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## **BACKGROUND.**

The first World Flyfishing Championship was held in 1981. This championship was held under the auspices of the International Confederation of Sport Fishing (CIPS), and administered by the International Federation of Fresh Water Sport Fishing (FIPS-Ed). The annual championships were administered by a Committee of FIPS-Ed until 1988. In 1989, the International Federation of Sport Fly Fishing (FIPS-Mouche) was founded in San Marino as an independent Federation within CIPS.

The Competition Rules have been drawn up by the Presidential Board and the Technical Commission in order to ensure consistency in the conduct of FIPS-Mouche championships. Rule modifications are permitted to take account of the laws, regulations, practices and particular needs of the host country. Any such modifications must be circulated to all members, after approval by the Presidential Board, well in advance of the relevant event.

If there is any doubt or dispute over any aspect of the Competition Rules, they will be resolved by interpreting the spirit of the Rules.

## **ARTICLE 1: INTRODUCTION.**

- 1.1. Sport fishing is angling with rod and line, by amateur anglers, for no financial reward.
- 1.2. Competition sport fishing is angling among competitors, who are observing a standard, approved set of rules, for no financial reward.
- 1.3. Competition sport fly fishing is angling with a conventional fly rod, fly line, fly reel and artificial flies among competitors who are observing a standard, approved set of rules, for no financial reward.
- 1.4. Competition sport fly fishing is a doping-free sport in order to promote health, fairness and equality for all competitors worldwide.

## **ARTICLE 2: GENERAL INFORMATION.**

- 2.1. Competitions may be organised for competitors of either sex, competing together or separately.
- 2.2. Competitions may take place on running or still water.
- 2.3. Competitions may be organised for different age groups as follows:
  - (a) Category A- Over 18 at any point during the year of the competition
  - (b) Category B- Aged 14-18 at any point during the year of the competition - Youth
  - (c) Category C- To be established - Masters
- 2.4. These Competition Rules apply equally to all categories, and to Regional as well as World Championships, except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in Rule Modifications (see Article 7.1).
- 2.5. Each World Championship must include a Conservation Symposium.
- 2.6. For convenience, the words "he" and "his" are used throughout this document to include the words "she" and "her" respectively.

### **ARTICLE 3: APPLICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THEIR AUTHORISATION**

- 3.1. Members of FIPS-Mouche wishing to organise any FIPS-Mouche championship must present a written application to the FIPS-Mouche General Secretary at least four months prior to a FIPS-Mouche General Assembly.
- 3.2. The application must, as a minimum, contain proposals on the following points:
  - (a) Year, approximate date within the year, venue, championship waters and eligible species.
  - (b) Justification for the approximate date, venue and championship waters, including comments on the quality of the fishing.
  - (c) Fishing styles to be included (e.g. river, dry fly; small stillwater, bank fishing etc)
  - (d) Duration of the championship
  - (e) Estimated participation costs for competitors and guests.
- 3.3. Each FIPS-Mouche championship must be authorised by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly.
- 3.4. Each FIPS-Mouche championship must have as a minimum the following elements in its title: sequential number of championship; FIPS-Mouche; category (if not senior); geographic area applicable; Flyfishing Championship (e.g. Second FIPS-Mouche Youth World Flyfishing Championship).
- 3.5. A member of the FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board is required to visit the venue and competition waters preferably one year in advance in order to verify that they meet all the necessary conditions for a FIPS-Mouche championship. The in-country costs of this inspection will be borne by the host country.

### **ARTICLE 4: CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOL**

- 4.1. All FIPS-Mouche authorised championships will be conducted in accordance with the Olympic ideal.
- 4.2. The flags of the participating countries must be flown throughout the championship.
- 4.3. All FIPS-Mouche World Championships (but not necessarily other championships) must have an opening ceremony with civic participation, at which all countries must be introduced, a statement made on the Olympic ideals and a declaration made of the opening of the games.
- 4.4. All FIPS-Mouche World Championships (but not necessarily other championships) must also have a closing ceremony, with civic participation, which will feature the presentation of the gold, silver and bronze medals to both the team and individual champions, followed by the declaration of the close of the games.
- 4.5. The national anthems of the medal winners must be played during each presentation.
- 4.6. All Members must, when appointed to organise world, or regional competitions, present a declaration to FIPS-Mouche which shall state that FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules and C.I.P.S. Statutes will be applied.

### **ARTICLE 5: MEMBER COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

- 5.1. Members of FIPS-Mouche are at liberty to sanction championships in their own countries.

### **ARTICLE 6: ORGANISATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

- 6.1. The host country organisation is responsible for the following:

- (a) Submitting the provisional budget for the event on the occasion of the visit of a member of the Presidential Board (Article 3.5 refers).
- (b) Providing to all FIPS-Mouche members, at the time of the previous championship (but at latest nine months prior to the event), details of the proposed venue, championship waters, dates, eligible species, fishing methods and all other relevant information along with a formal invitation to participate in the championship.
- (c) Appointing a suitably qualified and experienced International Organiser to manage the preparations for, and running of, the championship.
- (d) Selecting and training sector judges and controllers who will uphold the Olympic ideal of fair and honourable sportsmanship and submitting, for the approval of the Presidential Board, a written summary of the arrangements for their selection, appointment and training. This document must be submitted three months before the start of the championship.
- (e) Producing computer-based programmes for the random draw for beats and/or boats and for results, if an effective FIPS-Mouche programme has not been supplied 4 months before the start of the Championship.
- (f) Submission of an up-to-date budget for the event to the Presidential Board of FIPS-Mouche at the time of the first announcement of the participation cost for a championship.
- (g) Submission of full accounts of the event to the Presidential Board of FIPS-Mouche, at the latest three months after the conclusion of a championship.
- (h) Development and application of any anti-doping regulations and testing for the championship, as required (Article 39 refers).

#### **ARTICLE 7: COMPETITION RULES AND MODIFICATIONS.**

- 7.1. In all championships authorised by FIPS-Mouche, these Competition Rules apply, except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in Rule Modifications to take account of the laws, regulations, practices and particular needs of the host country.
- 7.2. Any changes arising from the application of Article 7.1 must be included in the Rule Modifications.
- 7.3. A draft of the Rule Modifications must be prepared during the visit of the Presidential Board Member (Article 3.5 refers) and finalised within one month of the visit for submission to the Presidential Board.
- 7.4. The Presidential Board must review, modify if considered necessary and approve the Rule Modifications ideally not later than seven months prior to the event.
- 7.5. The General Secretary must send the Rule Modifications to all members within one month of their approval by the Presidential Board.

#### **ARTICLE 8: MEDICAL AND INSURANCE COVER.**

- 8.1. The host organisation must arrange adequate medical assistance and liability insurance cover during the official competition period.
- 8.2. Members are responsible for providing adequate health, travel, and any other insurance for their teams.

#### **ARTICLE 9: BANK FISHING COMPETITIONS.**

- 9.1. Competition waters must be divided into five sectors, identified by name, if possible, and by Roman numerals I, II, III, IV and V and colour coded.

- 9.2. The beats within sectors must be numbered consecutively starting from the upstream boundary in running waters. On still waters, the beats must be numbered clockwise. There must be the same number of beats within each sector as the number of participating teams.
- 9.3. It shall be the prime objective of the host country to provide all competitors with equal fishing opportunities. They shall insure that no competitor is either advantaged or disadvantaged by the quality of the beat allocated. In any case beats shall be a minimum length of two hundred metres on running water and one hundred metres on still waters. Ideally, each beat will have a minimum buffer zone of twenty metres on each side.
- 9.4. A competitor may only cast or fish his flies within the marked boundaries of his beat and he must remain within the boundaries of the beat during the whole competition session. A competitor may not fish from, nor use, any form of bridge during a Competition Session.
- 9.5. If a hooked fish swims into a buffer zone, the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If a hooked fish swims into the adjacent beat, and the angler in that beat does not object, then the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If the angler in the adjacent beat does object, the competitor has a maximum of five minutes to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat, and into either the buffer zone or his own beat.

#### **ARTICLE 10: BOAT FISHING COMPETITIONS**

- 10.1. There must be the same number of competitors in each boat.
- 10.2. Each competitor has the right to be in command of the boat for an equal amount of time. The decision as to which competitor is initially in command of the boat will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 10.3. The competitor in command of the boat may take all tactical decisions, including: on which seat in the boat each competitor sits; where the boat should be positioned; whether a drogue is used or not. The Controller may at his discretion override any such decision for reasons of safety or of fairness to the competitor(s) in his or in other boats.
- 10.4. Boats must be launched at least ten minutes before the start of the session to give competitors time to arrive by the start time of the session at a position from which they will commence fishing.
- 10.5. No boat may approach within fifty metres of another boat from which a competitor is at the time fishing, except for reasons of safety or necessity.
- 10.6. Competitors while fishing must be seated on the fitted seats but may use a cushion of a maximum depth of ten centimetres (but see Article 10.8).
- 10.7. Netting of fish must be done by the competitor or the Controller if requested by the competitor.
- 10.8. A competitor may stand only while netting a fish, but if he has asked the Controller to net the fish, the competitor must remain seated.
- 10.9. Rule Modifications must give more detail on how boat fishing will be conducted e.g. drifting or anchored boats; whether or not a drogue may be used; the area in which each competitor may cast his flies; the number of competitors per boat; whether or not fishing may take place while the controller is rowing; whether or not the competition area may wholly or partly be used for Official Practice; whether competition waters should be divided into five sectors or whether they may be fished by more than one group of competitors at the same time; whether boats should be required to drift with the bows to the left or right.
- 10.10. Only the controller may man the oars and motor.

## **ARTICLE 11: DURATION OF EVENTS, AND SCORING AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.**

- 11.1. Each Senior World Championship must provide at least five different scoring sessions; all other FIPS- Mouche championships must provide at least three scoring sessions. In all championships, competitors will have the right to fish an equal number of scoring sessions on each type of fishing.
- 11.2. Each scoring session must comprise at least three hours of fishing. If, for reasons beyond the control of the competitor, the scoring session amounts to less than the announced period, compensatory time must be allowed.
- 11.3. The hours for competition will be set by the host organisation.
- 11.4. The host organisation is required to arrange a minimum of three hours practice for each type of fishing in the competition, on similar waters, for each competitor.

## **ARTICLE 12: WHO MAY PARTICIPATE.**

- 12.1. Any FIPS-Mouche paid-up member and any national organisation which has applied for membership of FIPS-Mouche, and has paid the membership fee, may participate in FIPS-Mouche championships.
- 12.2. Teams are drawn from the membership of their national organisation, and each team member must be a citizen of his team's country.
- 12.3. Participants may be:
  - (a) A team comprising a minimum of five competitors plus optionally one reserve and/or one captain and/or one manager.
  - (b) An individual

## **ARTICLE 13: TEAM REQUIREMENTS.**

- 13.1. The names of the members of each team must be communicated to the International Organiser, at least thirty days prior to the event, accompanied by a certificate from the Member Federation stating that all team members comply with the conditions specified in Article 12.2. Any subsequent changes to a team must be notified to the International Organiser, with an appropriately amended certificate of eligibility, at registration.
- 13.2. The team member designated as the reserve at registration may be substituted for a competitor, who may be reinstated for a subsequent session in the same group. The team captain must notify the International Organiser, or his representative, of any substitution in writing at latest thirty minutes prior to the start of a competition session.
- 13.3. The reserve may only be substituted to fish on a sector on which he has already competed with the explicit authorisation of the senior representative of FIPS-Mouche present at the championship, which must be requested and justified by the team captain at least thirty minutes before the start of the competition session involved in writing.
- 13.4. If a team does not contain a member who can interpret and translate from and to one of the official languages, then a translator/interpreter should be added by the team, who should accompany the team captain during competition sessions.

## **ARTICLE 14: OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS.**

- 14.1. Participants in competitions authorised by FIPS-Mouche must respect the Competition Rules and Rule Modifications.

- 14.2. Out of courtesy to the host organisation, and any event sponsors, all team registrants are required to attend all official functions listed in the final official programme.
- 14.3. It is the responsibility of each competitor to take all appropriate safety measures, including the wearing of eye protection and life preserving equipment.
- 14.4. Each team member, including the captain/acting captain, must wear a visible identification card or badge throughout every competition session. It must be supplied by the host organisation.
- 14.5. Each competitor is responsible for checking the accuracy of his score card and for confirming this by signing it at the end of each session.
- 14.6. Each competitor must travel to and from all official events during the competition by official transport unless the permission of the senior representative of FIPS-Mouche or the International Organiser has been obtained.
- 14.7. Any competitor who, during a competition session, requests advice (except from his captain) relating to the fishing or accepts any material help relating to the fishing will be disciplined. If anyone involved with a team, other than its captain, communicates with a competitor during a competition session, this will be considered as a case of the competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing.
- 14.8. Each competitor must observe the principles of the World Anti-Doping Code and all anti-doping regulations set up for the Championships.

#### **ARTICLE 15: TEAM CAPTAINS.**

- 15.1. The team captain is responsible and accountable for the conduct of team members throughout the championship.
- 15.2. An acting captain may be appointed by the original captain informing the International Organiser or his representative a minimum of thirty minutes prior to the start of a championship session.
- 15.3. During a championship session, a team captain may move freely in the beats of his team members but he must not enter the water.
- 15.4. A team captain may enter the beat of a competitor of another team only to gain access to the beat of his own team member and only on condition that his presence does not disturb the waters or the activities of a competitor from another team.
- 15.5. During a boat fishing session, the team captain will not have access to team members.
- 15.6. During a championship session, the team captain is the only person (other than competition officials) allowed to communicate in any way with a competitor. It is the responsibility of team captains and competition officials to identify themselves to controllers before communicating with competitors during a competition session.
- 15.7. During a championship session, the team captain may not give material help to any competitor.

#### **ARTICLE 16: JURY.**

- 16.1. A jury must be formed at the first captains' meeting.
- 16.2. The jury will consist of:
  - (a) The senior representative of FIPS-Mouche;
  - (b) The International Organiser
  - (c) Three representatives, elected by the meeting from nominations made by the members of the Presidential Board present. The team captain of the host country may not be nominated.

- (d) All available members of the Presidential Board.

#### **ARTICLE 17: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE JURY.**

17.1. It will be the duty and responsibility of the Jury to:

- (a) Review any reports of infractions and take any appropriate action.
- (b) Receive any formal written protest, accompanied by two hundred Eur or equivalent, and take any appropriate action.
- (c) Report any Jury actions to the FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board.

17.2. Disciplinary measures are:

- (a) Warning
- (b) Censure
- (c) Disallowing all or part of a competitor's catch
- (d) Disqualification of a team or individual

#### **ARTICLE 18: SECTOR JUDGES.**

18.1. In all competitions, there must be a sector judge for each of the sectors or groups of competitors.

18.2. The arrangements for ensuring that sector judges are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with these Competition Rules, and any Modifications, are to be reviewed and approved by the FIPS-Mouche Board (Article 6.1 (d) refers).

#### **ARTICLE 19: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECTOR JUDGES.**

19.1. Sector judges are responsible for the proper conduct of the competition within their sector or group of competitors.

19.2. Sector judges are responsible for supervising the training of all controllers in their sector and accepting only those who are properly qualified.

19.3. Sector judges are responsible for the supervision of the controllers to ensure that they are keeping accurate records and are enforcing the observance of the Competition Rules and their Modifications.

19.4. Sector judges are responsible for assisting controllers in rule interpretation if there is any doubt about a possible infraction of the Rules or the Rule Modifications.

19.5. Sector judges are responsible for supervising the recording of suspected infractions of the Rules or Rule Modifications and reporting them to the International Organiser.

19.6. In the event of a formal protest, the sector judge involved is required to assist the Jury by gathering information to resolve the protest.

19.7. Sector judges are responsible for ensuring that no person, other than the team captain, has access to competitors during competition sessions. All observers should be kept well away so that they do not interfere or communicate with competitors.

19.8. Sector judges may have other duties assigned to them by the International Organiser.

#### **ARTICLE 20: CONTROLLERS.**

20.1. Controllers will be responsible for no more than two competitors at any one time.

- 20.2. Controllers will be responsible for accurately recording on the competitor's score card details of each eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture. All unused portions of the scoring section of the card must be crossed out by the controller at the end of the session. If it is feasible to have self-copying paper, the original of the scoring card will be given to the sector judge, the duplicate will be given to the competitor.
- 20.3. Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules and their Modifications appears probable.
- 20.4. Controllers must record any infraction of the Competition Rules or their Modifications and report this information to the sector judge or to the International Organiser.
- 20.5. Controllers may have other duties assigned to them by the International Organiser or by the sector judge.
- 20.6. The host organisation is responsible for recruiting controllers for members of the host country team from nationals of other countries.
- 20.7. The arrangements for ensuring that controllers are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with these Competition Rules, and any Modifications, are to be reviewed and approved by the FIPS-Mouche Board (Article 6.1 (d) refers).

#### **ARTICLE 21: RANDOM DRAW FOR BEATS AND BOATS.**

- 21.1. All beats must be clearly defined before beats are assigned to competitors and must not be altered during the competition.
- 21.2. The beat of each competitor must be determined by random draw. The random draw must ensure that anglers from the same team will not fish any beat in any sector more than once, nor, if mathematically possible, an adjoining beat.
- 21.3. The senior representative of FIPS-Mouche must supervise and attest to the accuracy and fairness of the random draw.
- 21.4.
  - (a) Ideally the random draw for beats or boats should be done by a pre-planned computer program to generate the random allocation of competitors to beats or boats. Member countries will be represented by numbers, and team members by letters A, B, C, D and E.
  - (b) The captain of each team will draw a number to select the team number for the country.
  - (c) Then each captain will draw a letter, A to E, to assign each of the team members to a group, which will then fish together in each sector and form the basis for placings.
  - (d) Other methods of completing the random draw are acceptable if authorised by the senior representative of FIPS-Mouche.
- 21.5. The boat for each competitor must be decided by a draw, which must minimise the frequency, ideally to nil, with which competitors from the same country fish together in the same boat during the championship.
- 21.6. The allocation of boatmen to boats must be decided either by a computer-based draw, which must minimise the frequency, ideally to nil, of the same boatman acting for the same team during the championship or by a public draw immediately before the session.

#### **ARTICLE 22: CARE OF FISH CAUGHT.**

- 22.1. If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the controller for measurement and recording (Article 20.2 refers).

- 22.2. The controller must remove the hook, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish.
- 22.3. If a competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he is not required to net it but must release it in the water, taking care not to cause it any damage, and ideally without touching it.
- 22.4. If a controller or any other competition official determines that a competitor has negligently injured a fish, that fish will not be scored and the competitor will be penalised the number of points attributable to a fish of minimum valid length. The incident must be reported to the Jury for consideration of further action.

#### **ARTICLE 23: COMPETITION BOATS.**

- 23.1. Competition boats must be of equal size, design, structure and power.
- 23.2. The number of occupants in each boat must not exceed the rated boat capacity.
- 23.3. Boats must carry life preservers for each occupant and a means of attracting attention in case of emergency.
- 23.4. When the use of drogues is allowed in the Rule Modifications, the host organisation must provide identical drogues for each boat. Should a drogue be lost or become unserviceable, a competitor's drogue may be substituted.

#### **ARTICLE 24: ELIGIBLE FISH.**

- 24.1. Eligible fish species and size limits must be specified in the Rule Modifications. For measuring purposes, the length will be from the tip of the nose to whichever part of the tail is specified in the Rule Modifications.
- 24.2. Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible.
- 24.3. A fish hooked inside a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than ten minutes after the end of the session.

#### **ARTICLE 25: COMPETITION FLY RODS.**

- 25.1. One conventional fly rod, not more than twelve feet/three hundred and sixty-six centimetres in length, may be used at one time.
- 25.2. Competitors may have spare fly rods with them but when boat fishing, these must not be assembled nor the reel attached.
- 25.3. Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment.

#### **ARTICLE 26: COMPETITION FLY LINES.**

- 26.1. Any factory made floating, sinking or sink tip lines may be used, except for lead core lines.
- 26.2. Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two metres.
- 26.3. Shooting heads are not allowed.
- 26.4. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines.

## **ARTICLE 27: COMPETITION LEADERS.**

- 27.1. A single monofilament leader may be used, of any length.
- 27.2. Leaders may be knotted or knotless, and continuously tapered down or level. A single loop may only be used to connect a leader to a fly line.
- 27.3. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader.

## **ARTICLE 28: COMPETITION FLIES.**

- 28.1. Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.
- 28.2. Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size.
- 28.3. The length of the dressed fly will be at the discretion of the competitor.
- 28.4. Weighted flies are permitted, provided the weight is hidden within the dressing. A single visible bead, not more than 4 mm in its maximum dimension, is also permitted. Painting alone does not constitute dressing.
- 28.5. A maximum of three flies is permitted which must not be closer to each other than fifty cm, measured eye to eye, hanging freely.
- 28.6. All flies must be attached to the leader in such a way that neither they nor their droppers move or slide along the leader material.
- 28.7. All flies must be dressed on hooks which are barbless or de-barbed.

## **ARTICLE 29: LANDING NETS.**

- 29.1. The material of the landing net must be soft cotton or other non-abrasive material and preferably of knotless construction.
- 29.2. Landing nets must not exceed forty-eight inches/one hundred and twenty-two cms in overall length, when fully extended.

## **ARTICLE 30: PROHIBITIONS.**

- 30.1. The following are prohibited:
  - (a) The fishing of competition sectors by competitors or their agents during a period of sixty days prior to the official start of the event.
  - (b) Any involvement of the International Organiser in the management of the host country team for a minimum period commencing 60 days before the championship until its conclusion.
  - (c) Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, organisers or officials.
  - (d) Any action by competitors, organisers or officials which would produce fraudulent or biased results.
  - (e) The use of still or video cameras to film beats and/or the competitors of other countries to provide information for a team, during the whole Championship.
  - (f) The use by a team member of radio or other electronic communication methods during a competition session
  - (g) A competitor, during a competition session, requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone (other than his captain) or accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone.
  - (h) The use by a team member of a fish/depth finder during a championship.

- (i) Use of any prohibited substance(s) constituting doping, according to the anti-doping regulations set.

#### **ARTICLE 31: LOST FISH.**

- 31.1. In the event of the loss of a fish by a controller before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector in that session.
- 31.2. A fish lost in boat fishing while the controller is netting the fish, at the competitor's request, will not be awarded any points

#### **ARTICLE 32: AWARDING OF POINTS.**

- 32.1. For each eligible fish caught, a competitor will score one hundred points.
- 32.2. Competitors will also receive twenty points per centimetre length of each eligible fish; the recorded length will be rounded up to the next complete centimetre for scoring purposes.
- 32.3. The length of a fish which is under the eligible size will not be rounded up, so such a fish will not be scored.

#### **ARTICLE 33: SESSION PLACINGS.**

- 33.1. All competitors will receive a placing in their group according to the points they obtain on each sector and for each session of a championship
- 33.2. Any competitor who fails to make a valid catch in any session will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors in the sector for that session. The same placing will be awarded to any competitor who fails to participate for any reason.
- 33.3. Any competitor who is forced to retire for any reason from a session of a championship shall have his catch up to that time included in the results.
- 33.4. Any incomplete team will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors in a sector for each session for which a team member is absent.
- 33.5. If there is a tie between competitors in the same sector and session in the number of points received, the tie breaker will be the largest number of valid fish caught. If the tie persists, the competitors will receive equal placings and the immediately following placing(s) will be blank.

#### **ARTICLE 34: TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.**

- 34.1. The positions of teams and individuals will be determined as follows:
  - (a) Teams: The first position will be awarded to the team with the lowest cumulative number of placings of all its team members, and similarly for all other positions.
  - (b) Individuals: The first position will be awarded to the individual with the lowest cumulative number of placings, and similarly for all other positions
- 34.2. A reserve who fishes any sector more than once will not be eligible to be awarded any individual position within a championship, although his placings will be included in the calculation of team results.
- 34.3. If there is a tie for positions between teams or individuals, the first tie breaker will be the largest number of points received, the second will be the largest number of valid fish caught, and the third will be the largest fish.

- 34.4. If the tie persists, the tied teams or individuals will be awarded equal positions and the immediately following position(s) will be blank.

#### **ARTICLE 35: POSTING OF RESULTS.**

- 35.1. The International Organiser must announce, at the first captains' Meeting, the location for the posting of results.
- 35.2. The session results, including individual and team positions, must be posted within three hours of the end of each session.
- 35.3. The daily and cumulative results for both individuals and teams must be posted within three hours of the end of the last session each day.
- 35.4. The final results including the individual and team positions must be posted within three hours of the close of the final session.

#### **ARTICLE 36: POSTED RESULTS AND OBJECTIONS.**

- 36.1. Session, daily and final results will be considered as provisional for two hours after the official posting of the results of the final session of the day involved.
- 36.2. The time of posting must be clearly marked on the result sheets.
- 36.3. It is the responsibility of team captains to inspect the posted results.
- 36.4. If there are no objections, which are subsequently sustained, within the provisional period, the posted results will stand.
- 36.5. It is the responsibility of team captains to notify the senior FIPS-Mouche representative or the International Organiser of any discrepancy as soon as possible.
- 36.6. Only those objections made during the provisional period will be considered by the Jury in rectifying the results. After adjustment, if any, the official results must be signed by the senior FIPS-Mouche representative and the International Organiser and posted.

#### **ARTICLE 37: FORMAL PROTESTS.**

- 37.1. A formal protest may be made by a competition official, a team or a FIPS-Mouche representative regarding violations of the Competition Rules, the Rule Modifications, or the FIPS-Mouche Statutes, and unethical or unsportsmanlike conduct or fraud.
- 37.2. A formal protest must be in writing.
- 37.3. A formal protest must be made to the senior FIPS-Mouche representative, or the International Organiser, within two hours after the official posting of the results of the final session on the day involved.
- 37.4. A formal protest on behalf of a team must be made by the team captain or manager.
- 37.5. A formal protest from a team must be accompanied by a deposit of two hundred Euro or its equivalent. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned; otherwise it is forfeited to FIPS-Mouche funds.

#### **ARTICLE 38: TITLES AND TROPHIES.**

- 38.1. The team awarded the first position will be designated the Team World Champion or the Team Champion if it is not a World Championship.
- 38.2. The Team World Champion or Team Champion will receive any trophy so designated.
- 38.3. The five competitors, reserve, manager and captain of the team awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
- 38.4. The individual competitor awarded the first position will be designated the Individual World Champion or the Individual Champion if it is not a World Championship.
- 38.5. The Individual World Champion or Individual Champion will receive any trophy so designated.
- 38.6. The individual competitors awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
- 38.7. There will be no monetary or substantial material prizes in any FIPS-Mouche authorised competition.

#### **ARTICLE 39: ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS**

- 39.1. Anti-doping regulations and testing will be developed and conducted by the Host country of the Championship, in line with the World Anti-Doping Code set up by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), according to the laws, regulations, principles and practices adopted by the National Sport Authorities and the National Olympic Committee.
- 39.2. All anti – doping regulations, if applicable, will be included in the Rule Modifications for that championship (Article 7 refers)
- 39.3. All anti-doping testing, if applicable, must be funded from the resources outside of the championships budget.

#### **ARTICLE 40: LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT.**

- 40.1. The language of the original text of these rules is English.
- 40.2. The Competition Rules must be available in all official languages.
- 40.3. Any clarifications or misunderstandings are to be resolved by reference to the original text.

#### **ARTICLE 41: STATEMENT OF APPROVAL.**

- 41.1. The original FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules were approved at the time of the founding of FIPS-Mouche as part of C.I.P.S in San Marino in 1989 and have been subsequently modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly, as follows:
  - (a) in Bordeaux, France, in April 1991
  - (b) in Dublin, Ireland, in April 1993
  - (c) in Dresden, Germany, in May 1995
  - (d) in Luxembourg, in May 1997
  - (e) in Poreč, Croatia, in May 1999
  - (f) in Valladolid, Spain, in May 2001.
  - (g) in Locarno, Switzerland, in April 2003
  - (h) in Palermo, Italy, in May 2005
  - (i) in Prag, Czech Republic, in May 2007

(j) in Dresden, Germany, in April 2009