

FLAT FEEDER FISHERIES

**Draft of the Official F.I.P.S.e.d.
Rules of International "For Nations" Competitions**



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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Organization

- 1- Official international competitions shall only be organized by national Federations that are members of C.I.P.S. The organizing Federation shall be officially responsible for the competition under consideration.
- 2- Only the members of a national Federation affiliated with C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. who have fully paid their annual membership fees shall be allowed to participate; their Federations shall designate them.

Regarding the national teams, the national teams' anglers must hold the same nationality as the Country that they represent. Only one (1) foreign competitor is allowed in the team, provided that he meets the following conditions:

- 1) The competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that;
- 2) The application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent.
- 3) A citizen of another country can be declared as a coach or non-playing team captain.

Any angler who has already participated in a World Championship or in any international competition representing a Nation, shall not be allowed to compete for any other Nation.

An exception can only be the case when such a fisherman has changed his citizenship and has an official document (passport) confirming the citizenship of another state, for whose national team this competitor fisherman to play in the future.

Competitors shall always be able to prove their nationality by means of national IDs or passports.

All supporting documents shall be produced at the 1st captains' meeting.

Only teams that are members of national Federations shall be allowed to take part in World and Zone (Europe, etc.) Championships.

In order to apply to organize a championship, the Nation under consideration must have participated at least once, over the previous three years, in the championship that they wish to organize.

A preliminary programme shall imperatively be sent to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretariat before the 31st October of the preceding year.

With the exception of the World Fishing Games, F.I.P.S.e.d. is officially tasked with providing the printed material, certificates and rankings for the awarding of prizes for all championships; therefore, the organizing Nation shall pay for all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) of the person performing such tasks. Said person's 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. shall pay for the relevant travelling expenses.

For all F.I.P.S.e.d. championships, the organizing Nation shall cover all board and lodging expenses (room, meals and closing gala dinner) for two members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee, and for the person in charge of the rankings; their stay may begin on the eve of the first day of practice and end on the day after the closing dinner.

No championship organization shall be entrusted to a Nation if that Nation does not undertake to put live fish back into the water after they have been weighed and/or counted (it is forbidden to kill fish).

The Nation organizing a World or Zone Championship shall be responsible for procuring the trophies, which will be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d.: the organizers shall envisage 3 trophies for the team competition, 3 trophies for the individual competition and 3 trophies for the Nation competition. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 450 for 9 trophies. All trophies shall feature a plate, carrying a "F.I.P.S.e.d." engraving or F.I.P.S.e.d.'s logo as well as the place and date of the championship. An invoice will be required in order to prove trophy-related expenses. If the aforesaid provisions (concerning the plate/logo) are not complied with, F.I.P.S.e.d. shall not reimburse any money. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall provide the medals.

Programmes and invitations for all championships shall only be sent to Nations that are members of F.I.P.S.e.d. (no invitations shall be sent to clubs or individuals).

-3- Each C. I. P. s member country is allowed to submit one or two teams, each consisting of 2 tandems and 2 reserve players, which must be determined before the first draw. Each tandem consists of 2 fishermen who fish in the same sector. Reserve players can act as coordinators, captains, and team representatives. No participant can be allowed to participate in the individual ranking.

The individual score is the result shown by a single tandem during the competition, the team score is the total result of both tandems within the same national team.

In the event of any injury during the competition, or for any other objective reason, by the decision of the head coach or other authorized representative of the national team, the permanent participant may be replaced by a reserve participant indicated as a reserve in official documents. Replacement of the angler must be approved and allowed by the jury member.

-4- Competitions shall be organized at suitable basins of water or commercial lakes (fisheries); to the extent possible, the whole fishing area shall feature the same depth, which shall be of at least 1.5 metres; the minimum width allowed for a venue is 50 metres.

-5- The selected venue shall, if possible, offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors. Furthermore, interruptions caused by power lines, bridges etc. must be avoided. The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger.

One or more members of the Technical Commission shall inspect the venue that may be selected for a championship, and said inspection shall take place at the same time of the year as to that proposed for the organization of the competition under consideration. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall pay for the travelling expenses (including flight and train tickets or car) of the Technical Commission's member(s), while the organizers shall cover all transfer costs from the airport or train station, and will pay for accommodation and meals. A report of the inspection shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of F.I.P.S.e.d. for evaluation and approval. The final decision on the approval or rejection of a venue by F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be communicated to the candidate Nation.

The registration fee shall amount to € 1,200, which shall include 8 closing gala dinners and 5 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship (training and competitions), insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc..

Additional fees from teams for renting a commercial reservoir for competitions may also be needed.

Any Nation that undertakes to take part in a championship by filling in the relevant registration form but does not show up, shall, in any case, pay the relevant fee of € 1,200 to the organizing Nation. Nations failing to comply with this provision shall be forbidden from taking part in and organizing future championships.

All Nations shall communicate their arrival dates to the organizing Nation at least one week before the first training day. Any absent Nation (not showing up at the venue) not taking part in the last official day of training shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (see penalties under article 31 § c).

The organizers shall see to it that all registration forms are duly filled in and carry the mobile phone numbers of one delegate and one captain. Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, fire-fighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the program leaflets.

The ""FLAT Feeder Fisheries"" World Championship for Nations shall take place on one of the week-end on October/November.

-6- The organizers and the jury determine and establish the length of the sectors along the shore, their width should not be less than 20 meters. There should be neutral buffer zones between the sectors, which should be at least 10 meters wide. The presence of players and team representatives, gear, equipment, fishing, feeding, playing the fish and landing it in buffer zones is prohibited.

The location of the competition zones should be determined by the competition organizers and the Jury before the draw for official training.

The angling positions shall be well defined so to be far from the spectators; to this end, it is possible to erect a fence or set up ropes at an appropriate distance from the shore. The distance from the water's edge

to the organizing corridor (the space where organizers, reserve players, captains, accredited representatives of the press and the jury can move freely) must be at least 10 meters.

This official corridor shall under no circumstances be occupied by fishing tackle. One infraction = 1 oral warning, a 2nd infraction = yellow card.

Captains - 2 per Nation - may enter their teams' competitor pegs; captains shall wear green back-numbers marked with a C, clearly indicating their status. Only one captain shall be authorised inside a peg. Reserve competitors shall wear a red back-number marked with an R letter. A reserve player can also act as a captain, but the total number of captains cannot exceed two. If sectors are too far from each other, the International jury can allow the reserve to enter into the pegs.

The organisation shall customize each angler's peg by means of a board indicating the name and the nationality of the competitor, as well as the number of fish caught, with hourly updating. Such boards are provided by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s person in charge of the rankings.

Captains' Meeting

-7- It would be advisable that general stewards attend the captains' meetings.

In the event that a captain or a Nation's delegate is absent, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or a delegated representative shall draw lots.

Captains' meetings are informative meetings, where guidelines are provided for the competitions. Under no circumstance shall changes to the Rules be made during the captains' meetings. The Rules shall only be changed at F.I.P.S.e.d. Executive Committee's annual meetings, based on the remarks that shall be sent in writing by National Federations to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Secretary General.

Drawing lots

-8- The draw is conducted under the close attention of the organizers, in the presence of the captains or delegates of each team, as well as representatives of the F. I. P. S. e.d.

The draw for zones and sectors on the official training takes place directly before, on Thursday at 8: 00. Start training on Thursday at 9: 00. The draw for sectors and pegs to the competition will be held on Friday at 16:00. The draw takes place in two stages. First, the representatives of the teams draw an ordinal number, under which they will draw lots, and then the sectors and pegs.

-9- The position number 1 shall always be located to the left looking at the water body, and marking will run from the left to the right.

-10- Captains shall be given a back number for each one of their competitors.

Back numbers for the different sectors shall have different colours (except green or red); alternatively, they may be of a neutral colour with different coloured lettering for each sector.

Wearing the back numbers is mandatory.

-11- Each angler should obey the rules of the competition.

As soon as the competitors arrive at the sector, they must put on their back numbers and only then go to their peg. Before the signal to check the bait, the captain and the reserve competitor can transfer any items to the fishermen, as well as help in preparing fishing equipment. After checking the bait, the transfer of water, food or basic necessities takes place exclusively through the steward. It is forbidden to transfer fishing equipment (baits, baits and equipment), except for sections of broken rods, which can be transferred for replacement through stewards. Individual stewards can also help anglers unfasten any possibly stuck part of the rod.

- a) control of the length of the landing net and rod should be carried out after checking the bait.
- b) competitors can get to the venue by private transport.
- c) Smoking is prohibited at the venue.

-12- One steward must be assigned for each 4 pegs, and a General steward for each sector. Such individual and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the rules of the competition.

The General steward (if possible, with the support of a member of the F. I. P. S. e.d. Executive Committee) must participate in the bait check.

-13- During the competition, stewards must stand behind the competitor, to the right or left of them, so that they do not disturb the competitors.

The individual steward must:

- a) Control the keep-net;
- b) Control the angling behaviour of the competitor he/she is responsible for;
- c) Verify and take note of every fish caught;
- d) Control the direction of castings
- e) Monitor compliance with the rules established by the regulations

The format of the competition

-14- The Competition is held in two sectors, in one leg non-stop 34 hours (recommended schedule: from 05.00 Saturday to 15.00 Sunday).

For Championships with fewer than 20 participating countries, the sectors must not have any division or must have the smallest possible number of divisions. Separate zones must be separated by at least 3 sectors. If bad weather conditions do not allow further competitions, the chief judge must suspend or cancel the tour. Cancelled tours are not counted and will not be rescheduled.

If the weather conditions allow the competition to continue after the break, within the framework of the tournament schedule, they can be resumed. At the same time, a signal is first given that obliges the competitors to take their seats. The second signal, given after 5 minutes, allows the competitors to continue fishing.

Fish caught during the announced break is not accepted for the count and must be immediately released into the reservoir.

-15- Only team members are allowed to receive and provide assistance when fishing. The captain and other competitors are not allowed to perform any contact auxiliary actions.

-16- Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help; only the captain is authorized to access the angling peg of the competitors of his/her team, and this only to give verbal advice. A captain shall not be allowed into the peg of an angler who is not part of his/her team.

-18- During the competition, competitors are allowed to set up tents, shelters, umbrellas within the peg, and are also allowed to use platforms (fishing boxes and chairs). Platforms can be installed in a straight line, free of water or, if necessary, partially in water, so that their rear legs stand on land. Platforms can be located anywhere in the peg at the discretion of the competitor.

-18- Competitors may use the space allotted to them however way they wish.

Accredited photographers and cameramen are entitled to access the peg if they have obtained permission from competitor playing in the sector and have agreed their entry to the sector with a steward. In other cases, photographers and cameramen must not cross the border of the peg and must remain within the organizational corridor and not interfere with the work of the judges and team coordinators.

-19- In the course of competition four (4) signal are made: the first signal is– “enter the peg and start of marking (depth finding)” (the general steward orally announces it after the official opening and the draw), a signal second – “the End of marking and checking the bait”, the third signal – Start (the beginning of the competition); a fourth signal – “Finish” (end of fishing).

Official training

-20- The training format is non-stop from Thursday 9: 00 to Friday 11: 00. After the end of the training, competitors must leave the peg within two hours. Captains and reserves can stay in the peg during the entire training process. During training, the same number of baits and groundbaits is allowed as the maximum amount allowed for competition. The bait remaining after a training, competitors should take with them. It is not allowed to throw the remains of bait in the water near the shore, the remaining bait competitors must take with them and dispose of properly.

Fish accepted for weighing and storage facilities

-21- Carp, white grass carp and black grass carp, silver carp, bream, crucian carp and other white fish are counted, as well as all types of catfish. Zander, perch, and pike are not accepted and must be immediately released back into the venue.

-22- The competitor must keep the fish alive during the competition. Each competitor must have: two keepnets (Carp Keepnet), for storing caught fish, carp bags in an amount of at least 15 pieces and at least one landing net with a net exceeding at least 70 cm on the side. Landing net must be made of thick natural or artificial thread, also allowed mesh with a rubber or silicone coating. The length of the keepnet must be at least 3.5 meters. Minimum dimensions: the diameter of a keepnet with a round base is 40 cm or a diagonal of 50 cm for keepnets with a rectangular base. After the "Start" signal and before weighing the catch, the keepnet should be submerged in water to the maximum extent possible.

-23- All caught large fish weighing more than 1.5 kg (+-100 grams) should be stored only in carp bags. Storage of large fish weighing more than 1.5 kg (+-100 grams) in keepnets is strictly prohibited.

-24- Any operations with caught fish are performed exclusively on the carp mat, which must be pre-moistened with water. Taking fish under the gills and behind the eyes, as well as putting it on the ground is strictly prohibited. Fish placed outside of the carp mat or jumped out of the mat and touched the ground or any other surface, does not count.

-25- The fish that bites outside the boundaries of the designated fishing peg does not count. Also the fish hooked in your peg and coming into the next peg in the process of playing is not accepted, if the tackle of the competitor crosses with the gear of the competitor in the neighboring pegs (in this case, it is recommended to initially discuss with the competitors in neighbor pegs ability to play Fair Play). Competitors playing the fish can ask colleagues from the neighboring sector to lower the rods into the water, as much as possible to drown the fishing line, so that the fish does not cross their gear.

For careless and bullying treatment of fish tandem is punished by disqualification.

Groundbait and bait

-26- Both natural and artificial baits are allowed for fishing. (sinking and floating boilies, pellets, various grains, silicone baits, as well as baits made of natural cork made of EVA material) Only hair-rigs are allowed.

The use of all types of bait of animal origin is prohibited. Baits can always be treated with liquid / gel or powdered additives; the additive can be placed in the feeder.

For groundbait, it is allowed to use grains, boilies, pellets, as well as bulk bait, liquid and dry ingredients (attractants, "dips", sweeteners, fats, flavors) prepared on an oil-and-fat or alcohol basis.

-27- It is forbidden to use the animal component in the bait in general and processed form (maggots, worms, moths, bloodworms other larvae).

No excess / leftovers of bait and groundbait should be thrown into the water after the training and after the competition.

-28- The total amount of bait, groundbait and liquid additives for fishing should not exceed 50 kilograms. The mixture can be presented by fishermen, both in dry and moistened form. Stewards can use scales to accurately determine the total weight of the bait, or follow the marking if the bait is presented for inspection in its original packaging. The bait is checked on Friday at 19: 00.

Feeders and rigs

-29- The in-Line flat feeders which do not exceed 10 cm on the long side are allowed for fishing.

Method Feeder feeders, as well as other self-made feeders of similar design are prohibited. Carp sinkers and rigging are prohibited.

-30- Flat-feeder can be attached to the main fishing line using any sliding element on the main fishing line (braided-line, leadcore leaders) (swivel, bead, loop, carabiner, etc.). Flat-feeder must be mounted on a piece of leadcore, or fishing line (at least 0.5 mm) in order to protect the fish from injury in the process of playing. The length of a piece of leadcore or thick fishing line is not less than 60cm.

Flat feeders of the Elasticated Feeder type are prohibited, as they do not meet the standards for safe fishing. The use of shock-absorbing inserts from Feeder Gum is allowed only if the shock-absorbing insert is attached between the leadcore and the hookline. Such rig must guarantee the free movement of the flat-feeder trough in leadcore. Rigs with fixed flat-feeder and shock-absorbing inserts to the feeder is prohibited.

-31- Only hooklines with hair rigs and one single hook are allowed for use. A hookline is a piece of braided-line or monoline tied on one side with a piece of leadcore or fishing line, and on the other side with a hook. The colour of the hookline, its length, and the way it is attached are arbitrary. The length of the fishing line, weight and shape of the flat feeder are arbitrary. Flat-Zig fishing is allowed.

-32- Classic feeder feeders can be used exclusively for preliminary baiting. The maximum length of the feeder is 7 cm, the maximum width or diameter is 5 cm. Only safe, in-line or fixed in-Line (the flat-feeder with the swivel, resting inside it, which in case of a bite moves freely along the line) rigs of flat feeders are allowed, which allow the carp to get rid of the rig in the event of a break in the main line.

Rigs used on fishing rods (all its elements assembled, including the feeder without bait) must have negative buoyancy. Despite the bait, all other elements of the rig from the hook to the main line must not have additional devices that have positive buoyancy. As the main fishing line for rods that are used for fishing, only mono-fishing line can be used. The use of a braided lines for feeder rods is prohibited.

-33- It is allowed to use the braid as the main line only on bait (spod) and marker rods. Equipping baiting (spod) and marker fishing rod with a hook line and a hook is prohibited. Shock leader can be made either of braided line or of monoline.

Requirements for rods

-34- The length of the rod is limited and must not exceed 4.60 meters (15 feet).

The team has the right to equip an unlimited number of rods, but tandem can only fish with two feeder rods at the same time. At the time of feeding, it is allowed to use three tackles at the same time: two main ones that are in the water and one baiting rod (spod). It is also allowed to simultaneously use one feeder rod, spod and marker, with the tackle located in the water. It is forbidden to use a marker rod and two feeder rods. Rigs are delivered to the fishing spot using a rod with a cast over the head (from behind the back), exclusively with the help of the muscular strength of the angler. Other types of casting are prohibited.

-35- The direction of the cast must be within the conventional boundaries, which are an imaginary extension of the sides of the peg. It is forbidden to cast outside the boundaries of the peg. The range of casting tackle rod is not limited. After casting, the competitor is allowed to hold the rod in his hand or put it on the Bank, on the water, set on special stands or rod-pod.

-36- Casting gear must be made using a reel. In the process of casting the fishing line should come off the reel. Casting in which the line does not come off the reel is prohibited.

Removing the tackle from the water, including playing fish, (except for cases of breakage or entanglement of the tackle, when winding the coil is impossible), carried out without winding the fishing line with a reel, is prohibited. During the competition, fishing can be done on one or two tackles.

Markering / Depth Finding / Feature Finding / Marker Work

-37- The study and search for the spot within your peg is allowed from the moment of the signal "Enter the peg". Depth finding is carried out by means of pulling the sinker along the bottom using a feeder rod, as well as a carp marker rod equipped with a marker float or exclusively with the sinker.

Spare rods, rods for depth finding and bait rods are placed in the competitor's sector at random, but separately from the rods that are used for fishing.

Fishing is carried out only with feeder rods.

If a shock leader is used, it must be at least 5 meters in size. The shock leader can be made of mono-fishing line and braided line.

Catching fish is allowed even if it is accidentally hooking outside its mouth.

Deliberate spearing of fish is prohibited.

Baiting

-38- "Heavy baiting" with rods and corresponding rigs is allowed from 8:00 to 19:00 on Saturday and from 8:00 to 13:00 on Sunday, as well as during official training. Starts and finishes of "heavy baiting" during the competition can be moved according to the decision made at the meeting of captains.

-39- Permitted rigs for baiting: spomb and its analogues size medium with a capacity for loading feed, without taking into account the plumage, not exceeding 5.5 cm in diameter and no more than 15 cm in length. Other types of baiting rocket and stationary catapults on tripods are prohibited.

Mobile catapults mounted on bait rods (spod), feeder feeders of regulated size and slingshots are allowed for use during "heavy baiting".

At any other time, only "silent baiting" is allowed with the help of a Cobra and a working flat feeder.

-40- It is allowed to use as baiting spod rods carp rods and feeder rods.

Means of communication and other equipment

-41- It is allowed to use radio stations, headphones and mobile communication devices in the fishing peg and beyond during the competition. From the moment of entering the peg until the end of the competition, it is prohibited to use radio-controlled boats and sounders, as well as devices that are driven by compressed air, gas or electricity.

Tools for detecting bites and equipment for night fishing

-42- The bite is determined by the quivertip of the feeder rod. The use of fireflies glow sticks is allowed on quiver tips. Electronic and other mechanical bite alarms are prohibited.

-43- Fishermen are allowed to use portable lanterns to illuminate the tackle and peg at night. It is allowed to use fireflies on rods. Using super powerful stationary lights aimed at the water is prohibited.

Weighing

-44- The Results of competitors (pairs) are determined by weighing or measuring their catches. The catch for weighing by competitors is presented in pure form, without water, algae, snow, ice and soil.

Weighing of large fish (more than 1.5 kg +-100 grams) is performed separately.

Fish less than 1.5 kg +-100 grams are weighed together in a special bag with a bottom that does not interfere with water flow.

If possible, the white grasscarp is weighed immediately. It is also allowed to weigh out of turn if the health of the fish is in question. In these cases, the competitor must immediately notify the steward of the need for additional weighing.

-45- When weighing the catch for all teams with the same scales or pre-checked different scales, the catch is weighed by the General steward or his Deputy, and the result of weighing is entered in the Protocol by the General Secretary or his Deputy.

Weighing is carried out by electronic scales, with maximum accuracy within the technical tolerance of commercial and industrial scales - up to 10 grams.

When weighing the catch of a competitor (tandem), the competitor or a representative of his team and the steward responsible for the sector are present.

-46- The weighing of fish taken only from the keep net, landing net or carp bag. All operations with fish are carried out exclusively on the carp mat. The result of each tandem (pair of competitors) is announced on the radio immediately after weighing its catch and recorded in the sector protocols. In the sector protocols, the competitor (senior of the pair) or a representative of his team signs in front of the entered result.

-47- One copy of the weigh-in Protocol remains with the competitor, the other with the Jury.

After each weigh-in, the Jury must provide printed minutes with interim results in two copies to the team captains.

Schedule of weighings

First intermediate weigh-in on Saturday **12:00**

Second intermediate weigh-in on Saturday **20:00**

Third intermediate weigh-in on Sunday **7:00**

The final weigh - in is on Sunday, at **14:00**, an hour before the "Finish" signal.

After the final weigh-in and before the finish signal, teams are required to radio the judges about each fish caught, including the fish that was in the process of being taken out during the signal for the end of the competition.

After the "Finish" signal, additional weighing of the caught fish is performed.

General schedule:

Arrival and registration of teams-Wednesday 16:00

Grand opening of the competition-Wednesday 18:00

Official training draw-Thursday at 8:00

Entrance to the sector and start of training-Thursday 9:00

The end of the official training session is Friday 11:00

Captains' meeting-Friday 13:00

The draw of the competition – Friday 16:00

The entrance to the peg and start markering Friday 17:00

The end of markering and checking the bait – Friday 19:00

Start of the competition-Saturday 5:00

Permission for heavy feeding-Saturday 8:00

First intermediate weigh – in-Saturday 12:00

Distribution of preliminary reports-Saturday 14:00

The end of the heavy baiting – Saturday 19:00

Second intermediate weigh – in-Saturday 20:00

Second intermediate weigh – in-Saturday 20:00

Distribution of preliminary reports-Saturday 22:00

Third intermediate weigh – in-Sunday 7:00

Permission for heavy baiting-Sunday 8:00

Distribution of preliminary reports-Sunday 9:00

Final weigh-in-Sunday 14:00

Finish of the competition-Sunday 15:00

Additional weighing of fish caught after the final weighing – Sunday 15:00

Award ceremony – Sunday 18:00

The jury

-48- An international Jury shall be appointed to examine any complaints lodged and to apply penalties, as per the rules; the Jury shall be established at the first captains' meeting.

The Jury shall consist of the following members:

- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President, or a substitute delegated by the President;
- F.I.P.S.e.d.'s General Secretary;
- The members of F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee;
- A delegate representing the organizing Nation, unless he/she holds the same nationality as the above-mentioned members, except for the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s President (or his substitute) who shall be the President of the Jury ex officio.

The Jury members shall be at least 3. If this number is not reached, some delegates from different Nations shall be chosen by drawing lots. These delegates cannot have the same nationality as the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s representatives and the organizing Nation.

These delegates shall be enrolled on the team registration form; captains cannot be appointed as delegates.

In the event of any infringement by a competitor or by a team holding the same nationality as a member of the Jury, such Jury member shall not vote (except if he/she is the President of the Jury).

The members of the Jury shall wear a "Jury" badge, and shall be at the competition venue to receive any complaint. A place where one or more members of the Jury shall always be available shall be indicated.

-49- Any complaints, except for those concerning the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after the end of the leg. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing. Should they deem it necessary, the Jury may watch any video or look at any picture produced by the delegate of the team filling the complaint.

Complaints concerning the ranking shall be lodged within 30 minutes after publishing of the official results. The publishing time shall be recorded in the official result list.

A € 100 deposit - for which the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s General Secretary or his delegate shall issue a receipt - shall complement any written complaint submitted to the Jury. Should the complaint not be judged grounded by the Jury, the deposit shall be transferred to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s bank account.

All infringements and warnings shall be reported to the Jury, with the Jury being the only authority enabled to disqualify anglers. Any competitor who is imposed a penalty shall be informed immediately.

The Jury members and all general stewards shall make sure the Rules are abided by. Hence, they shall have a thorough knowledge of such Rules.

-50- The Rules, which are drawn up in the 2 official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the captains by the organizers of the championship.

The international Jury will make its decisions on a simple majority basis; in the event of a tie vote, the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. or his/her delegate shall have the casting vote.

All members of the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall wear a personal badge; they shall be entitled to circulate in the officials' corridor. Said badges shall only be valid for the Executive Committee's term of office (4 years).

List of penalties

-51- The competitor who is sanctioned must be informed immediately. During the competition, he must stop fishing and eliminate without delay the reason that led to the sanction.

The right of imposition of sanctions of disqualification has the Jury and the General steward in the case when the competitor is in a poor condition and poses a security risk to others.

If the tandem or the competitor is removed from the competition by the decision of the Jury or the General steward, the competitors' expenses incurred in connection with participation in the competition will not be refunded.

The decision on sanctions, starting with a warning, is entered in the minutes of the competition by the jury. The sanction for a pair of competitors is imposed regardless of whether there were violations of one or both competitors.

The withdrawal of a competitor, tandem or team from the competition prescribes the deprivation of their right to continue the competition, as well as possible deprivation of their right to participate in regular competitions from the date of the decision of the disciplinary Commission.

Withdrawal from the competition of a competitor or tandem is provided for the following violations:

- for the presence of a competitor in a state of intoxication or in a state of narcotic intoxication at events provided for by the competition regulations;
- in case of injury to another competitor;
- for Smoking at official events: meetings, and formations of participants of competitions;
- for actions of a competitor that offend public morals and humiliate human dignity;
- the competitor who refused or is not able to eliminate the reason that led to the sanction;
- for intentionally changing the boundaries of the peg and (or) the fishing zone in the peg;
- for the failure of a competitor by monitoring the presence of prohibited fishing gear;
- for refusing to submit to the control of the presence of a mat and bags for fish;
- for the use of groundbait and the bait in the case of prohibition;
- for using gear and rigging prohibited by the rules;
- for intentionally spearing the fish;

- for keeping in the catch of fish caught during the suspension of the competition;
 - for accepting outside help when fishing;
 - for falsifying the results of competitions;
 - for repeated violation of the rules, which entails a “warning” sanction, if there is already a warning issued.
- 52- During the tandem competition, the replacement of the withdrawn competitor (pair) in this round of competition is not allowed. The entire tandem is removed and the result is cancelled. In this case, in the overall team competition, the disqualified pair receives a score equal to the total number of participants +1. In this case, the other team pair must continue the competition in their own zone.
- 53- Warning. The competitor, couple, or team that receives a warning has it behind them for the entire competition. Upon receiving a second warning during one competition, the tandem (pair of competitors) is removed from the competition.

A warning is issued for the following violations:

- Careless handling of fish that caused the fish to fall to the ground;
 - Fishing in a foreign sector or buffer zone;
 - Use of dry Mat;
 - For using a keepnet less than 3.5 meters long;
 - For regular feeding outside of your own sector.
 - Other gross violations stipulated by the regulations...
- 54- The members of F.I.P.S.e.d’s Executive Committee may access the competition venue and take note of any infringement of the Rules.

Rankings

Ranking by sector in the leg

- a) Ranking by sector or sub-sector shall be drawn up based on the weight (1 point per gram).

The tandem that gains the most weight is assigned 1 point, and the second-2 points, and so on.

b) In the event of a tied score (same weight) in the same sector or sub-sector, the tandem concerned shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the average placing they should have had (example n° 1: two competitors placed equal 5th shall obtain $(5+6):2 = 5.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: three competitors tying in the 8th placing, totalise $(8+9+10):3 = 9$ penalties each).

c) Tandem who have not caught any fish will receive a number of points equal to the average value of non-attributed places in their sector or sub-sector (example n° 1: 24 tandems, 12 of whom rank at the first 12 places with penalties ranging between 1 and 12, the following tandems will mark $(13+24):2 = 18.5$ penalties each; example n° 2: 29 tandems, 5 of whom have caught fish and scored 1 to 5 points – the 24 tandems who have not caught any fish mark $(6+29):2 = 17.5$ penalties; example n° 3: 29 tandems, 26 of whom have caught fish, whereas the 3 competitors who have not caught any fish will score $(27+29):2 = 28$ penalties. If there is only 1 tandem who has not caught any fish or one or more absent tandems in a sector or sub-sector, they shall obtain a number of penalties equalling the last position in the sector (example: 29 tandems, 28 of whom have caught fish, whereas one has not, the latter will get 29 penalties).

Ranking by Team

Up to 20 Nations, the ranking shall be drawn up by sector (as always).

If there are 21 participating Nations or more, each sector shall consist of two sub-sectors. In the event of an odd number of tandems (example: 2 sub-sectors with a total of 27 participating Nations: the angler located in number 14 shall be considered in both sub-sectors: he/she will be attributed the place he/she obtained in the sub-sector with the lowest number (1 to 14) for his/her ranking, while the score obtained in the other sector (14 to 27) shall be considered for the ranking of the tandems in that sub-sector. If he/she ranks 3rd in the 14 to 27 sub-sector, the other tandems shall rank 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th).

Final results

a) The sum of points earned by the tandems (pairs of competitors) in each of the zones.

The team with the lowest number of points takes 1st place, and so on.

b) in case of the same result, ranking is made by the largest total weight of fish caught by teams.

c) in the event of a further draw, the team that caught the largest fish takes a higher place in the ranking.

Nation ranking

-55- A world or zone ranking per Nations shall be drawn up for all championships, taking into account the best 5 results over the 6 past years; such ranking list shall be updated every year and published on the F.I.P.S.e.d.'s website.

-56- The Nations included in such ranking that, for any reason, do not participate in a championship, shall be given a number of penalties equal to the number of participating Nations for that specific year + 1.

Civil liability insurance

-57- The organizers shall take out a "CIVIL LIABILITY" insurance to cover the whole event (from the beginning of the training to the end of the final dinner); a certificate issued by the insurance company, certifying that the whole event is covered by a "CIVIL LIABILITY" policy shall be handed over to the President of F.I.P.S.e.d. two months prior to the competition.

Food supply

-58- The organizers must provide the opportunity to order food in the sector. Competitors and coaching staff have the right to prepare food in their sector, both during training and during competitions.

Security

-59- It is forbidden to hold competitions in the zone of natural disasters (fires, floods, hurricanes) and adverse sanitary and epidemiological conditions.

At the request of law enforcement agencies, as well as in the event of a natural disaster, by giving a special signal, the training or competition is immediately stopped and a command is given to withdraw participants from the disaster zone.

Due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances that threaten the safety of participants, the competition may be suspended or cancelled by the decision of the Jury. A maximum of 2 breaks are allowed per leg, and their total duration must not exceed one (1) hour; otherwise, the leg must be stopped permanently.

The jury may shorten the duration of the leg if the competition schedule does not allow fishing during the entire allotted time.

The leg must be counted if it lasted at least 2 hours. The time of the break (s) is not taken into account when calculating the duration of the leg.

In the vicinity of the peg should not be old and rotten trees, or branches on them that can fall into the individual fishing peg or interfere with fishing. The coastal border in the sectors should not have washed-out banks, landslides, high cliffs that threaten the safety of competitors and their equipment. Bridges and pontoons must be securely secured, and the organizers must exclude the possibility of their overturning and/or separation from the shore.

For security reasons, it is forbidden to:

- during a thunderstorm, touch the rods;
- place sectors on both sides of the reservoir when fishing in reservoirs up to 100m wide..
- use any open fire in tents, as well as near flammable materials;
- use open fire in the fishing sector, except for portable gas equipment;
- swim in a reservoir and enter the water without shoes;
- take water from the reservoir for cooking;
- movement of any transport, except for the transport of the jury, after the signal "start" without the permission of the general steward;
- block the passage around the reservoir or on the competition area with vehicles, tents, tents and other equipment;
- use electric generators.

When a thunderstorm approaches, all rods from a vertical or inclined position must be placed on special stands or on the ground in a horizontal position. In case of a thunderstorm during the competition, the signal "Thunderstorm! Stop fishing!", the competition is immediately stopped. If the storm started before the start of the competition or during the preparation for them-all actions in the sectors of the competition should be stopped at the signal, and participants should take shelter in tents or under canopies. In this case, a signal is sent to notify the competitors about the postponement of the start.

Anti-doping controls

-60- F.I.P.S.e.d. adopts the World Anti-doping Code applied by C.I.P.S.

During a championship, the anglers selected to undergo anti-doping controls shall imperatively go to the designated place at the indicated time, following F.I.P.S.e.d.'s or the Jury's guidelines. Any angler selected to undergo anti-doping checks who does not report for the controls shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be given a penalty corresponding to the bottom rank in the ranking + 1, for all the competition days he participated in.

Organizing Nations shall cover all anti-doping controls costs. All contacts with the NADO (National Anti-Doping Organization) of each Nation shall be exclusively kept by the organizers of the championship under consideration.

The organizers shall be responsible of the fishing material and equipment of the angler drawn to be tested, while he is undergoing the anti-doping control.

Advertising on back numbers

-61- Advertising shall not be obligatory.

The size of the advertisement characters on the back numbers shall not exceed a height of 6 cm; this form of advertising shall only be authorized on the lower part of the back number, both on the front and on the back sides.

-62- Competitors have the right to install a flagpole in the peg with the national flag of the countries whose national team they represent. The size of the flag should not exceed 150 cm on the larger side.

-63- A € 150 fee shall be paid by each Nation; said fee shall remain available to F.I.P.S.e.d.

A € 500 fee shall be paid by the organizing Nation to C.I.P.S.'s disposal (to be paid to C.I.P.S.'s bank account.

Opening ceremony and prize awarding ceremony

-64- The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place 2 days before the first leg, at 06:00 p.m. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

The top 3 national teams and the top 3 tandems shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively.

There is also a memorial prize for the tandem that caught the biggest fish in the tournament. This is an unofficial, but very pleasant and important nomination. The best option is to present a set of awards in the form of a pair of statuettes or plaques with the symbol F. I. P. S. e. d and the image of a fish.

In conformity with international standards, during the prize awarding procedures, the national anthem of the winner (team or competitor) shall be played, and the national flags of the top three tandems/teams shall be raised. The medals shall be paid for by F.I.P.S.e.d. and shall be handed over by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s designated representative.

A certificate stating the results obtained shall be delivered to all the three first ranked teams official members, who shall be present at the prize giving ceremony, as well as to the five first ranked individual anglers (if an individual classification is previewed).

Any other reward shall be equally awarded to all participating Nations. All participating Nations shall provide their flags and the recordings of their national anthems.

For the announcement of the official results, up to 8 persons maximum, representing a Nation, may gain the podium for handing out the medals, while playing the national anthem of the winning nation.

Nominations and awards

Personal standings among the tandems that showed the three best results in the competition

1-place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Team scoring by total points among national teams

1-place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Big Fish of the tournament is an unofficial, but very pleasant nomination!

Rules versions

-65- In the event of any dispute arising from or in connection with the interpretation of these Rules, only the French version shall be considered as the original and reference text.

Obligations of the organizing nations

-66- The organizing Nation of a World or Zone (Europe, etc.) Championship shall:

a) Have the F.I.P.S.e.d. trophies engraved (plate or logo);

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

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