

# Clarifications regarding the FIPS-Mer 2024 rules

*In force after the General Assembly in 2024*

*In **RED** what must be removed from the rules*

*In **GREEN** what must be added (specified) to the rules*

## General Rules

Page 17 Art. : 3.04

The duration of a world championship or continental championship is:

**European** Championship Shore Angling with floats

**World** Championship Shore Angling with floats

Page 19 Art.: 4.03

The international jury will only take into consideration protests that are written in one of the CIPS languages, properly dated, showing the address and the signature of the protesting participant. The protest **concerning the fishing or a non-correct behaviour** must be given to one of the jury members, along with 100 € as per FIPS-M regulations at the latest one hour after **the end of the match. A protest concerning the classification must be given at the latest 1 hour after** the proclamation of the daily or final results.

Page 22 Art.: 5.13

(to add): **The Organizer must indicate for each day the first GPS anchorage point for all boats. These points will be assigned by drawing lots before the departure of the boats.**

Page 23 Art 7.02 point 1

**The fishing sectors and fishing zones, with GPS coordinates, must be indicated on a nautical chart and inserted in the brochure. If the same beach is used for two or more matches, the fishing positions must always be at the same places.**

Page 24 Art 8.05 (to modify)

The organizers must put at the disposal of **each the** Commissioner a measuring tool ...

Page 26 Protests

**Only the Jury can take decisions. They should be** in accordance to the statutes of FIPS/M, to the FIPS-M competition rules, and with the agreements made for the event, and in this indicated order.

Page 27 (Insurance)

... If an insurance policy is not added to the statement of specifications, the organiser must provide a letter, attached to the specification, that promises to present the insurance policy **4 three (3)** months before the start of the competition

Page 31.

**Insert an age table for the Float Angling 15 – 18 years (at 18 the angler is considered as an adult)**

## TRANSGENDER

In “Ladies” competitions, notably Long Casting of Sea Weights for Ladies and Shore Angling 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.

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### 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 for FIPS-Ed, the Ladies Long Casting of Sea Weights for FIPS-M and the Ladies Shore Angling Championships for FIPS-M. This decision by the CIPS Praesidium results from the fact that physical performance (ability to cast longer distances) and physical endurance are particularly important in these disciplines that do not only depend on technical ability, which 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.

## **Boat Angling Rules**

Page 4 point 7 :

Prior to the initial captains meeting each team captain must check that his listed competitors and reserve are correct and in the right order and sign the document accordingly.

**He must also indicate whether he will use the boat provided by the organization for the official training.**

Page 4 point 8:

It is possible to replace a team member before the start of each competition day. The replacement must be communicated in writing and given to the organiser or to the International Jury **the evening before the day of the competition. latest one (1) hour after the proclamation of the daily results.**

Page 4 C2:

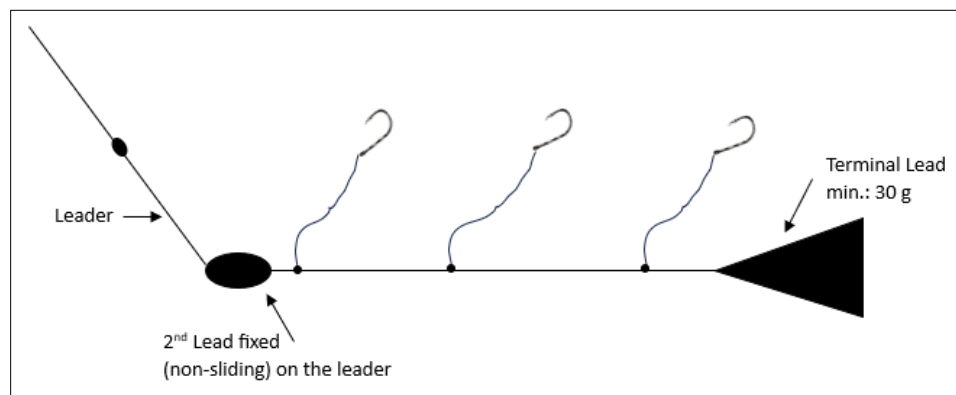
The construction of the trace is free, it is possible to use on the hook-lines attractive materials, like bright spoons, **octopus**, coloured floating or non floating pearls (maximal size 15 mm), coloured feathers, fluorescent parts and so on.

Page 5 point 4:

For angling from anchored boat only those natural baits are allowed, which are distributed by the organizer in equal quality and sufficient quantity to all competitors before the start of the competition, **with exception of article 15.**

Page 5 Point 7:

**The terminal lead must have a weight of at least 30 g. A second lead (non-sliding) can be attached to the leader.**



Page 6 Point 15

**During the competition a legal sized fish caught by the competitor himself, can be used as extra baits. The remaining parts of these fish are not valid for classification.**

Page 6 Point 16:

**Attractive materials while fishing, like "Ruby Duby" and others will be allowed only, if these materials are available to everyone on all competition boats.**

Page 6 Point 22

When a fish has a hook in its body and not in his mouth, it will **not** be accepted for the classification.

Page 21 Add to the last paragraph:

**in the event of a perfect tie, the anglers/teams will have the same ranking place, without assigning the next place.**

## KAYAK FISHING:

Page 3 Point 3 (modify):

The fishing area must be limited with 4 clearly visible buoys and have a sufficient size to allow kayak fishing. **The steward boat, present at all times in the fishing zone, will give the signal for the start and the end of the competition.** Each competitor will receive a map of the fishing area with the coordinates of the four points. A reserve area must be provided in case of a sudden change in weather.

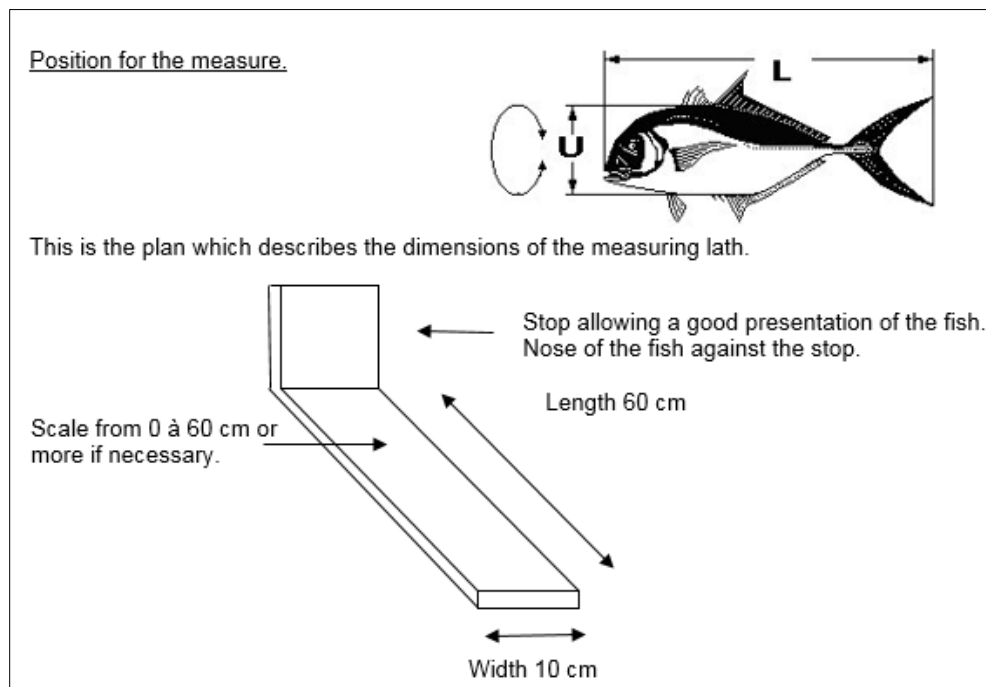
Page 4 Point 6:

The fish are measured in cm, photographed on the measuring ruler (checked by the jury) and released as quickly as possible. To have the clearest possible photo, the measuring ruler must be fixed on the kayak.

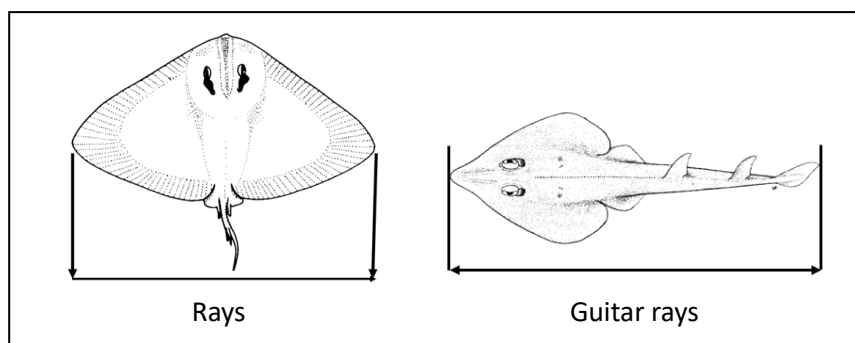
**The photo must be sent by WhatsApp to the jury (not via the mobile gallery) The jury will check if everything is correct, then the points will be awarded which will immediately be transcribed on the FIPS-Mer ranking program.**

**At the end of each round the competitors will have to submit the photos to the jury so that they can be transferred to the computer. After viewing the photos, the jury will validate the measurements and establish the ranking.**

The length of the fish will be measured with the mouth against the baffle of the ruler and with the tail in a **natural position point folded together** to achieved the maximum length



Rays will be measured across the wingspan, **for guitar rays length is taken**





## Shore Angling Rules

Page 6 Art. : 17

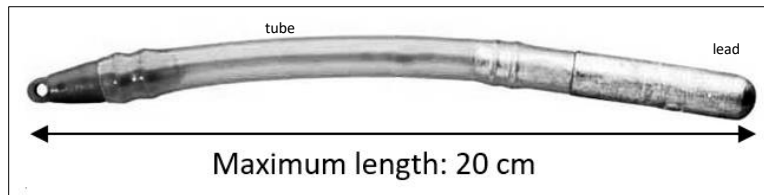
For landing big fish the competitor may **leave its fishing peg without limit. go into a neighbouring competitors area.**

The other competitors must not disturb the competitor who is landing the fish.

Page 6 Art.: 22

Competitors may use weights of their choice with a 50 gr minimum.

**The use of weights integrated into a floating element is permitted according to the specifications in the picture below. The assembly (weight and tube) must have the same diameter.**



In extreme weather conditions heavy (grips) leads must be used to **avoid** discomfort of the adjacent competitors.

Page 7 Art.: 41

The **competition organiser jury in agreement with the organizer** can **interrupt or** stop a competition in case of harsh weather conditions or for security reasons.

If the break off takes place before the half time of the competition, the classification must be annulled and if possible, an alternative competition may be provided.

If the competition is stopped half time, the competition results are valid.

**If in one or more sectors the fishing must be interrupted due to swimmers, kitesurfers, professional fishing boats or others, the classification will be valid at the time of the interruption or definitive cessation, regardless of the duration of the fishing time.**

Page 8 Float Angling to add to the 1st paragraph

**The team of 5 anglers may be made up of a maximum of two Juniors aged 15 to 18. The only reserve of the team will be either an adult or a junior, who in this case can only replace another junior if there are already 2 juniors in the team.**

Page 16 Point L

**During the captains' meeting, the FIPS-M delegate will call for candidates among the officials and the accompanying persons (preferably 1 person per nation, not the reserve anglers, nor the captains) to form this external control. One external person will be needed per sector. So, 5 for individual shore angling and 3 for pair angling. In case of many candidates, the FIPS-M delegate will draw lots (which may change each day). A specific sector is assigned to each observer.**

**The FIPS-M delegate will give a briefing concerning the role (rights) and the way of proceeding of these observers. Their only role will be to observe the measurement the fish!**

**Together with the regular stewards, the observer designated for this sector, can enter the edge of the local angler's peg as far as the buckets (line between two boxes) and watch the measurement being taken. He will also sign (paraph) the score sheet. After this check, he must immediately leave the anglers' box.**

During the captains' meeting, the FIPS-M delegate will announce that all captains, vice-captains and reserves (except Youth Ch.) will be able to act as external observers.

He will prepare a numbered list with the observer's paraph. So, each observer will have a distinctive number.

The FIPS-M delegate will do a briefing on the role (rights) and how these observers must proceed. Their only role will be to observe the fish measurement of the host nation's anglers in the presence of the regular stewards. The observer will be able to enter the fisherman's peg to the buckets along the border between two fishing spaces and observe the measurement in progress. The observer will also paraph the scoring sheet and observe the fish being released into the water. If the fish is dead, he will observe the cutting of the tail of the fish and the collection of this fish by the steward. After these check(s), he must immediately leave the angler's peg.

External observers are not located in a specific sector, but are free to move to all sectors. When a fish is caught, the steward of the organizing country will signal to the outside observer by brandishing a flag. The closest external observer must react directly.

The FIPS-M delegate(s) can act as an observer and validate the fish.

Annexe

#### **Cases of disqualification (non-exhaustive list)**

to add:

**Cutting or biting tangled lines or the lines of other anglers without the permission of all anglers involved and in the presence of the steward or FIPS-M representative.**

**Unethical treatment of fish, e.g. kicking, throwing the fish with unnecessary violence, in or out of the water or on land.**

#### **Warning of the angler (non-exhaustive list)**

(the angler's second warning in evidence, **for any infraction**, results in disqualification even if the **second repetition of the** infraction is made on another day of the competition)

to add:

**The angler who, at the end of fishing, does not collect his waste will be warned for the first time. He will be disqualified in case of a repeat.**

# Proposed Amendments to the 2025 rules

*submitted to the General Assembly*

*in force in 2025 after acceptance by the General Assembly*

## General Rules

Page 10 Art. 1.09: Participation fee (Maximum):

• Shore Angling: .....	880 €	400 €
• Shore Angling for Clubs .....	880 €	400 €
• Shore Angling for Pairs (880 € x 2) .....	/ Pair 1760 €	800 €
• Shore Float Angling .....	630 €	260 €
• <b>Shore Angling for Youth.....</b>	<b>680 €</b>	<b>260 €</b>
• Boat Angling: .....	1100 €	660 €
• Boat Angling for Clubs .....	1100 €	660 €
• Boat Angling with Artificial Lures .....	880 €	400 €
• Boat Hand Angling:.....	630 €	300 €
• Light Tackle Boat Angling (1320 € x2) .....	2640 €	1320 €
• Kayak Fishing .....	770 €	380 €
• Big Game Fishing: .....	1650 €	1210 €
• Big Game Fishing Clubs .....	1650 €	1210 €
• Long Casting of Sea Weights: .....	715 €	210 €

Page 17 Art.: 3.04

The duration of a world championship or continental championship is:

**Shore angling for Youth: 3 days (without reserve day) 4 hours minimum**

Page 19 Art.: 4.4

Accurate measuring sticks with an end butt for the fish's head to touch must be used.

**All scales and spring-balances must incorporate a tare facility.**

In case of doubt the measuring equipment of the responsible steward is valid.

Page 24 Art 8.05

The minimum size of hooks allowed in FIPS-M competitions is limited.

The organizers must put at the disposal of **each the** Stewards a measuring tool with an inside diameter of 5 mm **for the Shore Angling competitions and 7 mm for the Boat Angling competitions** for the Mediterranean, **and 7 mm for the** Atlantic, English Channel, North Sea and others, to verify the minimum size of hooks used by competitors.



Page 25 Art.: 9.03

For Shore **and Boat** Angling in the Mediterranean Sea, the minimum size of the fish is 12 cm.

**For Boat Angling in the Mediterranean Sea, the minimum size of the fish is 15 cm.**

Page 28 Guidelines for International Youth Competitions: to add:

**The Competitions must be organized between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Boat Angling Rules**

Page 4 point C add a new point

**The use of a minimum 15 liter bucket with an oxygenator plus reserve batteries is mandatory**

Page 5 point 3

For Boat Angling a maximum of three single hooks are permitted on the trace.

For **the Mediterranean, the hooks must have a minimum bend of 5mm, for all other** seas the hooks must have a minimum bend 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.

Page 15 Point 1

### **Classification by Weight:**

- **One 1 gramme responds to one point.**
- **The number and heaviest fish for each competitor must be record daily to be used in the case of a tie.**

### **Classification by Measure (Catch and Release)**

Page 16 1st paragraphe:

When a fish reaches the minimum size (**12 15** cm in the Mediterranean resp. 18 cm in other seas) the fish is valid. In the case of the measurement system, the centimeters to be allocated must be rounded up, i.e. to **13 16** cm. This also applies to all subsequent measurements.