

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE

DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

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

CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL "FOR NATIONS" COMPETITIONS

"TROUT WITH NATURAL BAIT"

ORGANISATION

- 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 shall be admitted; they are to be nominated by the federations they are members of; the competitors who make up the teams of 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, 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 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.

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; 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. The maximum amount that F.I.P.S.e.d. will reimburse will be 300 € for 6 trophies. **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..** 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 **5** 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 only in watercourses such as fast flowing rivers or torrents (water surfaces such as artificial lakes shall be excluded). it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue; the minimum width of the venue must be 10 metres; the maximum width is 45 meters.
- 5- As far as possible, the selected venue must have analogous fishing conditions for all competitors. Interruptions in the venue, such as power lines, bridges, etc., should be avoided as much as possible. The venue must not represent any dangers for the competitors or the spectators. The venue must also allow the performance of the

angling procedures without entering the water; in case wading is necessary to reach a part of the venue, the wading place must be signalled and on that place angling will be forbidden.

An inspection of the venue, which may be selected for a championship, will be carried out by one or more members of the technical commission or a competent delegate nominated by F.I.P.S.e.d. and this inspection will take place during the period of the year that the competition in question will take place in; the inspection report will be presented 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 **1200 €** including **9** closing gala dinners and 6 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 **1200 €** 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 **1200 €**. 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 "TROUT WITH NATURAL BAIT" World Championship will take place between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

- 6-** During the competitions, the sectors must have a dimension that assures at least 15 meters for each of the competitors angling in the sector (e.g.: if there are 12 participating nations, the sectors must be 12 x 15 = 180 meters each). Each sector will be duly separated and signalled with starting and ending signs. The angling ring of the competitors must be well defined so as to separate it entirely from the spectators; this may be achieved by the use of fences or ropes at an adequate distance from the shore (a minimum of 10 meters is required); furthermore, it is necessary to set up a corridor for the benefit of the competition officials between the anglers' ring positions and the spectators.

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 at the centre of each sector a board stating the name of the **nation** and spaces required to indicate for each **angling session** the number of catches made by each competitor. Inside each sector, moreover, there must also be a place where reserve rods may be kept for the benefit of the competitors.

#### TEAM MANAGERS' MEETINGS

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

If a team manager or a delegate of a nation is absent at the draw, the operations of drawing lots will be performed by the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or by his substitute on his behalf.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting – Thursday afternoon or two days before the first leg

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

- 1- Roll call of participating 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.

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

Formation of five (5) GROUPS composed of one angler in each national team participating and numbered from 1 to 5. 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 five (5) dedicated containers. The composition of the five (5) groups may be made by means of a draw of ping-pong balls numbered 1 to 5.

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

Pairing, by draw, of the five (5) groups constituted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Captains' Meeting to the Sectors A, B, C, D and E.

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.

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

Pairing, by draw, of the five (5) groups constituted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Captains' Meeting to the Sectors A, B, C, D and E.

## DRAWING OF LOTS

- 8- The drawing lots for each leg must be carried out at least 120 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organizers and in the presence of all team managers or delegates of each team, and the representatives of F.I.P.S.e.d..
- 9- On the venue, sector A must always be situated downstream.
- 10- Team managers will receive a back-number for each one of their 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- Competitors may reach the venue by their own 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. After the nominal call carried out by the general steward of the sector, the competitors have 30 minutes at their disposal to carry out preparative operations and to evaluate and examine their sector. An acoustic signal will inform them when the 30 minutes are over; thereafter, the competitors shall go to the centre of the sector, where the general steward will start drawing lots for the competitors; the competitors shall go to the chosen place to start the competition. An acoustic signal indicates the beginning of the competition (refer to art. 23). After this signal, no help with baits shall be given to competitors.

- 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 session** 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 **of the angling session** (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). The catch must be made without getting into the water.
- 14- At the end of the two legs, no rests of bait must be thrown into the water.
- 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 single hooks without barb are allowed; if you use loading, it must be fixed at least 5 cm above the hook.

The deliberate foul hooking of fish is forbidden.

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

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

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

The end of the fishing line should not be baited before it is mounted on the fishing line.

Extra bait may be obtained from the centre of the sector, but if this is necessary, the fisherman must interrupt the fishing and get it himself.

- 18- Competitors may keep and prepare as many rods as they wish, but they are allowed to fish only with one rod at a time. Reserve rods must remain closed at the centre of the sector (in an area defined by the organization); the rods may be baited and ready to use, but not open.
- 19- The usage of the net is allowed only for the competitors and to allow competitors land the fish.
- 20- Competitors are not allowed to receive outside help; only the team manager is authorized to approach the competitors of his team and only to give verbal advice.

## -21- 1 – CATCH OF THE FISH

The fish may be extracted from the water only by means of a keep-net (the fish must be netted in and not out of the water). In case the bank of the river does not allow the usage of a keep-net, the fish may be extracted from the water and caught by the angler with the hands. The areas of the shore where the fish may not be netted, must be indicated during the team managers' meeting.

FISH CAUGHT BY MEANS OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

- a- the fish is dragged onto shore after having been extracted from the water
- b- the fish hooks off before being taken and falls to the ground
- c- the fish is brought and placed onto the ground before being taken with the hands
- d- **the fish touches the ground before being put into the water.**

## 2 – CONTROL OF THE FISH CATCH

A-The fish is not hooked by 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 by the mouth.

- 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 REMOVE THE HOOK WITHOUT THE PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION OF THE STEWARD WILL SYSTEMATICALLY LEAD TO THE FACT THAT THE FISH IS PUT BACK INTO THE WATER, WITHOUT BEING COUNTED, UNLESS THE STEWARD HAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE FISH HAS HOOKED OFF BY ITSELF.

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

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 are entitled to enter the sectors, on condition that they do not disturb the competitors and have been authorized 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 anywhere they want in their 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 - (if for instance 10 Nations are present) – 3<sup>rd</sup> signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (1<sup>st</sup> leg);**

**10:20** – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 anywhere they want in their sector;

**10:30** – 5<sup>th</sup> signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (2<sup>nd</sup> leg)**,

**11:15** – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 anywhere they want in their sector;

**11:25** – 7<sup>th</sup> signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (3<sup>rd</sup> leg)**;

**12:10** – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 anywhere they want in their sector;

**12:20** – 9<sup>th</sup> signal: start of fishing, duration of **45 minutes (4<sup>th</sup> leg)**;

**13:05** – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

## JURY

- 25-** An international JURY will be appointed to examine any complaints lodged and to apply sanctions as per these 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 championships
- The delegate representing the organizing nation, unless he is of the same nationality as the above mentioned members, apart for 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 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.

- 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 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).
- 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 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.
- 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 the competition venue and make notes of any infringements of the rules.

## CLASSIFICATIONS

### **-30- 1 – SECTOR CLASSIFICATION**

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

- a- the highest number of catches (in case a fish is caught contemporarily by more than one competitor, the catch point will be shared equally between them;  $\frac{1}{2}$  catch point each if there are 2 anglers on the same catch,  $\frac{1}{3}$  catch point of there are three competitors on the same catch)
- b- In case of a tie in catches, the competitors will be classified equally in the sector and they will mark a total number of penalties equivalent to the average of places they should have taken (example 1: two competitors who occupy the 4<sup>th</sup> place equally will mark  $(4+5):2 = 4.5$  penalties each; example 2: three competitors on the 6<sup>th</sup> place will mark  $(6+7+8):3 = 7$  penalties each.

### **2 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

#### **A – FIRST LEG**

- a- Sum of rankings obtained in each sector by competitors belonging to the same national team. With the angling period in each leg divided into five **4**

**sessions of 45 minutes**, there will be a classification for each session, i.e. a total of **4 classifications** per leg (i.e.: 10 anglers per sector, ranking from 1 to 10 for each of the **4 sessions**).

- 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 in the number of penalties, 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 is performed in the same way as during the first leg.

### **3 – 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 in the number of penalties, the national teams shall be classified on the basis of the total number of catches effected by members of the team in the two legs, 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 leg.

### **4 – INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION**

- a- Sum of places obtained in **each of the two** legs; the competitor posting the lowest number of penalties will be 1<sup>st</sup>, and so on (**e.g. a competitor classified as 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> leg and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 legs, then on the basis of the number of catches in one of the two legs, and finally, if there is still a tie, on the basis of the number of catches in the second leg.
- c- Anglers having participated just in one of the legs will appear at the bottom of the individual ranking list and following their placements.

## 5 – 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 10.20 meters.

### "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- No official training may take place outside the official competition venue.

The competition venue shall be available as follows:

- a- The venue will be closed from Sunday evening preceding 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 competition days (Saturday and Sunday).
- 35- The angling will be carried out with the "NO KILL" system and the only baits allowed are HONEY MOTHS (*Galleria Mellonella*) and the EARTHWORMS (Annelide Oligochete). Artificial baits such as imitation of maggots, silkworms, moths, bloodworms, earthworms, etc. are prohibited.

#### ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

- 36-** It is strictly forbidden to place competitors within a minimum distance **25 meters** on both sides of any electrical 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 is allowed to enter or stay in his position or to prepare his material; a signal marks 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 limit 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 does not allow the competition to take place, the leg will be annulled quite simply (based on a decision taken by the Jury).

#### **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 positions; a 3<sup>th</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 **4 angling sessions** (based on a Jury decision). **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.

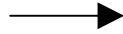
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## BACK-NUMBER SAMPLE



### 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 PRICE AWARDING CEREMONY

- 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 first 3 individual competitors will receive, officially, GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medals. In conformity with the International standards, the awarding of the prize will be accompanied by the corresponding National Anthems and the raising of the winning nations' National flags. 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 9 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);**



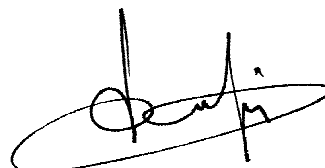
b- send out official programs and information about the championship in the 2 official languages (English and French).

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

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Ugo Claudio MATTEOLI

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Dupuis". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jackie DUPUIS