



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES CONCERNING **INTERNATIONAL "ICE FISHING" COMPETITIONS**

ORGANIZATION

- 1- Official international competitions must be organized by national federations affiliated to C.I.P.S.. The organizing federation will be officially responsible for the competition in question.
- 2- Only those who are members of a national federation affiliated to C.I.P.S. with their full annual fee paid for or those who are members of sport clubs which constitute part of the same federation shall be admitted; they are to be nominated by the federations they are members of; anglers who make up the teams of the clubs or 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 attesting that; in any other case, competitors shall be able to present an official document certifying their nationality and dwell in the same country they are representing. The identifying document shall be presented at the 1st team managers' meeting.

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

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. is officially charged 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, in addition to one person charged for classificaitons; the stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner.

The nation which organises a World or Zone Championship will be responsible for acquiring the trophies which will be paid 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, fishing tackle can be replaced. The substitution shall be authorised by a JURY member.

- 4-** The competitions must be organised at watercourses, such as rivers or channels or in suitable water basins, such as lakes etc.
- 5-** The venue must be as straight as possible, and present equal fishing conditions for all competitors. The venue must not present any dangers for the competitors or the spectators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2- To find one's own accommodation.

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

In the two cases (participation through or without the help of the official organization), the contribution for the entry fee is of € 1200; this fee will include 9 closing gala and 6 fishing permits for the whole duration of the Championship (for both training and competition days) insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc..

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 leg up by the organization, the participating nations will have to deal with their own accommodation and then they have to pay the entry fee at € 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 provided of € 1200. Nations failing to observe this rule shall be forbidden from taking part in and organising future championships.

All participating nations have the obligation to inform the organizing nation about their arrival date at least one week before the first training day.

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.

- 6-** Surface areas will be defined with the agreement of the technical committee. Sectors will be separated and surleged by a neutral zone (corridor) of at least 5 meters defined by ropes or banners.

The angling position must be well defined so it is isolated from the spectators. The official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle, but the reserve tools (augers).

TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

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

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

1st meeting – Friday afternoon or 1 day before the first leg

During this first meeting, an international jury will be appointed, in conformity with article 31 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; this order will determine the number that each angler will dress on their back number during all the competition;
- 3- Various pieces of information about the progress of the championship.

2nd meeting – the morning of the first leg

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

3rd meeting – after the first leg

Notification of the results to the participating Countries.

Considerations on the performance of the leg.

4th meeting – the morning of the second leg

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

DRAWING 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 organisers and in the presence of the team managers or delegates of each team and of the representatives of the F.I.P.S.e.d..

For the two legs, the distribution of the 5 anglers in their sectors shall be determined by drawing lots. For the second leg the drawing lots order will be inverted.

- 9- In streams, rivers and watercourses, sector A shall always be situated downstream; in water basins (lakes, ponds, etc.), sector A will always be located to the left looking at the lake and the marking will run from the left to the right.
- 10- Team managers will receive a back number for each one of their competitors.

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 race can only take place if the thickness of the ice is at least 10 cm. The temperature of the air tolerated for testing will be determined by the organizers depending on the considered climatic zones.

Competitors may reach the venue by their personal means of transport.

- 12- a- During the competition only fishing with mormyschka (small lure`s hook) will be permitted. During the trials, competitors will be allowed to use only one rod with a single mormyschka. The maximum diameter of the body of the mormyschka should not exceed 15 mm. The single hook located in the body of the mormyschka, colour and shape of the mormyschka will be left to the choice of competitors and are not regulated. The use of other elements on the line and the hook are not allowed.
- b- The organizers will provide each angler with two numbered flags corresponding to their back number to mark the holes made in the ice (the hole should be done throughout the all thickness of the ice). Flags shall be well visible by competitors and by the referees.
- c- The composition of groundbaits and baits must be entirely of natural origin.
- d- A part from sowing the baits and groundbaits in water, baiting for the bottom will be allowed only with chum dispensers (like valve feeder) which must not remain submerged. Surface baiting will be tolerated by hand. At the end of training and legs, the rests of baits and groundbaits should not be thrown into the water.

- 13- a -The selected venue for the test must be characterized, if possible, by identical fishing conditions for all competitors (bottom topography, depth, aquatic plants). The course is divided into 5 sectors (A, B, C, D and E) of at least 400 square meters per angler (example: 5 nations = 5 anglers per sector = 2000 square meters area)

The venue must not present any dangers for competitors or spectators. The location of the venue will be chosen by the organizers considering the conditions of the water surface. The length of the section` side closest to the bank must be in correspondence to the number of anglers in this sector: at least 11 meter for one angler. Example: 11 nations X 11 meter = 121 meter of the sector` minimal length.

Sectors will be materialized by pegs bearing the letters A, B, C, D and E. The limits of sectors will be marked by a rope or band. The placards shall be visible to competitors and spectators.

- b-** Only team managers (2 per nation), photographers, cameramen and commissioners and jury members will be allowed to access to the neutral zones. Team managers, photographers, cameramen may enter neutral zone only after the first signal marking the anglers' entry into the sectors After the approval of the General Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner of the concerning sector, the master may call his competitor near the rope or the banner to give him oral instructions. Neither the captain nor the angler can violate the confines of the neutral zone. Captains shall wear an evident back number corresponding to their function.
- c-** Officers will be allowed to circulate discreetly and without causing noise in the neutral zones and without annoying competitors.

For the second leg, sectors will be located in other parts of the chosen venue.

- 14- a -** Before the first signal, general commissioners of each sector will check the list of competitors of their sector and will control baits and groundbaits outside the neutral zone. After the control of baits and groundbaits, anglers will not be allowed to receive again baits and groundbaits. Before entering the areas and until the control, baits and groundbaits may be prepared by the angler or by a third person.

Anglers will be obliged to show at the control the amounts of baits and groundbaits planned by the program. If this is not the case, angler will receive a warning (article 34a); the list of the violating anglers will be sent to the team managers meeting; if the angler violates in the second leg or in the following championship, the angler will be disqualified for recidivism (art. 34b).

- b-** Ground baits and baits must be presented at the controls in the "official sized" boxes or in industrial sized graduated boxes provided, under payment, by organizers. Competitors not in possession of industrial sized graduated boxes shall receive one penalty place on the sector score table (for example, a competitor who does not have boxes at the end of the leg and is ranked as 5th and he will receive 6 points instead of 5. The competitor ranked as 6th will always receive 6 points).

After the control of baits and groundbaits, controlled anglers must enter their neutral zone.

Aquatic larvae (jokers and bloodworms) may be presented in no more than two boxes (e.g. ¼ of bloodworms in a ¼ box and ¾ of jokers in a ¾ box). Boxes shall be closed without the use of any instrument required to keep them in the same conditions (e.g. adhesive tape may not be used to keep the lid closed);

Competitors may stand inside the neutral zone around their sector as they wish.

- c-** The first sign marks the entrance into the sector (5 minutes at least before the start of the competition).

Competitors will be allowed to enter their area and choose a place to make a hole. Each competitor must mark the place with a flag. At the entrance in the sectors, the blade or the drill tools necessary to make holes in the ice (drills, braces, ice-breakers, augers) must be protected by a cover. Competitors will be allowed to remove the case just before their installation on the chosen site.

The use of engine tool is strictly forbidden.

In the sectors, the angler will be allowed to make as many holes as he prefers (holes of the same angler may lie one close the other); on the contrary, anglers from different nationalities must respect a distance of at least 5 meters among the holes marked by flags. In case of disagreement, the Commissioner will be charged to settle the dispute in an amicable way or by drawing lots, always giving priority to the angler who made his choice by placing a flag (it is forbidden to throw flags in order to take possession of a place); in case competitors' flags are less than 5 meters far among them, the referee will rule the situation by an amicable or than by drawing lots. The first competitor who will mark by a flag the chosen site will have the priority.

d- The second signal will mark the start of the leg.

Competitors are allowed to fish and to move freely in their areas in order to make holes in unlimited quantities, but with only two flags they can just fish in the two holes marked with a flag. The site, marked by a flag, is declared occupied since the beginning of the drilling in the ice. Flags shall be placed 30 cm far from the occupied hole and well visible by competitors and commissioners as well.

Competitors are not allowed to leave their equipment but augers and other objects near the free holes unless rods are placed in their box, container, package or bag. It is forbidden to fish in a hole not marked by flags. With the word "fishing" it must be also considered the groundbaiting and the holing operation. During the trial, tools stored out of their packaging must always be vertically anchored to the ice.

e- The third signal will advice anglers that there are only 5 minutes left to end of the race.

f- The forth signal will mark the end of the competition; at this last signal only fishes caught and taken out of the water will be accepted.

The different beeps for all the stages of the championships must be brief; in all cases, the beginning of the signal must be considered as the starting of the leg.

- 15-** During the race, competitors will not be allowed to receive any outside help, except for medical reasons.
- 16-** By a Commissioner authorization, anglers will be allowed to change their tools.
- 17-** Each sector will be provided with a General Commissioner and there will be an Assistant Commissioner for every 5 anglers. General Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners must perfectly know the rules of the race.

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

- a- The quantity of ground bait [this must be measured when ready to use (wet and sieved) including earth, gravel, corn maize, wheat, hempseed, etc. and other additives that are not obnoxious for the fauna and the water environment] is limited to 1 litre for the all championships. The executive committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may modify these quantities, after a proposal from the technical committee;
- b- the quantity of baits (all included baits will be measured and not pressed) for all championships is limited to 1.5 litres of which jokers and/or bloodworms may constitute a maximum of 1 litre. The executive committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may modify these quantities, upon a proposal from technical committee;
- c- collect a possible surplus of baits and ground baits after the control;
- d- together with his angler, he will sign the weighing protocol indicating the weight of the fish.

-18- The Sector Commissioner is charged of:

- a- checking anglers fishing.
- b- at the end of the competition, he shall keep the angler's fish caught under observation and forbid the access to any unauthorised person into the angling position until the arrival of the weighing team

-19- Competitors shall respect legal size of fishes whenever necessary (national rules). These dispositions will be communicated during the Manager Meeting (it's their charge to inform their anglers). Catches must be presented for weighing, clean and obligatory put in identical bags that the organizers shall provide.

-20- The competition will be held in the sectors in 3 hours; in case of forced interruption (i.e. low temperature), the leg will be validated if its duration is of 1 hour at least. The duration of the leg can decrease only by a decision of the president of the International Jury if atmospheric conditions are not favourable (strong frost). In this case, the decision will be announced before the beginning of the relative leg.

-21- The capture of a fish is valid even if it is not accidentally taken by mouth. Voluntary harpooning of fishing is not allowed.

The possession or use of echo sounders and underwater cameras is prohibited, also during training.

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

-22- Competitors can get as many rods as they want but they just can fish with one per time.

When fishing, the rod must be held in the hand and it must not be left out the supervision of the angler during the fishing operations.

-23- Only competitors may use small spears (small hook) to keep out of the water fish already caught.

- 24- Competitors may use the assigned sector as they wish but they should move discreetly and quietly. They will not be allowed to enter the neutral zone.
- 25- Each competitor must entirely respect the competition rules.
- 26- In case a member of the jury notices or is invited to notice the evident infringement of the articles 12a and 12c, during a leg, he has the possibility of requiring the control of the angler's line or to verify the length of the rod of the angler in question without waiting for the end of the fishing action. In this case, the angler will not be allowed to change the type of its line (destruction of the line, etc.). If the angler in question refuses to accept the control or the destruction of the line, he will have to appear before the Jury.
- 27- During the competition, sector commissioners assigned to 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.

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

- 28- The weighing operations shall be performed by general commissioners and assistant commissioners of the concerned sector.

The general commissioner is responsible for the weighing.

Another person transcribes the weight on the official document.

The other people are in charge of all other operations.

Each sector will have a leg of scales at its disposal. The recipients used for weighing the fish must be perforated to allow the water drainage. The weighing operations shall be performed in identical containers and with no bags.

The weighing shall be performed in grams.

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

- 29- Until the arrival of the weighing team, competitors must stand near the hole where he was at the end of the fishing operations. Fishes, in their bags, will be rescued with caution by one of the assistant commissioners of the sector; after the weighing operations, catches will be at the organizers' disposal (except for other national rules on the matter).
- 30- Competitor must be present during the above described operations to control the weight and sign the weighing protocol which indicates the weight of the fish caught. After the end of the weighing operations in the sector, and the weighing protocol has been signed, no complaint about the weight will be accepted.

THE JURY

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

The JURY will be composed of the subsequent members:

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

In the case only one F.I.P.S.e.d member is present, 4 delegates from various nations will be designed by drawing lot; these delegates cannot be of the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d. representative and of the host nation. These delegates must be enrolled on the team registration forms; captains cannot be appointed as delegates.

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.

- 32-** 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.

- 33-** The rules, which are published in the 2 official languages (French and English) and Russian, 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

- 34-** The sanctions are as follows:

- a) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles **12d, 13b, 14a, 14c, 14d, 15, 19, 22, 24 and 29**.
- b) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles **12a, 12c, 21** and after a second warning for the infringement of articles **12d, 13b, 14a, 14c, 14d, 15, 19, 22, 24 and 29**.
- c) Warning on the Nation for the infringement of article **39c** and disqualification for recidivism after warning on article **39c**.

Disqualification of the nation for the infringement of article **39b**.
- d) If an angler is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of participating nations +1 will be assigned to him. If an angler is disqualified, the anglers which follow him in the classification will keep their original placing (for example: X that was qualified 8th is disqualified, the subsequent anglers will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- e) If a nation receives a warning, this will be noted in its file and remain archived for a period of 3 years. In the case of a new infringement during this 3-YEAR period, this will be considered as a relapse and the JURY will make its decision, taking this relapse and the list of sanctions into consideration.
- f) If a competitor receives a warning, this warning will be noted in his file for a period of 3 YEARS. In the case of a new infringement, this will be considered a relapse, and the JURY will make its decision taking this new infringement and the list of sanctions into account.
- g) The F.I.P.S.e.d. directive committee will have the authority, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose sanctions on anglers, captains or reserves if they commit infractions or behave in a bad way, also if these infractions are not specified in the official regulations.

h) Anglers and people allowed to be present in the neutral zones should not prevent the commissioners to perform their functions nor to claim incorrectly challenge their decisions; otherwise these persons will receive a warning. In the case of a new infringement during a period of 3 years, it will be considered as recidivism and the Jury will make its decision.

-35- The members of the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. may access the competition venue and make notes of any infringement of the rules.

CLASSIFICATIONS

-36- 1 – TEAMS' CLASSIFICATION

A – FIRST LEG

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

In the case of a tied weight 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 5th place totalise $(5+6):2 = 5.5$ penalties each; example No. 2: three competitors tying in the 8th placing, totalise $(8+9+10):3 = 9$ penalties each).

b) The team with the lowest number of penalties will be classified first and so on.

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

B – SECOND LEG

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

C – GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

a) The sum of the penalties obtained over the two legs, the team totalling the lowest number of penalties will be classified first and so on.

b) If a tie on points occurs, the teams concerned will be placed by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the competitors over the two legs.

c) If a tie still exists on weight, the highest team`s weight in the second leg shall be taken into account.

2 – INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

a) Sum of the penalties obtained during the two legs; the angler totalling the lowest number of penalties over two legs will be declared individual World Champion.

b) If a tie on points occurs between two or more competitors, then the angler with the highest aggregate weight over two legs will be declared the winner.

c) If a tie on weight occurs, the angler who has the highest single weight in one of the two legs will be declared the winner.

d) Finally, in the event that a tie still occurs, one will perform an addition of the sum of the drawing lot numbers of the two legs. The highest total will prevail.

e) The anglers participating in only one leg, will be classified at the end of the individual classification and in order of placing.

3 – NATIONS' 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.

-37- 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.

CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

-38- **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

-39- a) The official training must take place on the related water surface but outside the official venue; by the way, the training course will be located as close as possible to the official venue.

- b) The official venue must be organized according to the subsequent modalities:
- 1) 7 days of total closure. During these 7 days, training at the Venue is forbidden for all Nations in the entire area chosen for the championship. Apart from the closed period, the venue shall be made available for regular visits and fishing [local closed periods and special fishing conditions (fishing permit) shall be respected]. If the venue is always closed to fishing, it shall be made available for at least 2 weekends (the dates shall be specified in the programme);
 - 2) 3 training days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning until 1 pm).
 - 3) training on Friday morning will be compulsory for all nations .
 - 4) 2 days of competition (Saturday and Sunday).
- c) Organizers will create a common training area in order to provide all the participant teams the same fishing conditions. The attributes of each training sector (depth, fishes, etc.) shall be the very similar as those ones of the official venue. During each one of the three training days, the beginning and the ending of the training must be indicated by beeps; teams must respect these signals. If baits limitations are imposed for the championship, they have the same effectiveness during the three days of the training.

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

-40- It is strictly forbidden to place competitors within a minimum distance of **25 meters** on both sides of any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

RULES IN CASE OF A THUNDERSTORM

-41- 1 - WHEN THE THUNDERSTORM BREAKS OUT BEFORE OR DURING THE PREPARATIONS

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

If the weather conditions so allow, and within the limits of the schedule, the leg may be regularly performed or may be reduced in time (in any case, it 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 BREAKS OUT DURING THE LEG

The leg is immediately interrupted (a 1st 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 2nd signal will inform the competitors that they may return to their

rings; a 3th signal, 5 minutes later, will authorize the competitors to resume the angling.

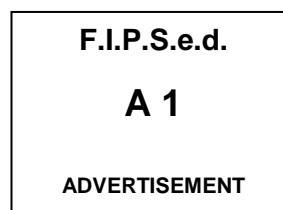
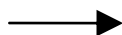
The duration of the leg may be reduced if the schedule of the program does not allow the continuation until the end of the 3 planned hours of angling (based on a decision taken by the Jury).

ADVERTISING ON BACK NUMBERS

-42- 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



ANTIDOPING CONTROLS

-43- F.I.P.S.e.d. adheres the world anti-doping code applied by C.I.P.S..
In occasion of a championship, anglers called to be submitted to anti-doping controls must compulsory be present within the established deadline, according to F.I.P.S.e.d. or Jury directives. The called angler, who does not report for the control, will be disqualified from the competition and will be penalized.

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

F.I.P.S.E.D. AND C.I.P.S. FEES

-44- 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 PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY

-45- 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 officially receive GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE medals. In conformity with the International standards, the awarding of the prizes will be accompanied by the corresponding National Anthems and the raising of the winning nations' National flag. The medals will be offered by F.I.P.S.e.d. and they will be handed over by its official representative.

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

All other forms of acknowledgement will be distributed equally among the participating nations. All participating nations must bring with them their flag and a tape (disc) 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

-46- 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.

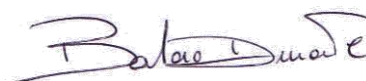
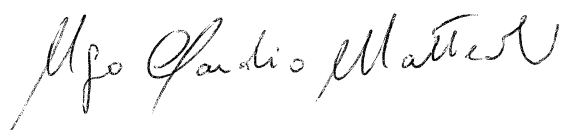
OBLIGATIONS

-47- The organizing nation of the World or Zone Championship (Europe, etc.) 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) and Russian.

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

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



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