

FIPS-Mouche Board proposals for Competition Rules 2023

ARTICLE 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

2.6. Championships (**except for World Senior**) within the same geographical area / zone might be organized as combined. In such a case they must be run on different sectors and evaluated separately.

ARTICLE 3: APPLICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THEIR AUTHORISATION

3.5. Each FIPS Mouche championship must have as a minimum the following elements in its title: sequential number of championship; FIPS Mouche; **Title Sponsor name**; category (if not senior); geographic area/zone applicable; Fly fishing Championship; year; country / town

(e.g. 13th FIPS Mouche **Cortland** Youth World Fly Fishing Championship, 2013, Ireland, Dundalk).

ARTICLE 6: ORGANISATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.2. The Host Country organisation is responsible for the following:

k) Publishing competition sector boundaries on the championship website (ideally google maps) at least ~~60~~**30 (thirty)** days prior to the official start of the event. Proper marking of all beats on all of the sectors, and if possible, safe places for spectators to follow the competition not disturbing the competitors.

l) Providing the appropriate quality & quantity of scorecards (**water resistant** FIPS-Mouche required form) for the championship.

p) Paying the CIPS championship fee and the FIPS-Mouche registration fee and taking into account the maximum participation fee for competitors, set by the General Assembly.

(now: **€ 1500** for Senior World championship, **€ 1300** for World Masters, Ladies and Zonal championships, **€ 1000** for World Youth championships)

q) **Provide all original evidence materials, used during the Jury meeting(s), to the Senior FIPS Mouche Representative present.**

ARTICLE 11: DURATION OF EVENTS, SCORING AND PRACTICE SESSIONS

11.1. Five different scoring sessions must be provided for all FIPS Mouche championships, The five scoring sessions will be held over 5 days , fishing just one (1) session per day.

Bank fishing sessions **on the lake** may be split into sub sessions (i.e 2 hrs before lunch 2 hours after lunch) with rotation between beats Rotations are only allowed for bank fishing on lake sectors and for boat fishing from anchored boats.

In all championships, competitors will have the right to fish an equal number of scoring sessions on each type of fishing.

ARTICLE 14: OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS

14.5. Each competitor is required to initial /sign his scorecard after every registered catch.

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. After signature, the score card will become a final official document. **At the end of the session the competitor may take a picture of his scorecard.**

14.10. Smoking during the competition sub/sessions is not allowed. A smoking competitor must have adequate equipment available to store ashes and butts.

14.11 Wearing wading boots and wet waders are prohibited in championship hotels.

ARTICLE 20: CONTROLLERS

20.2. Controllers will be responsible and accountable for accurately recording on the competitor's scorecard (FIPS-Mouche approved template shall be used) details of each eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture. The Controller must cross out all unused portions of the scorecard at the end of the session. He must ensure that the Competitor signs the scorecard at the end of the session. **The controller will ask the competitor if he wishes to take a picture of his scorecard for later reference.** After a signature by the Competitor, the original of the scorecard will be given to the Sector Judge **and the duplicate given to the Competitor.** A **duplicate, self-copying water resistant** form shall be provided by the Organisers and used by the controller.

ARTICLE 23: CARE OF FISH CAUGHT

23.1. If a Competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net **(both fish and net in the water at point of netting)**, immediately transport a netted fish submerged (where possible) and pass it in the net to the Controller for assessment of eligibility, measurement and recording (Article 20.2. refers). Once a fish was netted the competitor may not handle it in any way, nor alter the equipment used for capture of this fish. In case the competitor does not follow this Article his fish will be registered as invalid catch.

ARTICLE 25: ELIGIBLE FISH

25.5 For a fish to be eligible both landing net and fish must be in the water at the point of netting.

ARTICLE 26: COMPETITION FLY RODS

26.1. One conventional fly rod, **not less than seven feet six inches/two hundred and twenty nine centimetres** and not more than twelve feet/three hundred and sixty six centimetres in length, may be used at one time. Competitors may have spare fly rods with them (carried on their body or bank side assembled), as long as only one line is in the water. However, when boat fishing, these must not be assembled nor the reel attached.

ARTICLE 29: COMPETITION FLIES

29.11 Moulded, extruded or shaped solid part of the fly, made of any floating or air-containing material, are not allowed when used as a visible strike indicator. *(Bung)*

ARTICLE 31: PROHIBITIONS

The following are prohibited:

- a) The fishing of competition sectors by competitors or their agents during a period of **thirty** days prior to the official start of the event.

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- ~~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.~~

ARTICLE 37: POSTED RESULTS AND OBJECTIONS

37.1. The results from ~~both~~ the session of each competition day (after posting in the evening) will become final on the following day at 09:00 in the morning, with the exception of an unresolved dispute/protest. The results of the last competition session and final results of the Championship will become final 2 hours after posting.

ARTICLE 42: STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

Add : In Rome, Italy, April 2023