



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

OFFICIAL F.I.P.S.e.d. RULES
OF INTERNATIONAL “FOR NATIONS” COMPETITIONS
“CARP FISHING”
NATIONS, LADIES AND YOUTH (U22)

ORGANIZATION

- 1- Official international competitions shall only be organised by national Federations that are members of C.I.P.S. The organising 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.

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, on condition that the following requirements are met:

- The competitor shall have resided in said Country for at least 5 years and he/she shall hold an official document confirming that;
- The application shall be forwarded by the Nation the angler wishes to represent.

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

All supporting documents shall be produced upon registration of the nations.

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.

Only teams that are members of national Federations **affiliated in F.I.P.S.e.d.** 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 competition 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 competition 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 (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 organizing Nation shall envisage 3 trophies for the team competitions, 6 trophies for the "pair" competitions and 2 trophies for the "pair" who has caught the biggest fish. F.I.P.S.e.d. shall refund a maximum amount of € 550 for 11 trophies. Such 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 Nation shall be allowed to present one team only; in the World Championship for Nations, in the World Championship for Ladies and in the World Championship U22 each team will be composed of 3 "pairs" of anglers. No competitor shall be allowed to participate as an individual. A maximum of two reserves will be allowed for each Nation. If an angler is replaced, the substitution shall be final. Competitors that are replaced for technical or medical reasons shall be replaced under the supervision of the stewards. The reserves may enter the peg with their fishing tackle, but without their baits and ground baits.

It shall be possible to replace one or two members of a "pair". It shall also be allowed to replace two competitors belonging to two different "pairs" with the two official reserves. A maximum of two changes shall be allowed. Substituting one competitor from one pair to another pair is forbidden. Under no circumstances, during an event, may a competitor who has been substituted be subsequently reintegrated into the team.

The names of the 8 competitors must be finalised and communicated to the organisers at the time of the accreditation of their delegation; these names may not be changed subsequently, except in cases of force majeure.

In the U22 Carp Fishing World Championship 2025, young people aged between 18 and 22 years old will be entitled to participate, i.e. those who are under 22 and over 18 on December 31st of the year preceding the championship (born between 2003 and 2006 included).

Among the members of each team participating in the 2026 U22 Carp Fishing World Championship, in addition to U22 athletes - who must be under 22 and over 18 years of age on December 31 of the year preceding the championship (born

between 2004 and 2007 inclusive) - may also be included 1 or 2 athletes U25 (born between 2001 and 2007 inclusive).

Starting in 2026, the U22 Carp Fishing World Championship will become U25. Young people between the ages of 18 and 25, i.e. those under 25 and over 18 on 31 December of the year preceding the championship (born between 2001 and 2007 included) will then be able to take part.

In the Carp Fishing World Championship for Ladies, the participation of transgender anglers is not authorized (see CIPS appendix). In case of doubt or complaint, the birth certificate will be decisive.

- 4-** Competitions shall be organized at watercourses, such as rivers and canals, or at suitable stretches of water, such as lakes, etc.; it must be possible to fish along the entire width of the venue. The venue's average depth shall be of at least 1.5 meter. The minimum width of the venue shall be 100 meters for rivers, if the competitors are lined up on one shore only. For all other stretches of water (without currents), the venue's minimum width shall be 100 metres, with the competitors being lined up on one shore only, or 400 meters if the competitors are lined up on both shores. If a bay or inland area whose opposite banks are less than 400 metres apart is used as part of the venue, the pairs' fishing positions must be positioned on only one of the banks.

The carp population shall be sufficient, with a good percentage of fish weighing above 4 Kg.

Any possible fish-restocking program must be submitted to F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Technical Commission for approval. In any case, fish-restocking shall take place at least 3 months before any championship. A video or photographs documenting the restocking operations shall be shot/taken by the organizers and sent to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Commission.

- 5-** The selected venue shall offer equal fishing conditions for all competitors; the venue should be free from obstacles – to the extent possible – including power lines, bridges etc., except from the space between the sectors; sectors shall be at least 200 metres far from each other. The venue shall not expose the competitors or the spectators to any kind of danger. Medical facilities shall be set up near the fishing sectors. Organizers shall make toilets, showers, and washbasins available to the anglers.

When selecting a venue, lakes should be preferred to rivers, canals or streams, and they shall allow accommodating 30 Nations.

One or more members of the Technical Commission or a F.I.P.S.e.d. competent delegate 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 organiser must set a deadline by which the registration must be sent in with all the details of the members of the official delegation and the payment due for the registration. The deadline must be set one and a half/two months before the start of the championship in order to allow the organisers to know the number of participating nations and to

adequately prepare the pegs on the venue. Under no circumstances entries received after the deadline may be accepted.

With regard to accommodation, participating Nations shall have two options:

- 1- Opting for the official accommodation proposed by the organizing Nation (optional). In that event, the organizing Nation shall clearly indicate the terms and conditions for the stay, including:
 - The half-board price per night per person, depending on the number of persons sharing each room, regardless of the duration of the stay (full board cannot be mandatory); the participating Nation shall specify the dates of their anglers' stays (the term "official stay" used by many Nations, starting on Thursday, has never appeared in any regulations, and therefore should not be used);
 - The price of the closing gala dinner.

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

- 2- Selecting their hotels by themselves.

If this is the case, participating Nations shall be required to communicate their accommodation-related choices to the organizing Nation upon registration (in the official registration form).

In both cases (participation through or without the help of the organizers), the registration fee is € 1,550, which includes 11 closing gala dinners **(6 Anglers, 2 Reserves, 2 Captains, and 1 Delegate)** and 8 fishing permits for the whole duration of the championship, insurance and sundry expenses such as gifts, cups, trophies, etc.

The Federations, in addition to the medals devoted to the official members of the Delegation, will be allowed to ask for extra medals (up to a maximum of 3 per team), upon payment of a contribution of € 25 per extra medal, which will also include the diploma. The fees for extra medals shall be paid to F.I.P.S.e.d. In no case and for no reason extra medals in a number higher than that provided by these Rules may be requested from F.I.P.S.e.d.

For the closing gala dinner, be it a dinner with table service or a buffet dinner, participating Nations shall be assigned a number of seats corresponding to the number of gala dinner seats they reserved.

If no details about the accommodation are provided by the deadline set by the organizers, the participating Nations shall imperatively have to book their accommodations themselves and shall still pay € 1,550 to the organizers and **€ 200** to F.I.P.S.e.d.

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 contribution of € 1,550 to the organizing Nation and **€ 200** to F.I.P.S.e.d. 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 competition. Any absent team (that has not arrived) on the first team captains' meeting shall be considered as a WITHDRAWING Nation and shall not be allowed to participate in the championship (red card to the team).

Together with the event programme, the organizing Nations shall provide a list of hotels, lodgings, rooms and campsites located within a 20 km range from the venue.

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 team captain. Addresses and emergency telephone numbers (police, firefighters, hospitals, etc.) shall be provided in the program leaflets.

The “Carp Fishing” World Championship for Nations shall usually take place in late September. The Women's Carp Fishing World Championship will be held together with the U22 Championship, preferably in July. These indications may undergo changes, even substantial ones, based on the climatic conditions of the host countries and the characteristics of the competition venues.

- 6- For the competitions, the distance between the fishing areas of each “pair” (to be measured from the exterior of an area to the exterior of the other area) shall be between minimum 20 metres and maximum 60 metres. This distance may be reduced subject to F.I.P.S.e.d. approval.

The angling area of each “pair” shall consist of “15 x 12 metre” peg, which may be entirely used and shall allow setting up camping tents and umbrellas. No bright colours shall be used for said tents and umbrellas (dark green, khaki or “camouflage”). The fishing area shall be staked out; the poles shall be well driven into the shore and along the sides of the safety lane; furthermore, they shall be evenly spaced, 20 metres from each other. **It will also be necessary to set up a corridor B to which members of the jury, stewards, reserves and captains of the nation to which the competitors in that particular box belong will have access. Journalists may also have access to this corridor, but only with the agreement of the two competitors in the box. Access to this corridor must be forbidden to captains of other nations and spectators.**

The official corridor must absolutely not be occupied by any of the competitors' material (oral warning).

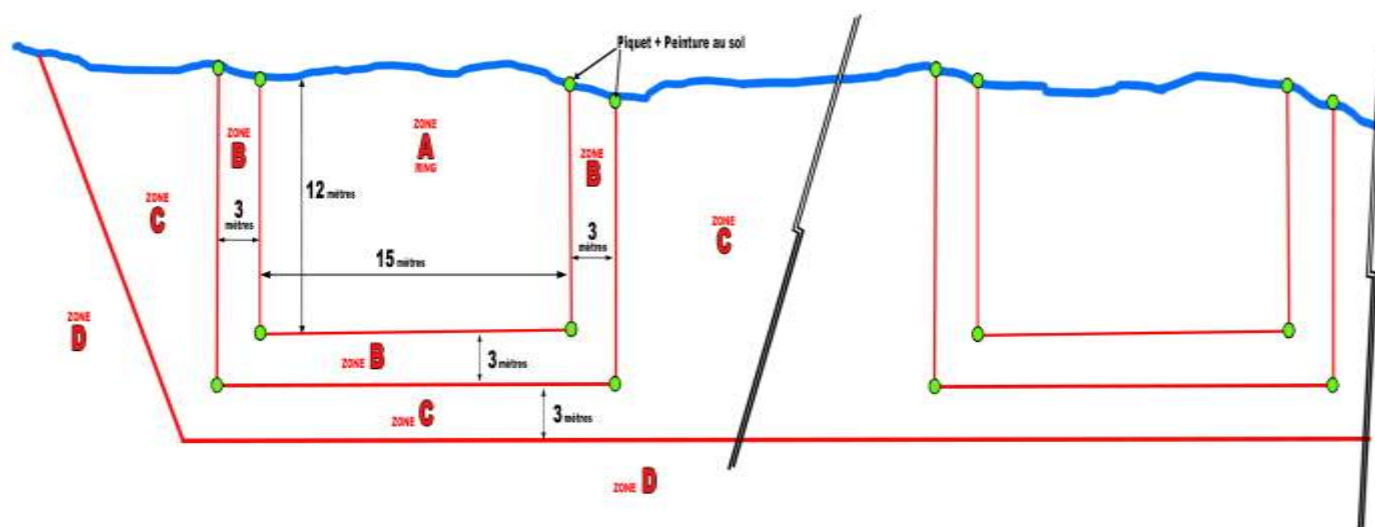
Team captains - 2 per Nation - may enter their teams' competitor boxes **(zone A)**; team captains shall wear green back-numbers **or armbands** marked with a letter C, clearly indicating their status. Only one team captain shall be authorised inside a box (yellow card). Reserve competitors shall wear a red back-numbers **or armbands** marked with an R letter. If sectors are too far from each other, the International jury can allow one reserve to enter also into the boxes.

The organization shall customize each pair's box by means of a board indicating the names and the nationality of the pair's competitors, as well as the number, weight and type of every fish caught, updated every 6 hours. Such boards are provided by F.I.P.S.e.d.'s person in charge of the rankings.

Only the holders of a “press card” or a document accrediting them as journalists will be enabled to request a badge that will allow them access to the corridor reserved for captains and reserves. It is therefore compulsory that journalists accredit themselves with the organisation by showing the document accrediting them as such.

The organisers have the obligation to reserve one (or more) appropriate areas nearby the competition venue, far from the competitors' boxes and tents, where the national teams' reserves, captains and delegates shall install their tents and park their vehicles.

WATER FISHING ZONE



- A** Access authorised for the two competitors, their captains (one at a time) and Jury members.
- B** **Authorised access to members of the jury, stewards, reserves, captains of the competitors' nation (one at a time) and the authorised press, but only if the latter has the agreement of the two competitors in that box (yellow card).**
- C** **Access authorised to all those entitled to enter corridor B and to captains, reserves and delegates of all other nations, but forbidden to the public and spectators.**
- D** **Access to other people, visitors, etc.**

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

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

Only captains and delegates representing the national teams will be admitted to the meetings.

Accredited journalists may also be present.

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

1st meeting - On the eve of the competition's start

During this first meeting, an international Jury shall be appointed, pursuant to article 28 of the present Official Rules. Then, the following operations shall be carried out:

- Roll call of Nations.
- Nations shall draw lots in alphabetical order to define the call-up order of the draw.
- Various information about the progress of the championship; presentation of the competition venue by the organisers: sectors, access to the pews, etc.
- Information on timetables to be adopted:
 - baiting with ground-supported catapults and bait rockets is only permitted between 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.;
 - night time is defined as between 8.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m. the following morning.
- Drawing lots exclusively attributing sectors (A, B, C) to the “pairs” of each team.

2nd meeting - In the morning of the competition starting day

- Drawing lots to attribute anglers their competition pews in the various sectors.

Subsequent meetings – During the competition, the organisers will organise daily meetings (time to be determined by the organizers) to comment on the progress of the championship.

Depending on the issues to be discussed, an extraordinary meeting may be summoned by the organizers.

NB: 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- Lots shall be drawn out at least 180 minutes before the beginning of the competition, under the scrutiny of the organizers, in the presence of the team captains or delegates of each team, and F.I.P.S.e.d. representatives.

The drawing lots will be carried out according to an automatic grid defined in advance by F.I.P.S.e.d. Said grid shall be designed in a way such as to allow positioning the three “pairs” belonging to a team over the three sectors.

- 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- Team captains shall be given a back number **or an armband** for each one of their competitors making up the “pair”.

The back numbers **or armbands** of the three pairs shall be made in three different colours: one for each sector.

These back numbers **or armbands** shall be made:

- in colours other than green and red;
- in neutral colour with different coloured lettering for each sector.

The following shall also be made for each team:

- 2 green back numbers **or armbands** for the 2 captains;
- 2 red back numbers **or armbands** for the 2 reserves;
- 1 different coloured back number **or armband** for the delegate.

Wearing back numbers **or armbands** is mandatory (oral warning).

GENERAL RULES

- 11-** Each pair has 120 minutes to carry out all preparation operations. As soon as the anglers arrive at the venue wearing their back numbers **or armbands**, they shall imperatively deposit all their equipment and also their bait, whether prepared or not, **in zone B of the box** allocated to them by drawing lots, without however being able to enter it (these provisions shall also be respected by those helping the anglers to transport their equipment). Competitors may receive help to carry and deposit their materials, but only in zone B.

Fishing materials and equipment should be kept separate from ground bait and bait in order to simplify weight checks.

It is not allowed to prepare the material (mounting of biwi, rods, etc.) until the signal is given that the competitors are allowed to enter their pegs and to start assembling their equipment (yellow card).

At the first signal, competitors may enter their box and start assembling all their equipment. From that moment on, they shall not receive any further assistance, and no equipment, bait, wires, accessories, etc. shall enter the ring or be supplied to the competitors (red card).

After this signal, during the competition, it will be possible, one and only one time and through the intermediary of the captains or reserves, to restock the competitors with bait, ground bait, equipment (lines, leads, etc.) and any type of fishing equipment (the weight of the bait and ground bait added during this refilling will be summed to the one already recorded at the time of the first check; the total weight shall not exceed 200 kg).

The above-mentioned restocking must be carried out between the 40th and 44th hours of competition, in the presence of a steward and in each box of all nations.

Anglers ("PAIR") caught in the act (flagrante delicto) to acquire any restock at a time other than the authorised one, or having more baits or ground baits than the quantities allowed for the competition, shall be given a red card = last rank + 1 in the final ranking. F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee reserves the right - depending on the violation - to prevent the anglers ("pairs") from participating in future F.I.P.S.e.d. championships for a given period of time.

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

- 12-** The organising nation shall provide a minimum of 1 steward every 5 "pairs" during the day or night. Such individual and general stewards shall have thorough knowledge of the

rules of the competition. In order to make sure that at least one steward always present, there may be two or three of them working in shifts. The stewards in charge shall weight the fish caught by a team from the organizing Nation, but such weighing operations shall then also be validated by a member from another country, both at night and during the day.

The individual steward must:

- a) Control the carp keep-net and, if necessary, control the ground bait quantity.
- b) Control the angling behaviour of the “pair” he is responsible for. When an individual or sector steward ascertains an irregularity, he must immediately warn the competitors assigned to him (and the international jury in case the seriousness of the infringement requires it) without any interference by third parties (Athletes, Captains, Delegates, spectators, etc.).
- c) Verify and take note of every fish caught and of its weight.
- d) Keep an eye, at the end of the competition, on the fish caught by the “pair” and forbid access to the angling position to any unauthorised person until the arrival of the weighing team; together with the anglers of the “pair”, the individual steward shall sign the weighing sheet carrying the weight of the fish.

- 13-** Only carps (mirror, common, leather) and grass carps (white coloured) shall be validated. To be included in the calculations, fish shall weigh at least 1,500 grams.

If during the weighing operations, a weigh between 1,499 and 1,300 g is recorded (200 g of tolerance), the fish shall be deemed not valid and the related competitors will not receive any penalty.

If the fish weighs 1,299 g or less, it shall be deemed not valid and the related competitors will be sanctioned with a yellow card.

These provisions shall be included in the program and reminded at the first team captains' meeting. The organisers shall formally inform F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Technical Commission should most carps in the waterbody selected for the championship not weigh at least 1,500 grams. Should that be the case, the 1,500 g fish minimum weight shall be reduced. Fish shall only be kept alive in carp keepnets (only 1 fish per keepnet). During the competition, the keepnets shall be immersed into the water to their full length, and shall contain no lead, ballast, or any other object. Throughout the competition, no other system for preserving the caught fish shall be used. Competitors shall have a sufficient quantity of carp keepnets. Any caught fish that is smaller than the minimum legal weight or is mutilated, shall be seized by the weighing team, and the “pair” concerned shall be given a yellow card.

In the event of any lack of keepnets, the stewards shall be asked to weigh some fish in order to free a few keepnets.

- 14-** It is forbidden to use animal baits and ground baits, both living and dead, fish roe and products of metal origin (red card).

Only the following shall be authorised:

- Fresh or frozen meals, covering mixes;
- Seeds, boilies and pellets – natural or artificial.

Any agglomerate of the above-mentioned products shall not exceed the size of a 70-mm diameter sphere. Argyle, bentonite and baiting-leads coated with covering meal are forbidden (red card).

For the 72-hour angling activities, the amount of solid fish food for both ground baiting and hooking shall not exceed 200 kg per "pair"; said amount may however be reduced depending on the venue.

At the end of the competition, any ground bait waist shall not be thrown into the water or abandoned on the venue (yellow card).

-15- The competition shall consist of a single 72-hour leg.

Up until 20 teams, the venue shall be separated into 3 sectors, each one of which shall include one of the "pairs" of the participant Nations. In the case the participant Nations are 21 or more, it will be a task of the Technical Commission, upon advice of the organizers, to determinate whether to separate the venue into 3 sectors or, rather, into 6 sub-sectors.

In the event of a forced interruption (e.g. a thunderstorm, demonstration, natural disaster, etc.), the Jury may validate the leg, provided that it lasted at least 48 hours.

The Jury can decide to reduce the duration of the leg if the competition schedule does not allow continuing angling for the 72 scheduled angling hours.

-16- Each competitor is expected to fully abide by the competition rules (yellow card).

-17- Obligations, Prohibitions et Autorisations.

Obligations:

17.01- Reels shall compulsorily feature a fixed drag (red card).

17.02- Rod length is limited to a maximum of 4.00 meters (red card).

17.03- The lines shall be stretched inside the angling area marked by the axes of the peg's side implantations. Baiting outside such angling area is forbidden (oral warning). The lines must be cast with a rod and without any other means (yellow card).

17.04- Only a single hook shall be allowed for each fishing-line (yellow card), and the "hair rig" or other recognised or commercially available method of attachment commonly used in carp fishing is compulsory. Zig Aligners, bait crews/spikes, or rings are permitted.

17.05- Only angling with a lead of a minimum of 50 g shall be allowed. Should the line break, the assembling system used shall allow the fish to easily free itself from the lead (yellow card). Similarly, the fishing line shall feature an "anti shock" system preventing breakage when casting (yellow card).

17.06- During the throwing of the tackles, the lead shall not make any lateral movement in the box. Lead movements shall only be in the box-water and water-box directions (oral warning).

17.07- The perimeter of the fishing areas may be marked by floats, which may or may not be luminous. Said landmarks shall be placed inside the angling areas marked

by the pole axes of the peg sides. Said landmarks may remain there throughout the competition, but shall be removed at the end of the competition.

- 17.08- Keepnets and 2 damp reception beds are compulsory. Their size and quality shall ensure the fish safety. The keepnets and the damp reception beds shall be dampened before putting in the fish (red card).
- 17.09- Competitors are forbidden to cast their line and angle in a neighbouring sector or peg (oral warning). The control of this rule compliance is of exclusive responsibility of the members of the Jury, of the general steward of sector or of the steward assigned to the competitor. In no case will interference from third parties (Captains, Delegates, Athletes, spectators, etc.) be allowed.
- 17.10- After the weighing, the fish shall be put back into the water alive and with care (red card).
- 17.11- Fishing tents (biwys) are compulsory inside the boxes (yellow card).
- 17.12- At the end of the competition, the pegs shall to be left absolutely clean (red card).
- 17.13- During the night (8.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. the following morning), only captains and stewards may remain in the fishing area allocated to them in the sectors. Only captains may enter their competitors' boxes, but only if accompanied by a steward or a captain of a different nationality. Two captains may stay together in the same sector, but only one captain may enter the box at a time (yellow card).
- 17.14- The fish caught shall only be valid on condition that the sinker used for casting is still hanging on the line (yellow card).

Prohibitions:

- 17.15- Fishing using floats is forbidden (red card). Angling with swing feeder, swing tip, quiver tip and resorts baits is forbidden (red card).
- 17.16- Using remotely controlled devices and echo sounders is forbidden (red card).

Using drones is prohibited during competition, except the special cases authorized by the International Jury, on the advice of the Technical Committee.
- 17.17- It is forbidden to light the water by means of torches or lamps (red card); however, it is allowed to use illumination aids inside the tent (discrete lighting with a frontal torch shall be allowed to net fish).
- 17.18- All devices propelled by compressed air, gas or electricity are forbidden (red card).
- 17.19- Vehicles are not allowed to circulate at night, except for those of the organizers (yellow card).
- 17.20- Deliberate foul hooking of fish is prohibited (red card).
- 17.21- All kinds of fire are forbidden inside the tent (red card).

Authorisations:

- 17.22- Back leads shall be allowed but the stewards may order their withdrawal at any time, in order to verify the angling axes.

- 17.23- Using electronic, acoustic and visual bite signalling units is allowed.
- 17.24- One competitor - or two in the event of a simultaneous catch – may only enter the water up to his/her boots (below the knees) to net a fish or put it in the net (oral warning).
- 17.25- The catching of a fish is valid, even if it is accidentally hooked outside its mouth.
- 17.26- Any fish caught in a pair's ring and trespassing on the ring of a direct neighbour, shall be valid and attributed to the catching pair.
- 17.27- If a fish caught by an angler hangs the neighbouring angler's line, outside his fishing zone, the fish shall be deemed valid and attributed to the catching pair.
- 17.28- If two anglers catch each one a fish (2 fishes) and the two anglers' lines hang on each other, the two fishes shall be deemed valid.
- 17.29- During the competition, anglers are allowed to use any auricular, telephone or walkie-talkie.
- 17.30- When fishing with a Zig Aligner and a long end of fishing line, the line may be retrieved by hand to net the fish. In this case, if the rod is not in the competitor's hand, it shall be on a stand in an upright position and not placed on the ground.
- 17.31- The use of platforms or pontoons is permitted as long as their height does not exceed 1 metre above the water surface. Under no circumstances may the front of the platform exceed the bank. If the water level drops during the competition, the platform can be moved. The slope between the front and the back of the platform may not exceed 15 cm per metre.
- 17.32- The use of a ladder is permitted as long as it is placed in an absolutely safe condition, is stable and has a maximum height of 2 metres. The competitor's safety must be a priority.

- 18- Competitors may keep and assemble as many rods as they wish, but they are only allowed to fish with a maximum of 4 rods per "pair" at any time (red card).**

Extra rods shall be placed vertically outside the angling rod pods, whereas the rods used to place the luminous landmarks shall be identified, marked out, and they shall not be located on the rod pod for the rods in use (yellow card).

- 19- Only the competitors shall be authorised to use landing nets (yellow card). Round landing nets shall have a minimal diameter of 70 cm; the triangular ones shall have an entrance (base) of minimum 70 cm (yellow card).**

- 20- Competitors are not allowed to receive any external help (yellow card); only the team captain is authorized to access the angling peg of the competitors of his team. The captain may only give verbal instructions and may not carry out any physical action that may be of help to his competitors (weighing, carrying carp sacks, putting fish back in the water, arranging rods or equipment, etc.) (yellow card).**

A team captain shall not be allowed into the peg of a "pair" who is not part of his team (yellow card).

- 21- Competitors may use the space of the peg allotted to them however way they wish.**

Inside the peg allotted to them, the competitors shall move discretely and noiselessly. All

angling actions shall only take place inside the peg (throw-in, recuperating, ground baiting and netting) (yellow card).

The use of "flashes" or any other lighting system is forbidden at night (from 8.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. the following morning) (yellow card).

The use of privacy screens or covers is authorised, but rods and rod supports ('rod pods') must be visible from the outside (yellow card).

- 22-** The anglers shall wait for the **first signal** before entering their peg; after the signal, the competitors may start preparing their equipment, testing their lines, **measuring depth** and preparing their ground bait (see quantity-related provision in article 14) (yellow card). They shall be allowed 120 minutes to perform said preparatory operations; anglers are not allowed to get out of their pegs during preparation.

During this first period, it is not permitted to bait or put fishing lines in (yellow card)

When the **second signal** is given, the anglers may start ground baiting and fishing.

Only manual baiting or baiting using a catapult manipulated with both hands (of the type used for throwing baits), tubes for throwing boilies handled with one or two hands, big spoons with handle or grip held by one or two hands, catapults placed on the ground and handled with two hands, the propulsion power of which must be elastic bands or, possibly, springs, soluble bags, soluble wires, baits rockets with a dimension that does not exceed 70 millimetres at the inner diameter and 200 millimetres of length, thrown by means of a fishing-rod are allowed. From 6.30 p.m. until 8.00 a.m., it is forbidden to use the catapults and bait rockets placed on the ground. Only throwing sticks for boilies using one or both hands and the catapult handled with two hands are authorised.

Except for the aforesaid time interval, baiting is allowed with all baits and systems envisaged by the rules.

The **third signal** shall warn the competitors that they have only 15 minutes left before the end of the competition.

The **fourth signal** shall mark the end of the competition.

Fifteen more minutes shall be allowed to take out of the water any fish hooked before the 4th signal.

In this event, a **fifth signal** shall be given 15 minutes after the 4th signal; after the 5th signal, only the fish that is fully out of the water shall be counted.

The acoustic signals for the different phases of the championships shall be short; in all cases, the beginning of the signal is taken into consideration.

- 23-** During the competition, individual stewards shall stand behind the anglers, on their right or left side, in such a way that they do not bother the anglers, but can still control the fish caught by the competitors assigned to them. Carp keep-nets shall be positioned so that the stewards can see them; the fish shall be put in the net and kept alive until the weighing team arrives (yellow card).

In the event that the organising nation does not have a sufficient number of stewards available, each competing nation shall offer the use of its own delegate for a period of 4 hours during the course of the competition. **A drawing will be held to determine the order and time of these interventions.**

WEIGHING OPERATIONS

- 24- The weighing operations shall be performed by three teams composed by 2 elements each (one team for each sector). All weighing procedures must take place as soon as possible and at least every 2 hours. The weighing must be carried out with a scales certified with a conformity certificate; the scales shall be suspended on a tripod placed on the ground in the official corridor (Zone B). In the three sectors, the scales must be identical, both as regards the model and the brand and with a graduated scale with indications every 50 grams.
- 25- The weight marking shall be visible to both by the stewards and the competitors of the "pair".

Apart from stewards, the competitors concerned and their team captain, no other person, except the Jury members, is authorised to intervene, neither verbally nor in any other way, in the weighing operations.

One person will be in charge of weighing.

Another person shall be tasked with registering the weight in the official document.

Two scales shall be provided for each sector. The carp keepnet provided by the organisation shall be compulsory for the weighing of each fish; it will be dampened and tared before each weighing. Carp keepnets shall be of a special type, suitable for the weighing of carps; they shall be made of a soft, synthetic material, which is permeable and fret worked. The keepnets shall be identical for all three sectors.

Weights shall be recorded in grams.

- 26- Until the arrival of the weighing team at their boxes, the competitors shall leave their carp keepnets in the water. **Only the members of the pair may retrieve the fish, place them on a mat suitable for this purpose and put them in the weighing bag;** after weighing, the fish shall be put back into the water under the supervision of the stewards (after weighing, the fish cannot be put back into the keepnet). This operation shall be performed with great care (yellow card).
- 27- The two anglers making up the "pair" shall be present in order to witness the weighing operations and sign the weighing protocol, where the weight of the catch is recorded. Once the weighing procedure is over, the fish has been put back into the water, and the weighing protocol has been signed, no complaint about the weight shall be accepted.

THE JURY

- 28- 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 team 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 lot. 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 "pair" or 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. Jury members can be reached by mobile phone, so team captains will receive their mobile numbers.

- 29-** Any complaints, except for those concerning the rankings, shall be submitted to the Jury within 1 hour after the publication of each temporary ranking or the end of the championship. Complaints shall be lodged verbally, but they shall immediately be confirmed in writing.

Should the Jury deem it necessary, and only in this case, photos or videos submitted by the delegate of the complaining team may be viewed. Only videos and/or photos incriminating a competitor or team that allow an official complaint to be lodged with the Jury will be taken into consideration, provided that they have not already been circulated or shared on social networks. In this case the photos and videos will not be accepted as evidence and the complaint will not be admissible.

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 € 200 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 "pair" 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.

- 30-** The Rules, which are drawn up in the 2 official languages, shall be made available to the Jury and the team 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 a casting vote.

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

LIST OF PENALTIES

-31- The penalties shall be as follows:

- a) Oral warning for the infringement of articles 6 (third §), 10 (fourth §), 17.03, 17.06, 17.09 and 17.24.**
- b) Warning (yellow card) for the infringement of articles 6 (fourth §), 6 (sixth §), 11 (third §), 13 (third §), 13 (fourth §), 14 (fifth §), 16, 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, 17.11, 17.13, 17.14, 17.19, 18 (second §), 19, 20 (first §), 20 (second §), 21 (second §), 21 (third §), 21 (fourth §), 22 (first §), 22 (second §), 23 (first §) and 26 and for the second infringement of articles 6 (third §), 10 (fourth §), 17.03, 17.06, 17.09 and 17.24.**
- c) Disqualification (red card) for the infringement of articles 11 (fourth §), 11 (seventh §), 14 (first §), 14 (third §), 17.01, 17.02, 17.08, 17.10, 17.12, 17.15, 17.16, 17.17, 17.18, 17.20, 17.21, 18 (first §), 38.2 (first §) and 39 (second §), for the second infringement of articles 6 (fourth §), 6 (sixth §), 11 (third §), 13 (third §), 13 (fourth §), 14 (fifth §), 16, 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, 17.11, 17.13, 17.14, 17.19, 18 (second §), 19, 20 (first §), 20 (second §), 21 (second §), 21 (third §), 21 (fourth §), 22 (first §), 22 (second §), 23 (first §), 26 and for the third infringement of articles 6 (third §), 10 (fourth §), 17.03, 17.06, 17.09, 17.24.**
- d) Disqualification (red card) of the team for the infringement of articles 5 (eleventh §) and 36.**
- e) When a "pair" is disqualified, a number of points equal to the number of the participating "pairs" + 1 will be assigned to it. If a "pair" is disqualified, the "pairs", which follow upon it in the ranking, will keep their original ranking (for example: X that was qualified 8th is disqualified, the subsequent "pairs" will keep their places and will mark 9 points, 10 points, and so on).
- f) Any warning given to a Nation shall be recorded in that Nation's file and shall remain in the files for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered as a "relapse" and the Jury shall make its decision considering such relapse and the list of penalties.
- g) Any warning given to a "pair" shall be recorded in the pair's file for a period of 3 years starting from the date of the sanction. Any new infringement committed in the following 3 editions of the same championship shall be considered a "relapse", and the Jury shall make its decision considering such new infringement and the list of penalties.
- h) F.I.P.S.e.d.'s Executive Committee shall be entitled, both during a competition and subsequently, to impose penalties on fishermen, captains or reserves if they infringe any rule or misbehave, even if said infringements are not provided for in the official Rules.

- 32- 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

-33- 1- RANKING BY SECTOR

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

The competitor who recorded the highest weight shall be given 1 penalty, while 2 penalties shall be attributed to the second one, and so on.

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

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

2- GENERAL TEAM RANKING

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

If there are 21 participating Nations or more, upon decision of the F.I.P.S.e.d. Technical Committee, sectors may consist of two sub-sectors. In the event of an odd number of "pairs" (example: 2 sub-sectors with a total of 23 participating Nations: the "pair" located in number 12 shall be considered in both sub-sectors: for ranking purposes, such "pair" shall be attributed the place obtained in the sub-sector with the smallest number (1 to 12), while the score obtained in the other sub-sector (12 to 23) shall be considered for the ranking of the "pair" in that sub-sector. If the "pair" ranks 3rd in the 12 to 23 sub-sector, the other "pairs" shall rank 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th).

The general team ranking shall be drawn up as follows:

- a) Total of the penalties obtained in each sector or sub-sector by the "pairs" of the same team; the national team with the lowest number of penalties shall rank 1st, and so on.

- b) In the event of a tie on penalties, the teams concerned shall be ranked by the highest total aggregate team weight obtained by the “pairs” of the same team throughout the competition.
- c) In the event of a tie on weight, the heaviest weight obtained by a “pair” shall prevail.
- d) Should two or more “pairs” have obtained the same weight, priority shall be given to the “pair” that has caught the biggest fish.
- e) In the event of a new tie, priority shall be given to the smallest number of fishes caught.

3- GENERAL “PAIR” RANKING

- a) The “pairs” that ranked first in each sector shall run for the top positions in the general ranking; the ones who ranked second in each sector shall compete for the following positions, and so on.
- b) In the event that the competition venue is divided into sub-sectors, the ranking of the “pairs” must be made by sector and not by sub-sector. The “pairs” that will award the first place in the three sectors will therefore be classified, in order of weight, first, second and third in the final classification, those ones that are in second place in the sectors will be fourth, fifth and sixth, etc.
- c) In the event of a tie on penalties, the “pairs” shall be ranked by the heaviest weight obtained.
- d) Should two or more “pairs” have obtained the same weight, priority shall be given to the “pair” that has caught the biggest fish.
- e) In the event of a new tie, priority shall be given to the smallest number of fish caught.
- f) In the event that one or two substitutions have been made in a “pair” that at the end of the competition has obtained the right to get on the podium, the medals and diplomas will be awarded to the competitors belonging to the “pair” that completed the competition.

4- NATION RANKING

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.

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.

- 34-** The ranking will be established by a person mandated by F.I.P.S.e.d. or, lacking this person, by the organizers, in the presence of F.I.P.S.e.d.’s President or in the presence of his representative and, possibly, also in the presence of the members of the Jury.

“CIVIL LIABILITY” INSURANCE

- 35- The organizers shall take out a “CIVIL LIABILITY” insurance to cover the whole event (from the eve of the competition 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.

TRAINING

- 36- Training at the venue during the 7 days prior to the competition is forbidden (red card to the team). In any case, the organizers shall grant to all participating Nation the possibility to train on the venue before the 7 days of closing.

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PLANTS

- 37- It is strictly forbidden to place competitors at a distance of less than 50 metres, on both sides, from any electrical plant (electrical lines, transformers, trellises, etc.).

RULES IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR WATER-RELATED CONDITIONS

- 38- 1- WHEN BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT BEFORE OR DURING PREPARATION

No angler shall be allowed to access his/her peg or prepare his/her material; a signal shall indicate the postponement of the access into the angling peg or the end of the preparation phase. If the weather or water-related conditions and the competition schedule allow, the competition may be regularly performed.

- 2- IF BAD CONDITIONS BREAK OUT DURING THE COMPETITION

The competition shall immediately be stopped (a 1st signal will be emitted by the organizers) and all competitors shall take shelter outside the pegs (red card). If the weather or water-related conditions allow, the competition shall then continue and a 2nd signal shall inform the competitors that they may return to their pegs; a 3rd signal, 5 minutes later, shall authorize the competitors to resume angling. The interruption duration shall not be added to the initial 72 hours.

The Jury may shorten the duration of the competition if the competition schedule does not allow angling for 72 hours.

The competition shall be validated if it lasted at least 48 hours.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

- 39- 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. When an angler selected to undergo anti-doping checks does not report for the controls, the concerned "pair" shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be given a penalty corresponding to the bottom rank in the ranking + 1 (red card).

Cost of Anti-doping controls **at the championships** shall be borne by the organising Nation. All contacts with the N.A.D.O. (National Anti-Doping Organization) of each Nation shall be exclusively kept **by C.I.P.S. as controlling authority**.

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

C.I.P.S., in quality of Testing Authority, will issue the relevant mission order on the ADAMS System, with the concerned instruction for the doping control tests.

A copy of the Doping Control Form (DCF), signed by the Doctor who has provided the tests, must be sent to the C.I.P.S. Secretariat cipssecretariat@cips-fips.com or delivered immediately after the competition to the F.I.P.S.e.d. official delegate present on place, who will forward it to C.I.P.S.

The athletes participating in the Championships, by registering, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules.

An athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to C.I.P.S. for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the C.I.P.S. strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website: <https://ita.sport/resource/international-testing-agency-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-application-form/>.

The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: tue@ita.sport.

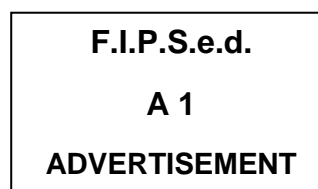
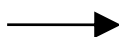
Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List of substances: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/prohibited-list>.

ADVERTISING ON BACK-NUMBERS

-40- Advertisements 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 advertisement shall only be authorized on the lower part of the back number, both on the front and on the back sides.

BACK-NUMBER SAMPLE



F.I.P.S.e.d. AND C.I.P.S. FEES

- 41- A € 200 fee shall be paid by each participating 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 AWARDING OF PRICES TO THE WINNERS

- 42- The opening and presentation ceremony for the teams and the award ceremony for the winners must be opened with the official C.I.P.S. anthem.

The opening ceremony and the presentation of the teams shall take place the eve of the competition at 6:00 p.m. Said ceremony shall not last longer than 2 hours, and shall not end later than 08:00 p.m.

The top 3 teams and the top 3 "pairs" shall officially receive a GOLD, a SILVER and a BRONZE medal respectively. In conformity with international standards, during the prize awarding procedures, the national anthem of the winner (team or "pair") shall be played, and the national flags of the top three "pairs"/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.

World Champion Athletes (both individual and team) will additionally receive a patch to be applied to their national team uniform in order to be identified as world title holders for the current year.

During the individual prize-giving ceremony, the fourth and fifth classified must also be called to the podium, but no medals will be awarded.

A certificate stating the results obtained shall be delivered to all the three first-ranked Nations official members, who shall be present at the prize-giving ceremony, as well as to the five first-ranked "pairs".

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.

During the ceremony announcing the official results, a maximum of 11 people representing a Nation may stand on the podium for handing out the medals, while the national anthem of the winning nation is being played.

RULES VERSIONS

- 43- 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

- 44- 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).

The President of F.I.P.S.e.d.
Ugo Claudio MATTEOLI



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



ANNEX: CIPS - Transgender

No transgender competitor, i.e. any competitor whose birth certificate shows her original gender as male, may be admitted to participate in the Women's Carp Fishing World Championship (FIPS-Ed), the Ladies Long Casting of Sea Weights World Championship and the Ladies Shore Angling World Championship (FIPS-Mer), and the Ladies Fly Fishing World Championship (FIPS Mouche). This decision by the CIPS Praesidium results from the fact that physical performance (ability to cast longer distances) and physical endurance are particularly important skills in those disciplines that do not only depend on technical ability and this could lead to disparities in comparison to other competitors. If a complaint is made against an athlete deemed to be transgender or in the case of doubts of the International Jury, the classifications will be drawn up and the resulting awards will be made, but these will be considered sub-judice. Only after the athlete in question has submitted the required birth certificate proving the non-sex change the results will be homologated and made officially as definitive. If it is established that the athlete has changed sex and is therefore not entitled to take part in the championship, the athlete and her entire team will be disqualified and the rankings and prize-giving will have to be redone.