



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.

Competitors shall always be able to prove their nationality by means of ID cards or passports or other documents to attest their identity; 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 1st or 2nd team managers' meeting.

Only teams that are members of the national federations shall be admitted to World and **Zone (Europe, etc.)** 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 **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; 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. **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.** 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, **with the possibility of replacing fishing tackle**. 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. **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 (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 **1100** € including **8** 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 **1100** € 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 **1100** €. 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.

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.

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 organisation shall prepare at the centre of each sector a board indicating **the name of the nation** and the spaces required to indicate, **for each angling session**, the number of catches made by each **nation**. Furthermore, in each sector there must be an ad hoc place for the adequate storage of competitors' spare rods.

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 leg

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 leg;
- 3- Various pieces of information about the progress of the championship.

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

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 leg

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 leg

Notification of the results to the participating Countries.

Considerations on the performance of the leg.

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5th meeting – the morning of the second leg

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 leg 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 each angling period**, he must accompany his angler to the middle of the sector, where the number of catches will be noted on the official document **of the competition period** (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 **4 angling sessions lasting 45 minutes each**; in case of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm), **the angling session** will be considered valid providing it has lasted for at least **15 minutes**.

- 16- Each competitor is expected to follow rules of the competition integrally.
- 17- Only artificial bait shall be allowed (“fly” and “aquatic larvae” imitations will not be allowed). In order to weigh down the artificial elastic 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 (barring F.I.P.S.e.d. exceptions, in particular for fishes other than trout) 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.

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. 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 gleg 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 the mouth

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

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

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

a- The hook is visible, the mouth of the fish is closed. The steward authorises the competitor to unhook the fish and **return it to 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 returns the catch to the water.**

C- Legal Size limits

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 "MAYATRUITE" instrument. The measurement shall be performed from the tip of the mouth to the end of the tail of the fish in its natural position and **maximum extension**

After the possible measurement control by the individual steward, anglers shall return the fish to water with the utmost care and discretion.

Only fish reaching the minimum legal size will be considered valid (measurements shall be specified during the team managers' 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 BECOME UNHOOKED BY ITSELF.

-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 reach the centre of their sector at least **15 minutes** before the **first signal**. The roll call will be effectuated by the Individual Steward of each 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 staging of a leg is conditional upon the meeting of the following conditions (**if, for instance, 10 nations are present**):

09.00 a.m. - 1st signal: it advises anglers **they have a 25 minute period allowed to prepare materials and inspect and gain a knowledge of their sector**;

09.25 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;

09.35 a.m. - 3rd signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (1st period)**;

10.20 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 **10.25**), they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

10.30 a.m. - 5th signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (2nd period)**;

11.15 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 **11.20**), they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

11.25 a.m. - 7th signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (3rd period)**;

12.10 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 **12.15**), they must go, at their own discretion, to one of the free boxes in the sector;

12.20 a.m. - 9th signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (4th period)**;

13.05 a.m. - 10th signal: end of leg.

At each interruption of fishing (**10.20, 11.15, 12.10, 13.05**) 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 **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 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 **(yellow card)** for the infringement of articles **11, 19, 20, 21, 22** and **23**.
- b) Disqualification **(red card)** 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 **in the four angling sessions** 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);

c- anglers who have not caught any fish will receive a number of points equal to the average value of non-attributed places in the same angling session (example: 13 anglers, 8 of whom are classified at the first 8 places with a penalty from 1 to 8, the following anglers will mark $(9+13):2 = 11$ penalties each). 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 (example: 13 competitors, 12 of whom have caught fishes, whereas one has not, the latter will mark 13 penalties).

2 - TEAM CLASSIFICATION

A - FIRST LEG

- a- Sum of rankings obtained in each sector by competitors belonging to the same national team. Being the angling period in each leg divided into **4 periods of 45 minutes**, there will be a classification for each period for a total amount of **4** classifications per leg (i.e.: 10 anglers per sector, ranking from 1 to 10 for each of the **4 periods**).
- b- The team with the lowest number of penalties will be classified first, and so on (**sum of penalties for the 4 angling sessions in each sector**).
- 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 **in the four angling sessions**, then if there is still a tie, on the basis of largest number of **catches of one team in one of the four sessions**. If the situation is still tied, teams shall be ranked on the basis of the second largest number of fish caught in one session by a team, then the third, finally the fourth (**exemple n°1**: 2 nations X and Y tie with 18 points score; X gets with its 4 competitors a 78 catches score while Y 65 catches score, then X will be ranked prior than Y; **exemple n°2**: the same Nations, X and Y, both score 18 points with an identical number of catches, 78 per each, in the four angling sessions; the largest number of fishes caught by X in one session is 19, while the best session of Y is of 17 catches, then X will be ranked prior than Y; **exemple n°3**: the two teams, X and Y, score the same total point (18) as well as the number of catches in the four angling sessions (78) and get the same number of caught fishes in their best session (18 catches); X gets 13 catches in its second best session while Y gets 11, than X will be ranked prior then Y).

B - SECOND LEG

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

C - GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

- a- Sum of penalties obtained in the two legs; the team posting the lowest number of penalties will be first, and so on (**sum of penalties of the 8 angling sessions in each sector**).
- 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 largest number of fishes caught by the members of the same team in one of the two legs. If there is still a tie, the teams shall be classified on the basis of the largest number of catches effected by team members in one of the 8 sessions, then, in case of new tie, on the basis of the second best number of catches scored in one session, then the third, finally the fourth.**

3 - INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

A - FIRST LEG

- a- **Sum of penalties obtained in each of the 4 angling sessions; the competitor having the lowest number of penalties shall be ranked first, 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 largest number of catches effected in the four angling sessions, then on the basis of the largest number of catches in one of the four sessions, and finally, if there is still a tie, on the basis of the second largest number of fishes caught in one session by the competitors, then the third, finally the fourth (see the example art. 30 – 2 – A c).**

B - SECOND LEG

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

C - GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

- a- Sum of penalties obtained in each of the two legs; the competitor having the lowest number of penalties shall be declared individual World Champion, and so on (**e.g. a competitor classified as 1st in the 1st leg and 2nd in the 2nd leg will obtain 1 point + 2 points, i.e. 3 points in all**).
- 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.
- c- Anglers having participated just in one of the legs will appear at the bottom of the individual ranking list and following their placements.

4 - 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.

- 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: **2.75 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 in the presence of a member of the jury; restocking shall be made by fishes belonging to the same species already present; the timetable and the length of the fishing periods during the trainings shall be the same of those of the competition
- 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 (**at least 2 sessions must be completed**).

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 LEG

The competition is immediately interrupted (a 1st 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 2nd signal will inform the competitors that they may return to their positions; a 3th signal, 5 minutes later, will authorize the competitors to resume the competition.

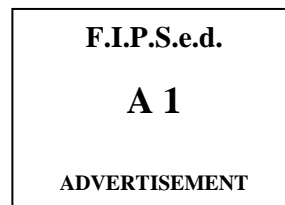
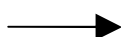
The duration of the leg may be reduced if the schedule of the program does not allow the continuation until the end of the 4 angling periods (based on a decision taken by the Jury). **Angling activity must be performed for at least 2 sessions for the leg to be deemed valid.**

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 duration of this ceremony shall not be longer than 2 hours and shall not end later than 8 pm.**

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 and **Zone (Europe, etc.)** Championship has the obligation to:

a- engrave trophies of F.I.P.S.e.d. **(plaque or logo)**

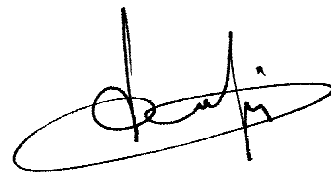
b- send out official programs and information about the championship in the 2 official languages (English and French).

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

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



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