

Precisions concerning the FIPS-M 2022 rules

BOAT ANGLING

Chap. A : Art 3 (page 3)

JUNIORS (~~U21~~)

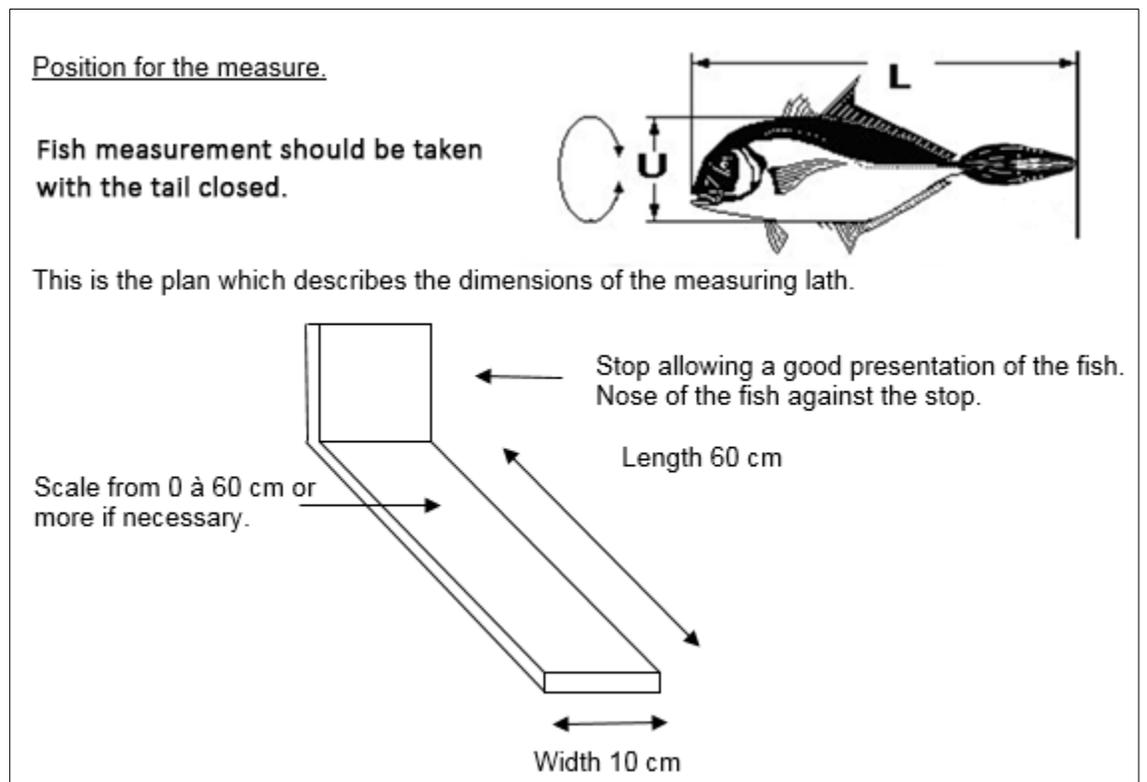
Chap. C : Art 3 (page 5) *to add*

For Boat Angling a maximum of three single hooks are permitted on the trace, or 1 single hook and a double hook, or one triple hook.

Only single hooks (any type) are permitted. For the Mediterranean, the hooks must have a gap of at least 5mm, for all other seas the hooks must have a minimum gap of 7mm. Any competitor using or being in possession of incorrect hooks during the competition will be disqualified. In case of doubt only the official FIPS-M calibers are valid.

Chap. I : Art 2 (page 15) *to change the picture and add text*

Fish measurement should be taken with the tail closed.



SHORE ANGLING

Chap. B : Art. 4 et Art. 5 (page 3)

JUNIORS (~~U21~~) - Youth (~~U16~~)

Chap. E. Art. 6 (page 5) to add

In case of doubt only the official FIPS-M calibers are valid.

Chap. E : Art. 10 (page 5) to add

Bait prepared before the start of the competition must be done away from the sea at the back of a competitors area.

Only captains/vice-captains can enter the fishing area, before the start of the competition, to help their anglers with the preparation of the equipment.

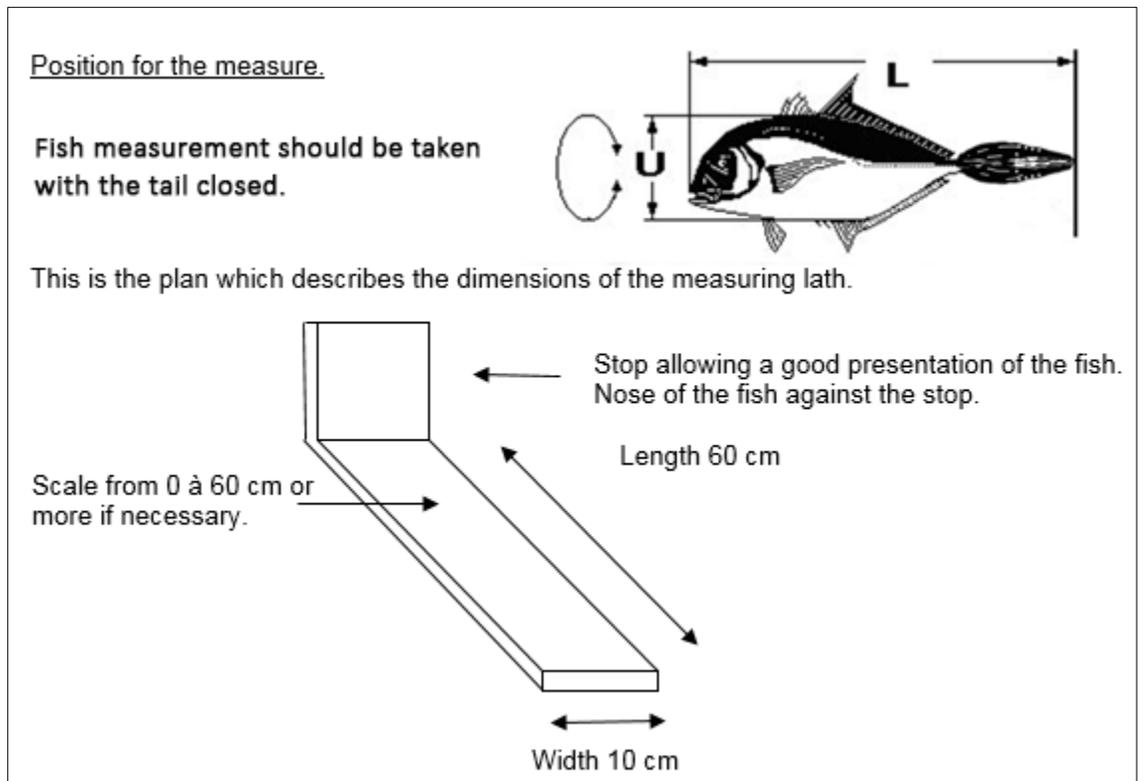
Chap. E : Art. 24 (page 6) to add

Fish under the minimum legal size or during catch and release event should be returned to the water at the point of capture after being verified by a steward.

The angler is responsible for his fish. He must check the measure and sign the score sheet (for each fish). The control and signature can also be done by the captain/vice-captain of the respective team (not by the reserve angler).

Chap. I : Art 2 (page 9) to change the picture and add text

Fish measurement should be taken with the tail closed.



LONG CASTING OF SEA WEIGHTS

Art. 9.02 (page 6): *to add*

The casting area is separated from the zone by a beam 3.50 meters long and 10 cm high, of a material which should not entail any risk injury for the caster.

The virtual line continues without limit on both sides of the beam.

BIG GAME

Chap. A : Art 2.06 (page 4) *to add*

The use of individual electronic instruments is not allowed (Mobile, GPS, echosounder, **Panoptix** ...). Fishing must be based on the know-how of the fisherman (skill) and not on the electronic instruments. For the Big Game, the instruments are an integral part of the boat. The lack of instruments must be considered as a failure and must result in the substitution of the boat.

Chap. A : Art 3.1 (page 3) *to delete and to add*

For technical reasons, the participation is limited to 2 teams per nation composed of 2 to 5 competitors (maximum of anglers/team given by the organizer) are allowed. ~~(Fishing from drifting boat: maximum 4 anglers)~~

It is forbidden for teams to have their own boats to participate in the FIPS-M championship.

Chap. A : Art 4.2 (page 5) *to add after point 3*

At the end of the match the steward takes 10 meters of the main line of the rods that have caught fish (up from the connection with the double line), winds it on a reel provided by the organization and puts it in a small bag signed by the angler who caught the fish. The steward must keep the piece of line with the score sheet to give to the Jury, in order to test it.

Chap. A: Art 5.2 (page 6) *delete "yellow flag"»*

All the boats should be equipped with a radio transmitter-receiver (VHF), a GPS, ~~a yellow flag to indicate a fight with a fish~~, as well as a sign showing the boat identification letter. Boat equipment has to be in accordance with the nautical regulations. Lifesaving equipment must meet the rules of the country where the competition is held.

Chap. A : Art 5.5 (page 6) *to delete*

The competition management must notify the captains of the boats engaged in the competition to keep a minimum distance of 1/2 mile from the back or sides of the boat, which is in fight with a fish. When playing a fish this must ~~be indicated by a special flag and must~~ be communicated by radio to all the other boats participating in the championship. With the approval of the skipper and the angler fighting with a fish, the commissioners' boat or the press boat may approach with caution at a reasonable distance to allow them to take pictures or to film.

Chap. A : Art 5.6. (page 6) *to add*

Each team, must immediately inform the competition management per radio (VHF) about every bite, indicating:

1. the number and name of the boat
2. the name of the angler fighting
3. the time of the bite
4. GPS position
- 5. the time of the release**

Chap. A : Art 7.2. (page 7) *to add*

Once the competition is over, the rods must be removed from the railing of the boat. Any boat found after the finish time with a rod on the railing of the boat, whether the line is in the water or not, will be disqualified. This eliminates any possibility of complaint from another competitor by consideration the difficulty of judging at distance if a line is in the water or not.

When the boat is running at high speed to return to the harbour, the rods can be put in the gunwales to avoid being damaged.

Exception:

However, if an angler is still fighting a fish, which was hooked before the end of the competition, the continuation of the fight with the fish and the name of the angler have to be announced by radio. All the other lines must be taken immediately out of water, and removed from the railing of the boat. **The Jury will establish and communicate by radio the time to complete the fight and to be added to the time needed to return to the harbour.**

Chap C : Art. 8 (page 11) *precision to add*

During the fight with a fish the captain of the team may ask the skipper to leave the anchorage for the time necessary to retrieve, measure and release the fish. If there is another strike while the anchorage is tired the fish will not count.

Precisions concerning the double strike (Boat at anchor)

If the boat is anchored and if within one (1) minute of the first strike there is a second strike (= double strike) both fish count.

If the second strike occurs after one minute, the second fish does not count.

Chap. E : Art 17 point 11 (page 18) *to delete*

It is forbidden to use tongs to hold fish by the mouth. It is allowed to use all instruments ~~(lasses and similar)~~ that can facilitate the release and rapid removal of the hook.

GENERAL RULES

Chap IV : Art 3.04 (page 17) *to add*

A competition can only be stopped or the time changed with the agreement of the competition management and international jury..

In the event of a storm and lightning, the rods must be placed immediately in a horizontal position.

Chap. IV : Art. 8.05 (page 24) *to add*

In case of doubt only the official FIPS-M calibers are valid.

Cases of disqualification (non-exhaustive list)

- *Any competitor who uses or possesses hooks outside of FIPS-M rules during competition.*
- *The use of additives for baits (such as dyes or odorants).*
- *The use of bait other than that provided by the organization*
- *Use of unauthorized equipment*
- *The action of trying to hook the fish with jerky movements or line jumps*
- *Place more than 3 floats per leader*
- *Place floats larger than 15 mm (1.5 cm)*
- *Keeping or trying to present for measure a fish not caught by himself to the commissioner*
- *Dispute and violent fight between 2 anglers lead to the disqualification of both*

Warning of the angler in evidence (non-exhaustive list)

(The fisherman's second warning in evidence results in disqualification even if the offense is repeated on another day of the competition)

- *Resuming fishing before putting the captured fish in a container with fresh water. The fish will not count for the ranking and the angler will be warned. He will be disqualified imperatively in case of repetition.*
- *Casts must be made straight ahead of the angler's position. In certain circumstances (very strong winds or currents) casting can be done upstream, but always in a way that other anglers are not disturbed.*
- *The choice of weights is free; however, the weight cannot be less than the authorized weight. In extreme weather conditions, heavier weights or even grapple weights must be used so as not to disturb neighbouring competitors.*

- *Permission to leave the competition area for a short time may be given by the commissioner. In this case the line must be taken out of the water.*
- *Incorrect behaviour vis-à-vis the steward or jury by the competitor or the captain*
- *At the end of the event, the competitor must retrieve his line quickly unless he is retrieving a fish caught just before the end of the event.*
- *The visible placement of the bib is mandatory.*
- *The use of a cell phone or other transmitter, fish detector, GPS, etc. by the competitor is prohibited.*
- *Fishing outside the position assigned to him by the draw (fish caught do not count and time lost will not be recovered)*