

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES

CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL FOR NATIONS COMPETITIONS

“CARNIVOROUS ARTIFICIAL BAIT SHORE ANGLING”

ORGANIZATION

- 1- Official international competitions must be organised 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 shall be admitted; they are to be nominated by the federations they are members of; the anglers who make up the national federations must hold the nationality of the latter.

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

The competitors must always be able to prove their nationality by means of ID cards, passports or other documents to attest their identity. **The identifying document shall be presented at the 1st or 2nd team managers' meeting.**

Only teams that are members of the national federations shall be admitted to World Championships.

In order to apply for the organization of a championship, the nation in question must have participated in the championship at least once.

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-givings 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 organising 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 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; these trophies must have a plaque, on which will be inscribed "F.I.P.S.e.d." as well as the place and date of the championship. The maximum amount that F.I.P.S.e.d. will reimburse will be 300 € for 6 trophies. F.I.P.S.e.d. will continue to provide the medallions.

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).

- 3-** Each nation that is a C.I.P.S. member will be allowed to present only one team 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 organized at watercourses, such as streams, 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 minimum width of the venue must be 10 metres.
- 5-** As far as possible, the selected venue must be characterized by analogous fishing conditions for all competitors; furthermore, the venue must allow the lining up of all participants without any possible interruptions caused by power lines, bridges, etc.. The venue must not present any dangers for the competitors or the spectators. The venue must also be such as to allow all participants to fish from dry land; should it be necessary to enter the water to reach a part of the venue, the ford should be reported, and fishing will be forbidden in that section.

One or more members of the technical commission or a competent delegate nominated by F.I.P.S.e.d. 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.

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 (for this championship full board may be decided upon); 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 organisation), the contribution for the entry fee is € 1000 including 7 closing gala dinners and 5 fishing permits for the whole duration of the Championship (the period of practice and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc..

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 **1000** € 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 of **1000** €. Nations failing to observe this rule shall be forbidden from taking part in and organising future championships.

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.

All participating nations have the obligation to inform the organizing nation about their arrival date at least one week before the competition starts. Any absent nation (yet to arrive) at the team managers' meeting shall be considered as WITHDRAWN and may not participate in the championship.

The "CARNIVOROUS ARTIFICIAL BAIT SHORE ANGLING" World Championship will take place between the 15th May and 15th June.

- 6-** During the competitions, the competitors must have an angling position (ring) within a minimum range of 20 meters and a maximum range of 30 meters. The width of these rings shall be established together with the technical commission.

The number of boxes in each sector shall be double the number of Countries present in that sector; the venue shall start downstream or from the left looking at the basin. For

example: 10 Countries = 20 boxes, numbered from 1 to 20; 15 Countries = 30 boxes, numbered from 1 to 30.

Each sector shall be suitably demarcated with notices put up at the start and the end of the zone.

Anglers' fishing zones shall be clearly marked out, so as to completely separate these areas from spectators. To do this, a fence or a rope may be put up a suitable distance from the bank (a distance of at least 10 metres is recommended). It will also be necessary to arrange a corridor between the competition area and the spectator area for Competition Officials.

The team managers, 2 per Nation, may enter their teams' competitors' sector; the team managers shall wear a visible back-number for identification, clearly indicating relative status. Only one team manager at a time shall be allowed inside a sector.

The organization will place to the centre of each sector a board stating the name of all competitors that are present in that sector, their nationality and their number of catches with updating every hour. Inside each sector, there must also be a place where the reserve rods may be kept for the benefit of the competitors.

TEAM MANAGER'S MEETINGS

-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.

1st meeting – Thursday afternoon or two days before the first round

During this first meeting, an international jury will be appointed, in conformity with article 25 of the present Official Rules. Subsequently, the following operations shall be carried out:

- 1- Roll call of nations;
- 2- Nations will draw lots in alphabetical order to determine the call-up order of the draw for the first round;
- 3- Various pieces of information about the progress of the championship.

2nd meeting – Friday afternoon or eve of the first round

Formation of four (4) GROUPS composed of one angler in each national team participating and numbered from 1 to 4. For this purpose, each Captain shall write the name of the components of its team on five counterfoils provided by the organisers and will subsequently deposit one in each of the four (4) dedicated containers. The composition of the four (4) groups may be made by means of a draw of ping-pong balls numbered 1 to 4.

Draw for the starting order of the competitors in GROUP 1. Once the draw has been completed, the starting order for GROUP 1 and all the other GROUPS shall be

determined automatically, for both days of the contest, using a grid drawn up according to the number of countries.

3rd meeting – the morning of the first round

Pairing, by draw, of the four (4) groups constituted during the 2nd Captains' Meeting to the Sectors A, B, C and D.

4th meeting – on the afternoon of the first round

Notification of the results to the participating Countries.

Considerations on the performance of the round.

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5th meeting – the morning of the second round

Pairing, by draw, of the four (4) groups constituted during the 4th Captains' Meeting to the Sectors A, B, C and D.

DRAWING OF LOTS

- 8- The drawing lots for each round must be carried out at least 90 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..
- 9- In streams, channels and watercourses, angling position number 1 must always be situated downstream; in still waters (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 the competitors.

The back number by the captains should be green **(two team manager back-numbers shall always be provided)** and the ones for the reserves should be red. The back numbers by the 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- The competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transport.

All competitors must be present in the middle of the section assigned to them at least 45 minutes before the competition starts. When the competitors are present, the General Steward for the sector shall carry out the roll-call.

- 12-** There must be one steward assigned for each competitor and a general steward for each sector. The individual and general stewards must have full knowledge of the rules of competition. The competitors of the organizing nation will be controlled not only by their individual steward, but also by an additional foreign steward, chosen among the present nations by drawing lots.

The individual steward must:

- a- Control the angling behaviour of the competitor he is responsible for.
 - b- Check that the length of each catch corresponds to the allowed measure, of which the competitors have been informed during the team managers' meeting (the measurement may differ somewhat from one organizing nation to another). The catches will be registered on a sector board (this board may be consulted by all team managers).
 - c- For each valid catch, he will give the competitor a token
 - d- At the end of the leg, he must accompany his angler to the middle of the sector, where the registration of the number of catches will be made on the official document (the check will be performed using the tokens given for each catch). Before leaving the sector, the competitor must sign the official document for acceptance of the validation of his catch. No complaints regarding the catch will be accepted after the signing of this document has been made.
- 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 team managers' meeting (and it is the team manager's responsibility to ensure the competitors are informed). Fishing shall be performed from dry land.
- 14** At the end of the competition, any remains of fishing lines and artificial baits must not be thrown into the water or in the fishing zone.
- 15-** The competition shall take place by sectors in two legs of 3 hours each; in case of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm), the leg will be considered valid providing it has lasted for at least 1 hour.
- 16-** Each competitor is expected to follow rules of the competition integrally.
- 17-** Only artificial bait shall be allowed ("fly" imitations will not be allowed). In order to weigh down the artificial elastic (e.g. silicon) bait, lead-headed hooks only may be used. It is forbidden to use leads of any kind on the line. Apart from head leads, the hooks must be barb-free and "bare". Artificial bait may have a single, double or triple hook, with up to 3 hooks.

Only the following species of fish will be accepted: shad, "aspio", black-bass, pike, white fish, sturgeon, grayling ("chevalier", common or fountain), perch, sandra, salmon, sheat-fish and trout (rainbow, "fario" and sea trout). This list may be completed by the F.I.P.S.e.d. jury if necessary.

A deliberate foul hooking of fish is strictly forbidden.

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

- 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. Spare rods can be kept in the middle of the sector (in a place arranged by the organisers). Rods may be armed and mounted. Nevertheless competitors will be able to bring their spare fishing rod(s).
- 19- The use of the net is allowed only for competitors, and only to recover the hooked fish.
- 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.
- 21- **1 – CATCHING FISH**

Fish may be brought out of the water only using a landing net (**the fish must be netted in and not out of the water**). If the shape of the bank renders this impossible, the fish may be brought out of the water and seized by the fisherman's hands. Zones where fish cannot be brought out using a landing net shall be specified at the team managers' meeting.

CATCHES EFFECTED USING THE FOLLOWING CATCHING SYSTEMS SHALL NOT COUNT:

- a- the fish is recovered by dragging it along 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 arriving in the individual steward's hands.

2 – CHECKING THE CATCH

A- The fish is not hooked at the mouth

The individual steward gives the order to cut the line (scissors movement of index and middle finger); the steward then takes the catch and returns it to the water. The catch shall not count.

B- The fish is hooked at the mouth (at least one bend of the hook)

- a- The hook is visible and the mouth of the fish is closed. The steward authorises the fisherman to unhook the fish and hand it over.
- 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 and hand over the fish.

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 BECOME UNHOOKED BY ITSELF.

3 – HANDING OF FISH TO STEWARD

The steward is equipped with a landing net to receive the fish and check that the length of fish caught complies with the legal measurement established at the Captains' Meeting (this measurement may vary from one country to another). Once the fish is handed over, the fisherman shall no longer be held responsible for handling errors and, if he wishes, may resume his fishing activity.

In the event of doubts as to whether the size of the fish complies with the legal measurement, the steward shall measure the fish using a "MAYATRUIITE" instrument. The fish is measured from the tip of the mouth to the end of the tail.

Only fish reaching the minimum size established by local by-laws shall count (measurements shall be specified during the team managers' meeting).

The steward shall return the fish to water with the utmost care and discretion.

-22- Inside the space allotted to them, the anglers must move discretely and noiselessly.

Competitors may not cast a line and fish in a neighbouring sector; in the same way, any fish caught in a neighbouring sector shall not be deemed valid.

Photographers and cameramen may enter the sectors providing they do not disturb the competitors and are authorised to do so by the individual Stewards.

-23- Competitors shall wait for the first signal indicating the start of the 25 minute period allowed to prepare materials and inspect and gain a knowledge of their sector.

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.

The two rounds shall take place as follows:

9.00 a.m. - 1st signal: the competitors may prepare themselves and inspect their sector;

9.25 a.m. - 2nd signal: the competitors must gather in the centre of their sector from where, in the starting order established using the automatic grid, they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector **(competitors shall go at intervals of 30 seconds; the first competitor shall go at 09.30)**. After this signal, no materials or artificial bait may be given to competitors;

9.35 a.m. - **(if for instance 10 Nations are present) – 3rd signal: start of fishing, duration of 35 minutes;**

10.10 a.m. - 4th signal: the competitors must interrupt their fishing and gather in the centre of their sector from where, in the starting order established using the automatic grid **(competitors shall go at intervals of 30 seconds; the first competitor shall go at 10.15)**, they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

10.20 a.m. - 5th signal: start of fishing, **duration of 35 minutes;**

10.55 a.m. - 6th signal: the competitors must interrupt their fishing and gather in the centre of their sector from where, in the starting order established using the automatic grid **(competitors shall go at intervals of 30 seconds; the first**

competitor shall go at 11.00), they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

11.05 a.m. -7th signal: start of fishing, **duration of 35 minutes;**

11.40 a.m. -8th signal: the competitors must interrupt their fishing and gather in the centre of their sector from where, in the starting order established using the automatic grid **(competitors shall go at intervals of 30 seconds; the first competitor shall go at 11.45)**, they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

11.50 a.m. -9th signal: start of fishing, **duration of 35 minutes;**

12.25 a.m. -10th signal: the competitors must interrupt their fishing and gather in the centre of their sector from where, in the starting order established using the automatic grid **(competitors shall go at intervals of 30 seconds; the first competitor shall go at 12.30)**, they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

12.35 a.m. -11th signal: start of fishing, **duration of 40 minutes;**

13.15 a.m. -12th signal: end of round.

At each interruption of fishing **(10.10, 10.55, 11.40, 12.25 and 13.15 a.m.)** only fish that are already completely out of the water will be considered.

After the signal that in each shift marks the start of fishing, the competitors may move freely and occupy one of the free boxes.

- 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.

THE JURY

- 25-** 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 held on the eve of the competition.

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 championship.
- 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.

- 26-** 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 55 € 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 that 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.

- 27-** 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

- 28-** The sanctions are as follows:

- a) Warning for the infringement of articles **11, 19, 20, 21, 22** and **23**.
- b) Disqualification for the infringement of articles **17** and **32** and after a second warning for the infringement of articles **11, 19, 20, 21, 22** and **23**.
- c) If an angler is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of the participating nations + 1 will be assigned to it. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers which follow upon it in the classification, will keep their original placing (for example: X that was qualified 8th is disqualified, the subsequent competitors will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- d) 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.

- e) If a competitor receives a warning, this remains noted in its file for **a period of 3 YEARS**. In case of a new infringement, this will be considered as a relapse and the JURY will make its decision taking into this new infringement and the list of sanctions into account.
- f) 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.

-29- The members of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may access to the venue and make notes of any infringements of the rules.

CLASSIFICATION

-30- 1- CLASSIFICATION BY SECTOR

In each sector, the classification will be performed considering the following aspects:

- a- the highest number of catches;
- b- in the event of a tie in a 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 4th place totalise $(4+5):2 = 4.5$ penalties each; example No. 2: three competitors tying in the 6th placing, totalise $(6+7+8):3 = 7$ penalties each).

2 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION

A – FIRST LEG

- a- The sum of rankings obtained in each sector by competitors belonging to the same national team.
- b- The team with the lowest number of penalties will be classified first and so on.
- c- In the event of a tie, teams shall be classified on the basis of the total number of catches effected by members of the team, then if there is still a tie, on the basis of the number of catches of one team member. If the situation is still tied, teams shall be ranked on the basis of the second largest number of fish caught by a competitor, then the third, and so on.

B – SECOND LEG

The classification shall be obtained in the same way as the first.

3 – GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

- a- The sum of penalties obtained in the two competitions; the national team having the lowest number of penalties will be first, and so on.
- b- In the event of a tie, the national teams shall be classified on the basis of the total number of catches effected by members of the team in the two competitions, then if there is still a tie, on the basis of the number of catches of one team member. If there is still a tie, the teams shall be classified on the basis of the number of catches effected by team members during the 2nd competition.

4 – INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

- a- The sum of penalties obtained in the two competitions; the competitor having the lowest number of penalties shall be declared individual World Champion, and so on.
 - b- In the event of a tie between two or more competitors, the classification shall be decided firstly on the basis of the total number of catches effected in the two competitions, then on the basis of the number of catches in one of the two competitions, and finally, if there is still a tie, on the basis of the number of catches in the second competition.
- 31-** 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

- 32-** The length of the rods is limited to: 2.70 meters (9 feet).

“CIVIL LIABILITY” INSURANCE

- 33- 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

- 34-** Official training is not allowed outside the official competition venue.

The competition venue shall be managed as follows:

- a- closed as from the Sunday evening prior to the Championship
- b- 1 day of training (Friday, without fish being introduced. – The introduction of new fish, if any, shall be effected at the end of training, and shall be evenly distributed among all sectors)
- c- 2 days of competition (Saturday and Sunday).

-35- Fishing shall be effected using the “NO KILL” system, using artificial bait only.

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

-36- It is strictly forbidden to place competitors within a minimum distance **25 meters** on both sides of any electric plant (electric power lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

RULES IN CASE OF A THUNDERSTORM

-37- **1 - WHEN THE THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT BEFORE OR DURING THE PREPARATIONS**

No angler will be allowed to access his ring or to prepare his material; a signal indicates the postponement of the entrance into the angling area or the stop of the preparation phase. If the weather conditions so allow, and within the time limits of the schedule, the competition may be regularly performed or may be reduced in time (in any case, the competition must last 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.

2 – IF A THUNDERSTORM TAKES PLACE DURING THE ROUND

The competition is immediately interrupted (a special signal will be given by the organizers) and all competitors must take cover. If the weather conditions so allow, the leg will continue and a signal will inform the competitors that they may return to their positions; another signal, 5 minutes later, will authorize the competitors to resume the competition.

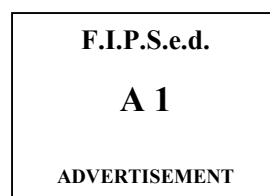
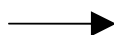
The duration of the leg may be reduced if the schedule of the program does not allow the continuation until the end of the 3 planned hours of angling (based on a decision taken by the Jury).

ADVERTISING ON BACK-NUMBERS

-38- 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

- 39- 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., 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).

OPENING CEREMONY AND AWARDING OF PRIZES TO THE WINNERS

- 40- The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams must take place on the eve of the first leg.

The first 3 teams and the first 3 competitors will officially receive GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medals. In conformity with international standards, the awarding of 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.

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 8 persons.

TRANSLATIONS

- 41- 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

- 42- The organizing nation of a World Championship has the obligation to:

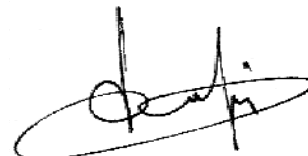
a- engrave trophies of F.I.P.S.e.d.

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.



The General Secretary of F.I.P.S.e.d.



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