

Rationale regarding the FIPS-Mouche Board Motions on the COMPETITION RULES

Preliminary remarks

Some typographic errors, mainly punctuation, were corrected. These do not affect the contents of the document in any way and are not highlighted as such.

The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow and indicated as “tracked changes” so they may easily be accepted or rejected by the GA.

CR change 1: Extension and split Youth category into U-19 and U-24 / categories definition using the U-XX principle

Effected articles: 2.3 and 2.6

Rationale: The main idea is to keep youth after exceeding the age limit still in our community as in many member countries with a larger senior competition base, the required competition level is quite high to qualify. To differ between and to name the sub-categories we propose using U-XX (under XX age limit) convention, commonly used in other sports. It is important to note that U-19 may fish with U-24 but not vice versa.

YOUTH U-19 minimum age 13/14 ... maximum age 17/18

YOUTH U-24 minimum age 18/19 ... maximum age 22/23

CR change 2: Short version of national anthems to be presented at opening ceremony

Effected articles: 2.3 and 2.6

Rationale: Improve of the opening ceremony protocol as only anthem (full version) of the winning team presented at the medal ceremony.

CR change 3: Reserve sector(s) and practice waters as obligation (including a policy)

Effected articles: 6.2.k, 10.9, 11.4, 31.1.a,

Rationale: The obligation of the organizer to publish the practice and reserve waters on google map 30 days prior the event and also to apply the closure policy for reserve sectors same as for competition sectors.

CR change 4: Participation fee shortening

Effected articles: 6.2.p

Rationale: The fee might be shortened based on the competition model chosen (3-day vs 5-day) or host country GDP per capita categorization (details will be specified in Inspection agreement).

CR change 5: Controller on the boat as obligation

Effected articles: 10.1

Rationale: to ensure fishing time for both anglers is observed

CR change 6: Competitor position change while boat fishing

Effected articles: 10.2, 10.8,

Rationale: to increase a safety - accidents in boats happen mostly when standing

CR change 7: 3-compday model as an option

Effected articles: 11.1, 11.3

Rationale: The organizer may choose which model is to be applied based on the distances between the sectors. This should have impact on budget (controllers / transport/) and overall duration of the event. Current budget limitations are based on 5-day competitions!

CR change 8: Waste tippet collector obligatory

Effected articles: 14.12

Rationale: A competitor must be equipped with and must use a waste tippet collector during competition sessions. Stored waste tippet material must be disposed of / recycled based on the host country environmental policy.

CR change 9: Length of fish rounded-up by controller

Effected articles: 20.2, 33.2

Rationale: The aim to reduce the measuring time of the fish to minimum to save a fish. The roundup is to be applied to the size over the minimum and so in case of standard minimum (20.0) a fish size of size e.g. 19.8 is not rounded to 20.0.

CR change 10: No leader limit on lake and on dry fly sectors

Effected articles: 20.2

Rationale: The leader limitation introduced several years ago, was primarily supposed to restrict the nymphing leader to avoid the situation when fly line was not used at all. Throughout this change we open-up the leader lengths back again for lake fishing and for dry fly only sectors.

CR change 11: Bung limitation to be applied only on lakes

Effected articles: 29.11

Rationale: The “bung” flies method was invented and introduced for lake fishing and so we propose to address the recently introduced limitation to lake fishing competition only.

CR change 12: Minimal net size for boat fishing

Effected articles: 20.2

Rationale: Safety reasons – to avoid a boat disbalance while netting the fish using a short net.

CR change 13: Replacing the term competitor by athlete.

Effected articles: intentionally there are not marked all words to be replaced in CR2025 draft as they will be “replaced all” after if the proposal will be accepted.

Rationale: general principle Olympics