice participant may be replaced by the reserve member regularly entered in official documents, although fishing tackle cannot be replaced. The substitution shall be authorised by a JURY member.

- 4- The competitions must be organised at watercourses, such as rivers or channels or in suitable water basins, such as lakes etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue; the depth must be as even as possible in the entire area and it must be at least 1.5 meters; the minimum width allowed for a venue is 25 meters.
- 5- The venue must be as straight as possible, and present equal fishing conditions for all competitors; furthermore, the venue must allow anglers to stand in a continuous line, avoiding interruptions such as power lines, bridges etc. as much as possible. The venue must not present any dangers for the competitors or the spectators.

One or more members of the technical commission shall perform an inspection of the venue, which may be selected for a championship, and this inspection must take place at the time of year corresponding to that proposed for the organization of the competition in question; the report of the inspection shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. for evaluation and decision; this decision will then be sent to C.I.P.S. for information. The final approval or rejection of a venue by F.I.P.S.e.d. will be transmitted to the candidate nation. F.I.P.S.e.d. will be charged of the travel (flight, train or car) and the organization will take care of the movement on place from the airport or station as well as the stay (hotel and meals).

With regard to accommodation, participating Nations will have two possibilities:

- 1- To choose the official accommodation proposed by the organising Nation (optional).

In this case the conditions of the stay will have to be made clear, i.e.:

- the price per night per person for half board, depending on the number of persons sharing each room, whatever the duration of the chosen stay (full board cannot be mandatory); the participating Nation shall specify the dates of its stay (the term "official stay" used by many Nations, starting on the Thursday, has never appeared in any regulations, and therefore must not be used);
- the price of the closing gala dinner.

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

2- To find one's own accommodation.

In this case participating Nations are required to communicate this choice to the organising nation at the time of entry (on ad hoc entry form).

In the two cases (participation through or without the help of the official organization), the contribution for the entry fee will include fishing permits for the whole duration of the Championship (for both training and competition days) insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.. Depending on the type of Championship, the entry fee will be as follows:

€ 1,200 (including 9 closing gala dinners and 6 fishing permits) for participation in the NATIONS and LADIES championships.

€ 1,100 (including 8 closing gala dinners and 5 fishing permits) for participation in the VETERANS championship.

€ 1,100 (including 8 closing gala dinners and 5 fishing permits) for participation of a single team in the "YOUTH" championship, from which € 350 will be deducted as a F.I.P.S.e.d. contribution, thus a fee of € 750.

€ 1,800 (including 16 closing gala dinners and 10 fishing permits) for participation of two teams in the "YOUTH" championship, from which € 700 will be deducted as a F.I.P.S.e.d. contribution, thus a fee of € 1,100.

€ 2,500 (including 24 closing gala dinners and 15 fishing permits) for participation of three teams in the "YOUTH" championship, from which € 1,050 will be deducted as a F.I.P.S.e.d. contribution, thus a fee of € 1,450.

With reference to the closing gala dinner, be it a dinner with table service or a buffet dinner, participating Nations shall have at their disposal a number of seats corresponding to the number of gala dinner places reserved for them.

If no details about the accommodation have been specified by the deadline set up by the organization, the participating nations will have to deal with their own accommodation and then they have to pay the respective entry fee to the organization.

Any Nation that fills in an entry form and undertakes to participate in a championship but then does not take part must in all cases pay to the organising Nation the contribution provided for the respective championship. Nations failing to observe this rule shall be forbidden from taking part in and organising future championships.

All participating nations have the obligation to inform the organizing nation about their arrival date at least one week before the first training day. Any absent nation (yet to arrive) on Friday morning training shall be considered as WITHDRAWN and may not participate in the championship (refer to the list of sanctions; article 31 § c).

Organising Nations shall specify in the programme of the event a list of hotels, lodgings, rooms and campsites situated within a radius of 20 km.

Organizers must pretend entry cards correctly filled with mobile phone number of a delegate and of the team manager. Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, firefighter, hospital, etc.) must be present on the programs.

The various championships will take place according to the following time schedule:

- CLUBS World Championship: **first weekend of June.**
  - EUROPEAN Championship: **last weekend of June.**
  - **VETERANS and DISABLED World Championship: must be organized simultaneously by the same organizer, in the second weekend of July.**
  - YOUTH (U14, U18, U22) World Championship: **first weekend of August.**
  - LADIES World Championship: between the 15th and 30th of August.
  - NATIONS World Championship: between the 1st and 15th of September.
- 6- During the competitions, the competitors must have an angling position (ring) within a minimum range of 10 meters and a maximum range of 20 meters. The width of these rings shall be established together with the technical commission. The angling position of each competitor will be separated by a neutral zone of maximum 1 meter on the left and right sides (the space may be reduced or even left out).

The angling position must be well defined so it is isolated from the spectators; for this object, it is possible to erect a fence or set up ropes at an adequate distance from the shore (we recommend a distance of at least 10 meters); furthermore a corridor must be created so that officials may use it and this corridor shall be inserted between the anglers and the spectators. This official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle.

Team captains, 2 per Nation, may enter their teams' competitors' sector; team captains shall wear **a green back-number marked with the C letter**, clearly indicating relative status. Only one team captain at a time shall be allowed inside a sector. **The reserve shall wear a red back-number marked with the R letter.**

The organisation must customize each angler's ring by means of a board indicating the name and the nationality of the competitor and also the number of fish caught, with hourly updating.

### **TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING**

- 7- It would be preferable for General Stewards to attend the Team Managers' meetings.

In the case a team manager or a delegate from a nation is absent, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or his delegate will carry out the operation of drawing lots.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting – Thursday **at 1:00** pm or two days before the first leg

During this first meeting, an international jury will be appointed, in conformity with

article 28 of the present Official Rules. Subsequently, the following operations shall be carried out:

- Roll call of nations;
- Nations will draw lots in alphabetical order to determine the call-up order of the draw for the first leg; **the call-up order will be inverted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg (i.e.: the nation which drew by lot as first the first day, will then draw as last one, etc.).**
- Various pieces of information about the progress of the championship.

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – Friday afternoon or eve of the first leg

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

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – the morning of the first leg

Draw allocating the competitors a competition slot in the various sectors.

4<sup>th</sup> meeting – on the afternoon of the first leg

Notification of the results to the participating Countries.

Considerations on the performance of the leg.

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

5<sup>th</sup> meeting – the morning of the second leg

Draw allocating the competitors a competition slot in the various sectors.

## **DRAWING LOTS**

- 8-** The drawing lots for each leg must be carried out at least 180 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organisers and in the presence of the team managers or delegates of each team and of the representatives of the F.I.P.S.e.d..

For the two legs, the distribution of the 5 anglers (4 for Veterans and Youth) in their sectors shall be determined by drawing lots, **the day preceding each leg**, just as has been done in the past.

The assignment **of the first leg** positions will be made according to a drawing system **previously decided by F.I.P.S.e.d.** This grid has been constructed in such a way that the anglers of one team are spread out within a fifth of a sector (a quarter for Veterans and Youth).

**Drawing lot will be carried out by each team captain (or by a representative) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, just considering tail-enders and pre-tail enders.**

-9- In streams, rivers and watercourses, angling position number 1 must always be situated downstream; in water basins (lakes, ponds, etc.) position number 1 will always be situated to the left looking at the lake and the marking will run from the left to the right.

-10- Team managers will receive a back number for each one of their competitors.

Back numbers for competitors will be of different colours for each sector (except green or red) or will be of a neutral colour with different coloured lettering for each sector.

## **GENERAL RULES**

-11- a- Each competitor will have 120 minutes to prepare himself. As soon as the anglers arrive to the venue, they must wear their back numbers and deposit all their equipment at the allotted ring, without entering the ring (these rules also regard those who help the anglers transport their equipment). It is not allowed to prepare the material until the official starting signal is given, indicating that the competitors are allowed to enter their rings. During the subsequent preparative operations, the competitors may not receive any help. All materials may be handed over to the anglers until the baiting signal is emitted, but only through each individual steward. After this signal, it is forbidden to supply any kind of material (baits, ground baits and equipment) to the competitors, except for pieces of broken rods, which may be substituted through the individual steward. He may intervene also to help an angler to unfasten the elements of the rod, which are stuck.

Baits and ground baits may be handed over to the anglers during the preparation period, but their quantity must be checked by the commissioners before the control of baits and ground baits. **After the control**, anglers are not allowed receive further quantities of baits and ground baits. Until the signal to enter the box is given, the baits and the ground baits may be prepared by the angler or a third party outside the box. After the signal to enter the box and until the check is performed, this preparation may be performed either by a third person outside the box or by the competitor inside the box.

b- The anglers are not allowed to form his heavy ground baits balls and ground bait before the control of the baits and the ground baits has been made. If this control has not been carried out, the competitors are not authorized to angle.

**c- In case an angler uses a shorter fish net (less than 4 meters), he will receive a yellow card during the competition, even though the net is used during the two days. In case the same athlete will be found with a shorter net in occasion of another championship, he will be disqualified.**

**d- Control of fish net and rod length will be carried out after the control of baits and groundbaits; one angler per sector, drawn by lot, will be controlled.**

e- The competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transport.

- 12-** There must be one steward assigned to each competitor and a general steward for each sector. The individual and general stewards must have full knowledge of the rules of the competition.

The general steward shall verify the following (if possibly with the assistance of a member of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d.):

- a- the quantity of ground bait must be measured when ready to use (wet and sieved) including earth, gravel, corn maize, wheat, hempseed, etc. and other additives that are not obnoxious for the fauna and the water environment. **Groundbait is limited as follows: 17 litres for Youth, Ladies and Veterans Championships. 20 litres for Clubs, Nations and Europe (or other Zones).** The executive committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may modify these quantities, after a proposal from the technical committee;
- b- the quantity of baits (all included baits will be measured and not pressed) for all championships is limited to 2.5 litres of which jokers and/or bloodworms may constitute a maximum of 1 litre. The executive committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may modify these quantities, upon a proposal from technical committee;
- c- that the competitors present at the control the quantities of baits and ground baits that are indicated in the program. In the event of non-compliance, the competitor will be reprimanded – (article 31 a). The list of competitors who have been reprimanded will be announced at the Captains' Meeting. If the offence is committed again during the second leg or during the following championship, the competitor shall be disqualified as a recurrent offender (article 31 b).

Apart from hooking bloodworm, bound only for the hook and kept and presented in the water (baiting bloodworms shall be kept in the proper boxes of "official measure"); any other bait bound for groundbaiting or hooking shall be presented in "official measure" boxes; any other form of presentation of baits during the control will be seized and sanctioned (one point penalty in the sector ranking).

The ground baits must be presented at the controls in graduated buckets and the baits in boxes of the "official dimensions". The competitors must obligatorily be equipped with their own buckets and boxes of the right size. Competitors not in possession of "official size" boxes shall receive one penalty place on the sector score table (for example, a competitor who does not have boxes at the end of the leg and is awarded 5<sup>th</sup> place will be assigned 6 points instead of 5. The competitor in sixth place shall, in any case, be assigned 6 points).

The sieving of groundbaits (through a sieve, hamper, landing nets' tip and others) as well as the mixing (with electric mixer) is forbidden once the check has been carried out.

The use of sprays is allowed for the baits collage. It is strictly forbidden by any means (hands, spray, sponge, vessel, etc.) to wet again groundbaits before the control and until the "heavy" groundbaiting; after the "heavy" groundbaiting (3<sup>rd</sup> signal) only the use of the spray will be allowed.

Aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms) may be presented in no more than two boxes (e.g. ¼ of bloodworms in a ¼ box and ¾ of jokers in a ¾ box). The boxes shall be closed without the use of any instrument required to keep them



in the same conditions (e.g. adhesive tape may not be used to keep the lid closed);

d- collect a possible surplus of baits and ground baits after the control.

The individual steward must:

a- control the keepnet;

b- control the angling behaviour of the competitor he is responsible for;

c- verify and make note of every fish caught;

d- at the end of the competition, he shall keep the angler's fish caught under observation and forbid the access to any unauthorised person into the angling position until the arrival of the weighing team. Together with his angler, he will sign the weighing protocol indicating the weight of the fish.

**-13-** The competitors must observe all legal fish size limits, if they are in force for the competition (national rules). These sizes shall be made public during the **1<sup>st</sup>** team managers' meeting (and it is the team manager's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed). Fish must be kept alive in a micromesh keep-net. The keep-net shall have either a minimum diameter of 40 cm for the round ones or a minimum diagonal of 50 cm for the rectangular ones and a minimum length of **4 meters**; it shall be submerged as far as possible during the entire competition by its full length. It is not allowed to use other systems for keeping the fish. The competitors must have their own keep-nets with them, unless they are supplied by the organizing federation. Any angler weighing maimed fish at the weighing procedure will be sanctioned.

**-14-** The composition of ground baits and baits must be of natural origin. It is forbidden to use products of metal origin. Artificial baits such as imitation of maggots, silkworms, moths, bloodworms, earthworms, etc. are prohibited.

All surplus of ground baits and baits must not be thrown into the water after the training period and the competition.

**-15-** The competition shall take place by sectors or **under-sectors** in two legs of 3 hours each **for Youth, Ladies and Veterans Championships**.

**The competition shall take place by sectors or under-sectors in two legs of 4 hours each for Clubs, Nations and Europe (or Zones).**

**In case of competitions with less than 20 participating Nations, sectors will not have any separations, or will have a number of separations as little as possible. As what concerns separated sectors, these ones must obligatory be separated by 3 pegs at least.**

**In case weather conditions does not allow the good course of the event, Jury can decide to cancel one leg. The cancelled one will not be considered. The ranking list will be drawn up according to the disputed leg. The cancelled one will not be rescued.**

In case of a forced interruption (i.e. a thunderstorm), the **Jury will valid** the leg providing it has lasted for at least 1 hour.

- 16- Each competitor is expected to follow rules of the competition integrally.
- 17- The fishing-line must obligatorily be equipped with a float; only single hooks are allowed. Overshooting of the float is forbidden (the weight of the sinker of the line must not exceed the capacity of the float used). It is strictly forbidden to fish at the bottom of the watercourse, with or without float, and it is not allowed to mount the terminal or the sinker in derivation, nor to fish with spoons, artificial flies, baits using living or dead fish or fish roe.

The main mass of the sinker must absolutely not lie at the bottom. However, 10% of the total weight of the sinker may lie at the bottom. In the case of angling in a strong current (at whatever speed), the sinker must be presented so that it does not interrupt the natural progression of the line. In the case of a “throwing and dragging” angling procedure, the line must continue its progression without interruptions, if released.

In case a member of the jury notices or is invited to notice the evident infringement of the first two paragraphs of article 17 and of article 35, during a leg, he has the possibility of requiring the control of the angler's line without waiting for the end of the leg. In this case, it is forbidden for the competitor to modify the composition of his line (position of the float, variation of the weight of the sinker, rupture of the end of the sinker, destruction of the line, etc.). If the angler in question refuses to accept the control or modifies the line, he will have to appear before the Jury.

Baits used on the hook must not be mixed on the point, but must be put onto the hook (bread, paste, mixture of substances or baits such as the pellet, boiles, balls of groundbait or pasted baits, ect. are forbidden).

The catching of a fish is valid even if it is accidentally hooked outside the mouth.

The deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited.

The possession or use of echo sounders is prohibited, including during training.

Every fish caught but not hanging from the angler's line shall not be considered valid and shall be put back in water.

During the competition, anglers are not allowed to use auriculars or walkie-talkies.

- 18- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are allowed to fish only with one rod at the time.
- 19- The usage of the net is allowed only for the competitors.
- 20- Competitors are not allowed to receive outside help; only the team manager is authorized to access the angling ring of the competitors of his team and this only to give verbal advice; a team manager is not allowed into the ring of an angler who is not part of his team.
- 21- The usage of platforms with a maximum dimension of 1 x 1 metre is allowed so that the competitors may stand on them; they must be installed in a straight line, clear of

the water or, if necessary, partially inside the water (this decision will be taken by the organisation with the approval of the technical commission). Additional platforms may be set up in line with the main platform, but only for depositing materials.

In case it is necessary to trace a line to line up all competitors along the venue (string, line traced on the ground, etc.) in order to avoid that some of the competitors are closer to the water than others, this must be carried out before the training period starts.

- 22- Competitors may use the space allotted to them in any way they want; but they are not allowed into the neutral zone.

Inside the space allotted to them, the anglers must move discretely and noiselessly.

It is forbidden to angle and throw bait or ground bait in the neutral spaces, both upstream and downstream (left and right), or in the rings upstream or downstream (left and right) if the neutral areas have been eliminated. The fish exiting the box and sighted in neutral areas or in the ring of **very neighbouring** competitors shall be considered valid; however, if a line with a fish is hooked by a neighbour's line, the fish must be put back into the water without delay; in case the competitor refuses this and puts the fish in question into the net, without a previous authorization, during the final weighing phase, the person in charge of the weighing must weigh the biggest fish separately and make note of its weight on the competitor's card. After the deliberation, the Jury shall decide whether to annul the weight of the fish or not in relation to the total weight. The competitor will receive a yellow card warning (see list of warning), if the fish is not considered valid.

Photographers and cameramen have the right to access the neutral zone (if there is one), with the prior permission of the adjacent competitors and stewards. Nevertheless, they are not allowed to go beyond a line set up 2 meters behind the line of the competitors. This line must be provided for by the organizers. In the event that no neutral areas provided, photographers and cameramen, with the permission of the fishermen and the commissaries, may remain on the outer perimeter of the chosen box; however photographers and cameramen may not pass the line drawn by the organisers which will be 2 metres behind the line of fishermen.

- 23- Anglers must wait for the first signal to enter their angling position; after this signal, the competitors may start preparing their equipment, plumbing the depth, trying their lines, preparing their ground bait and putting their keep-nets into the water. They have 120 minutes at their disposal to perform these preparatory phases.

After a second signal, anglers will have 5 minutes left before the start of baits and groundbaits' controls. The check of baits and groundbaits shall always start from the N° 1 of each sector, 1h 10 min. before the heavy baiting.

At the third signal, competitors will be allowed to start the heavy baiting (**10 minutes are allowed for this operation**). Balls for heavy baiting may be formed only after having entered the angling ring and only after the control of the quantities of baits and ground baits has been performed by the checking commissioner. Balls for heavy baiting shall be made exclusively by hands.

Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands or baiting with a “cup” applied to a “roubaisienne” are allowed. The ground bait must be prepared and thrown into the water without any object used to contain it (socks, feeder socks, anti-pollution containers, etc.). It is important to observe the maximum allowed length of the rods to use the “cup” and also to probe the depth. When ground bait is thrown using the “cup”, only one rod shall be permitted above the water surface (the use of a second rod for this type of baiting is prohibited). The “cup”, permanently fixed on the tip of the fishing rod or rod-holder is allowed always in compliance with precedent §.

When the “cup” is used, the rod cannot be placed beyond the rear limit of the ring. **The rod can overreach the ring back limit only in case the Jury gave his agreement on it and if the Jury has communicated that during the first captains’ meeting.**

On the occasion of inspections of competition venues, the Technical Commission shall ensure that rings have sufficient space to allow the use of long rods.

The fourth signal marks the beginning of the competition during which anglers can only use light bait (by light bait, we intend the manipulation using one hand only, without leaning against anything (thigh, bucket, etc.)). Only if light baiting is performed using sticky maggots, the latter can only be handled with one hand, but may subsequently be manipulated with both hands to prepare the ball. Balls for light baiting must not be formed before the beginning of the competition (fourth signal).

The fifth signal warns the competitors that there are only 5 minutes before the end of the competition.

The sixth signal marks the end of the competition; after this signal, no fish will count unless it is totally clear of the water.

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

- 24- During the competition, individual stewards assigned to single competitors shall stand behind the angler, on his right or left side, in such a way that they do not disturb the angler, but can still control the fish caught by the angler assigned to them. Keep-nets must be placed so that the stewards can see them; the fish shall be deposited and kept alive in the keep-net until the weighing team arrives.

## **WEIGHING OPERATIONS**

- 25- The weighing operations shall be performed by 5 teams composed of 5 members each.

One person is responsible for the weighing.

Another person transcribes the weight on the official document.

The other three people are in charge of all other operations.

Each sector will have a set of scales at its disposal. The recipients used for weighing the fish must be perforated to allow the water drainage.

The weighing shall be performed in grams.

When very small fish such as alevin or fry are caught, which do not register on the scales (scales scores 0 grams), the fishermen will be classified in order of how many fish were caught and then placed in order after those fishermen who qualified according to the weight of the fish.

- 26- Until the arrival of the weighing team, the competitors must leave their keep-nets containing the fish in the water. The fish shall be manipulated with caution by a member of the weighing team; they shall be weighed, not counted; after the weighing, the fish must be put back into the keep-net of the person who has caught them, the keep-net must be put into the water without delay. Only at the end of the weighing of the fish of all members of the sector, the person responsible for the weighing will give the order to put back the fish into the water. This system allows those responsible to verify the weight in case of complaints. The fish must be put back into the water with the utmost care (except for other local rules on the matter).
- 27- The competitor must be present during the above described operations to control the weight and sign the weighing protocol which indicates the weight of the fish caught. After the end of the weighing operations in the sector, when the fish has been put back into the water and the weighing protocol has been signed, no complaint about the weight will be accepted.

## **THE JURY**

- 28- An international JURY will be appointed to examine any complaints lodged and to apply sanctions as per the rules; the JURY will be made official during the first team managers' meeting.

The JURY will be composed of the subsequent members:

- The President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or the substitute nominated by him
- The General Secretary of F.I.P.S.e.d.
- The members of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. and of the technical, young and environmental commissions that are present at the championships
- The delegate representing the organizing nation, unless he is of the same nationality as the above mentioned members, apart from the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. (or his substitute) who will automatically be the President of the Jury.

If an infringement is made by a competitor or by a team of the same nationality as a member of the JURY, the latter may not vote (except if he is the President of the JURY).

The members of the JURY must wear a "JURY" badge and they must be present on the competition venue to be able to receive any complaints. A place where one or more members of the JURY always can be found must be indicated.

- 29-** Any complaints, except for those regarding the classifications, must be submitted to the JURY within 1 hour after the end of the leg. The complaints may be presented verbally, but they must immediately be confirmed in writing.

Complaints concerning the classification must be made within 30 minutes after the official results have been published. The time of publishing will be noted on the official result list. A deposit of 100 € must accompany every written complaint submitted to the JURY. If the JURY does not uphold the complaint, the deposit will be forfeited into the account of F.I.P.S.e.d..

All infractions and warnings must be communicated to the JURY, which is the only authority with powers to decide for or inflict disqualifications. A competitor who is the object of a sanction, must be informed about this immediately.

The JURY members and all general stewards must make sure the rules are followed and they must have perfect knowledge about their contents.

- 30-** The rules, which are published in the 2 official languages, shall be made available for the JURY and the team managers by the organization of the Championship.

The international JURY will adopt its decisions on a simple majority basis; in the event of a tied vote, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or his substitute will have the casting vote.

All members of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. must wear a personal badge and they may circulate in the official corridor for managers and for those responsible for the organization. The badge shall be valid only for the term of office of the Executive Committee (4 years).

## **LIST OF SANCTIONS**

- 31-** The sanctions are as follows:

- a) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 11a, 12c, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 26.
- b) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 11b, 17, 35 **and 40** and after a second warning for the infringement of articles 11a, 12c, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 26.
- c) Disqualification of the nation for the infringement of articles 37b-1 and 37b-3.
- d) If 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 which follow him in the classification will keep their original placing (for example: X that was qualified 8<sup>th</sup> is disqualified, the subsequent anglers will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).

- e) If a nation receives a warning, this will be noted in its file and remain archived for a period of 3 YEARS. In the case of a new infringement during this 3-YEAR period, this will be considered as a relapse and the JURY will make its decision, taking this relapse and the list of sanctions into consideration.
- f) If a competitor receives a warning, this warning will be noted in his file for a period of 3 YEARS. In the case of a new infringement, this will be considered a relapse, and the JURY will make its decision taking this new infringement and the list of sanctions into account.
- g) The F.I.P.S.e.d. directive committee will have the authority, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose sanctions on fishermen, captains or reserves if they commit infractions or behave in a bad way, also if these infractions are not specified in the official regulations.

**-32-** The members of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may access the competition venue and make notes of any infringement of the rules.

## **CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **-33- 1 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

**Up to 25 nations: the classification will be calculated per sector (as usual); from 26 nations upwards: sectors shall be divided into two under-sectors;** in case the number of nations is an odd number (i.e.: 2 under-sectors with **27** nations); the competitor positioned in n° **14** will be considered in both calculations of the 2 under-sectors; the placement obtained in the smallest under-sector (from 1 to **14**) will be considered for its individual classification; on the contrary its placement obtained in the other under-sector (from **14 to 27**) will be considered in the competitors' classification of that under-sector; in case the competitor ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under-sector from **14 to 27**, the other competitors will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, ~~3<sup>rd</sup>~~, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **A – FIRST LEG**

- a) Sum of the team member score obtained by the competitors belonging to the same team in each under-sector or sector.

In the case of a tied weight in a under-sector or sector, the competitors in question will totalise a number of penalties equalling the average placing they should have had (example No. 1: two competitors tying for the 5<sup>th</sup> place totalise  $(5+6):2 = 5.5$  penalties each; example No. 2: three competitors tying in the 8<sup>th</sup> placing, totalise  $(8+9+10):3 = 9$  penalties each).

- b) The team with the lowest number of penalties will be classified first and so on.
- 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 under-sector or sector (example 1: twenty-four anglers, twelve of whom are classified

at the first 12 places with a penalty from 1 to 12, the following anglers will mark  $(13+24):2 = 18.5$  penalties each; example No. 2: twenty-nine anglers, five of whom have caught fish and mark points 1 - 5 and the twenty-four anglers who have not caught any fish mark  $(6+29):2 = 17.5$  penalties; example No. 3: twenty-nine anglers, twenty-six of whom have caught fish, whereas the three competitors who have not caught any fish will mark  $(27+29):2 = 28$  penalties). If there is only 1 angler, who has not caught any fish or a missing angler in a sector, he will mark a number of penalties equalling the last position in the under-sector or sector (example: twenty-nine competitors, twenty-eight of whom have caught fish, whereas one has not, the latter will mark 29 penalties).

## **B – SECOND LEG**

The classification is performed in the same way as during the first leg.

## **C – GENERAL CLASSIFICATION**

- a) The sum of the penalties obtained over the two legs, the team totalling the lowest number of penalties will be classified first and so on.
- b) If a tie on points occurs, the teams concerned will be placed by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the competitors over the two legs.
- c) If a tie still exists on weight, the highest individual weight shall be taken into account and so on.

## **2 – INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION**

- a) Sum of the penalties obtained during the two legs; the angler totalling the lowest number of penalties over two legs will be declared individual World Champion.
- b) If a tie on points occurs between two or more competitors, then the angler with the highest aggregate weight over two legs will be declared the winner.
- c) If a tie on weight occurs, the angler who has the highest single weight in one of the two legs will be declared the winner.
- d) Finally, in the event that a tie still occurs, one will perform an addition of the sum of the drawing lot numbers of the two legs. The highest total will prevail.
- e) The anglers participating in only one leg, will be classified at the end of the individual classification and in order of placing.

## **3 – TEAMS' CLASSIFICATION**

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



- 34-** The classification will be carried out by the organization in the presence of the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or his representative and possibly also together with components of the JURY.

### **LENGTH OF THE RODS**

- 35-** The length of the rods is limited to:

- 10.00 meters for the “U14” category.
- 11.50 meters for the “U18” category.
- 11.50 meters for the “LADIES” category.
- 11.50 meters for the “VETERANS” category.
- 13.00 meters for the “U22”, “NATIONS” and “CLUBS” categories.

Despite these limitations, the fishing with the reel is allowed.

### **CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

- 36- IT IS AN OBLIGATION** for Organizers to take out a “CIVIL LIABILITY” insurance to cover the organization of all legs; a certificate issued by the insurance company, in which it is certified that all legs are covered by a “CIVIL LIABILITY” contract, must be handed over to the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. two months prior to the competition.

### **TRAINING**

- 37-** a) The official training must take place in the official venue.
- b) The official venue must be organized according to the subsequent modalities:
- 1) 15 days of total closure. During these 15 days, training at the Venue is forbidden for all Nations in the entire area chosen for the championship and in the 500 metres upstream and downstream of this area (including the opposite banks in the case of **lakes, rowing venues**, canals, streams and rivers). The organization shall mark the borders of the training area through the use of boards. Apart from the closed period, the venue shall be made available for regular visits and fishing [local closed periods and special fishing conditions (fishing permit) shall be respected]. If the venue is always closed to fishing, it shall be made available for at least 2 weekends (the dates shall be specified in the programme);
  - 2) In the “NATIONS”, **ZONES (EUROPE)**, CLUBS and LADIES championships there will be 5 days of official practice (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, **Thursday morning and Friday morning**);

In the "YOUTH" championships there will be 4 days of official practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, **Thursday morning and Friday morning**);

In the VETERANS championship there will be 3 days of official practice (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning); on practice days the entire competition venue (4 sectors) will be split up into 3 parts (e.g. in the case of 10 Nations the sectors will have to be  $100 \text{ metres} \times 4 = 400 \text{ metres} / 3 = 133.33 \text{ metres}$ );

- 3) training on Friday morning will be compulsory for all nations and all the above championships (complete teams composed of all their anglers) and both the heavy baiting and the light baiting must be fully respected, just as during a normal training;
  - 4) 2 days of competition (Saturday and Sunday).
- c) To enable all nations to train on the official venue during the 5 days ("NATIONS", **ZONES (EUROPE)**, CLUBS and LADIES), the 4 days (YOUTH and VETERANS) of training, the organisers will attribute a part of the venue called a "RING" from the first day and every day after through drawing lots to each nation, created within the venue between 8 and 10 a.m. on the first day of training (it is necessary to include the hours and the place for this operation of drawing lots in the program). Each "RING" will consist of 6 consecutive fishing sectors for the NATIONS, **ZONES (EUROPE)**, CLUBS and LADIES championships and 5 consecutive fishing sectors for the YOUTH and VETERANS championships. The drawing of lots for the "RING" shall be monitored (system for drawing lots established by F.I.P.S.e.d. and rendered available for the organizing nation) in order to enable every nation to train in each and every sector of the venue.

On each of the first **3** [NATIONS, **ZONES (EUROPE)**, CLUBS and LADIES], **2** (YOUTH and VETERANS) training days, the organisers shall indicate authorised fishing periods via special acoustic signals, namely:

**10:00 am o'clock, one heavy baiting per day is allowed (10 minutes maximum).**

**It is allowed to use the same amounting of baits and groundbaits as the maximum amounting allowed during the competition.**

**It is allowed to fish without any interruption until 6:00 pm, except on Thursday and on Friday (until 2:00 pm).**

Before **10.00** a.m. and after 6.00 p.m. no fishing allowed.

The teams must respect these hours (no baiting will be authorised before the official signal). No other heavy baiting may be done after the official **10** minutes.

On the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** ["NATIONS", **ZONES (EUROPE)** CLUBS and LADIES], **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** (YOUTH and VETERANS) training days, the heavy baiting signal will be given at **10:00** a.m. and all angling (**4 hours maximum**) must stop at **2:00** p.m. without fail. No training will be authorised after **2:00** p.m. The venue must absolutely be free from people by **3:00** p.m..

## **ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS**

- 38-** It is strictly forbidden to place competitors within a minimum distance of **25 meters** on both sides of any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

## **RULES IN CASE OF A THUNDERSTORM**

- 39- 1 - WHEN THE THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT BEFORE OR DURING THE PREPARATIONS**

No angler is allowed to access his ring or prepare his material; a signal indicates the postponement of the access into the angling ring or the end of the preparation phase.

If the weather conditions so allow, and within the limits of the schedule, the leg may be regularly performed. **In case of a forced interruption (i.e. a thunderstorm), the Jury will valid the leg, providing it has lasted for at least 1 hour.**

If the weather conditions do not improve or if the schedule of the program does not allow so, the leg will quite simply be annulled. **The cancelled one will not be considered. The ranking list will be drawn up according to the leg(s) disputed. The cancelled leg will not be rescued.**

### **2 – IF A THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT DURING THE LEG**

The leg is immediately interrupted (a 1<sup>st</sup> signal will be emitted by the organizers) and all competitors must take cover. If the weather conditions so allow, the leg will continue and a 2<sup>nd</sup> signal will inform the competitors that they may return to their rings; a 3<sup>rd</sup> signal, 5 minutes later, will authorize the competitors to resume the angling.

The duration of the leg may be reduced if the schedule of the program does not allow the continuation until the end of the 3 planned hours of angling (based on a decision taken by the Jury).

## **ANTIDOPING CONTROLS**

- 40- F.I.P.S.e.d. adheres the world anti-doping code applied by C.I.P.S..**  
**In occasion of a championship, anglers called to be submitted to anti-doping controls must compulsory be present within the established deadline, according to F.I.P.S.e.d. or Jury directives. The called angler, who does not report for the control, will be disqualified from the competition and will be penalized.**

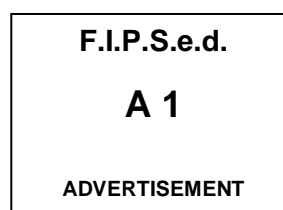
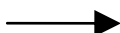
**Organizing Nations shall get charged of anti-doping controls costs.**

## **ADVERTISING ON BACK NUMBERS**

- 41-** Advertisements are not obligatory.

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

**BACK-NUMBER SAMPLE**



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

- 42-** A contribution of 120 € must be made by each participating nation and this fee will remain at the disposal of F.I.P.S.e.d. (this fee of 120 € is not perceived for YOUNG Championship), whereas the sum of 400 € paid to the organizing nation, will remain at the disposal of C.I.P.S. (to be paid to the C.I.P.S. treasurer). For YOUNG Championship, divided in three categories (U14, U18 and U22), C.I.P.S. fee is of 400 €.

## **OPENING CEREMONY AND PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY**

- 43-** The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams must take place two days before the first leg at 6:00 pm o'clock. The duration of this ceremony shall not be longer than 2 hours and shall not end later than 8 pm.

The first 3 teams and first 3 individual competitors will officially receive GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medals. In conformity with the International standards, the awarding of the prizes will be accompanied by the corresponding National Anthems and the raising of the winning nations' National flag. The medals will be offered by F.I.P.S.e.d. and they will be handed over by its official representative.

As regards the World Championships for CLUBS, there may only be a classification of teams; therefore there will be no attribution on an individual basis.

All other forms of acknowledgement will be distributed equally among the participating nations. All participating nations must bring with them their flag and a cassette with a recording of their anthem.

During the course of the ceremony announcing the official results, the winning Nation may be represented on the podium for the handing out of medals and playing of the National Anthem by up to 9 persons.

## **TRANSLATIONS**

- 44-** In case of controversies about the interpretation of these rules, only the French text will be considered as the original text and as reference text.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

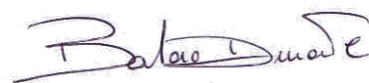
- 45-** The organizing nation of the World or Zone (Europe, etc.) Championship has the obligation to:
- a- engrave trophies of F.I.P.S.e.d. (plaque or logo)
  - b- send out official programs and information about the championship in the 2 official languages (English and French).

The President of F.I.P.S.e.d.



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