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# SHORE ANGLING RULES

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# Shore Angling Rules

## **A. Organisation**

1. The number of sectors is determined by the maximum number of anglers allowed in a team.
2. During Championships each nation/club is only allowed to have 1 angler per sector with the exception of pairs competition, when is possible for two anglers to fish together on the same peg.
3. Each sector should be separated by a minimum of 20 meters.  
There should be a 20 meter buffer zone either side of any obstacle such as groynes, etc..
4. A separate draw must be done for each day of the competition at the captains meeting or daily if required.

## **B. Angler Categories**

1. Seniors
2. Ladies
3. Youth (U21) (boys and girls)
4. Juniors (U16) (boys and girls) (2016: 13 – 16 years)  
(2017: 12 – 16 years)

The competitors for Shore Angling having 13 to 16 years between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 31 of December of the year of the championship can participate as U16.

The competitors for Shore Angling having 17 to 21 years between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 31 of December of the year of the championship can participate as U21.

A club team can be composed of anglers from the different categories.

## **C. Team Composition**

1. A competitor is only allowed to compete for his own National Federation whichever country he may be living.  
In the case of participants with multiple nationalities, the nationality under which the competitor is federated (only one national federation is possible) and under which he takes part in a FIPS-M competition for the first time prevails.
2. A national team or club which participates in a FIPS/M competition should comprise of five but at the very least four anglers.
3. The names of team members have to be communicated and written to the organizer of the FIPS/M competition at least 30 days before the beginning of the competition.
4. Any changes of a teams registration whether it be the names or the reserve must be communicate to the delegates of FIPS-M and to the organiser on arrival or at very least 12 hours before the captains meeting.

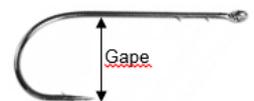
5. Prior to the initial captains meeting each team captain must check that his listed competitors and reserve are correct and in the right order and sign the document accordingly.
6. It is possible to replace a team member before the start of each competition day. The replacement must be communicated in writing and given to the organiser or to the International Jury the evening before the day of the competition.
7. It is the choice of the team captain to change his team by using the reserve if required. This change must be registered by the timing as laid down by the organisation at the captains meeting.
8. Replacements are only possible with the reserve competitor registered on the registration form.

## **D. General Guidelines for Beach Angling, Rock Angling, Angling from Harbour Installations and Float Angling**

1. For all disciplines the use of a mobile phone or other transceivers as GPS or detection equipment by the competitors during the competition is forbidden. The Captain/Reserve may use a mobile phone or other transceivers as GPS, Radio etc outside the competitors fishing area.
2. If for a personal justified reason (illness or other) the competitor wants to use his telephone hi must ask the permission to the steward or FIPS-m delegate.
3. Competitors are only allowed to communicate with their team captain or steward during the competition.
4. The competitor and captain must familiarize himself with the minimum sizes and restrictions of protective species.
5. Competitors must respect the fish, handling them with care.
6. The organisation has the right to dispose fish as they see fit.

## **E. Beach Angling**

1. The use of a rod with reel attached is compulsory.
2. Only one rod may be used which can be held or placed in a stand
3. The accepted maximum length of the rod is 5 meters. The rod must have a minimum of 3 rings on the blank and one tip ring.
4. The choice of reel is free but it must not be motorised.
5. The main line can be made of monofilament or braid.
6. Only single hooks of any kind are allowed.  
For the Mediterranean Sea, hooks with a minimum gape of 5mm are permitted, for all other seas hooks with a minimum gape of 7mm are permitted.  
Any competitor found using or having in his possession non legal hooks, before, during or after the competition will be disqualified.
7. Traces used may have the maximum of three hooks.



8. The assembling of the trace and associated materials are free. It is allowed to use attractive materials like bright spoons, coloured floating or non floating pearls (maximum size 15 mm), coloured feathers, and fluorescent parts and so on the hook line but not on the trace line. The maximum of three floating pearls are allowed per trace (The hook-line is the part of the trace with the hooks). The use of a sliding hook on the main line is forbidden.
9. The hooks must be baited with the bait provided by the organisation.
10. Bait prepared before the start of the competition must be done away from the sea at the back of a competitors area.
11. The use of bait additives (as colouring or odorous substances) is not allowed.
12. The FIPSm delegate has the right to take samples for analysing if required or inspect the anglers equipment including the tackle box.
13. The number of reserve rods is free. Reserve rods must be positioned at the back of the competitors box facing away from the sea. They can be prepared on the mainline with a swivel or link attached.
14. The number of spare baited traces is unlimited
15. The rod stands is not allowed to be positioned in the water. They should be set approximately in the middle an anglers area.
16. For casting and landing a fish the competitor is allowed to enter the water to knee deep.
17. For landing big fish the competitor may go into a neighbouring competitors area. The other competitors must not disturb the competitor who is landing the fish.
18. Casting is permitted from all places within a competitors area, however casting is not permitted if a competitor/steward or other person is standing in front of his area.
19. Traces should be cast directly in-front of a competitors fishing area but in exceptional circumstances with strong winds and tides, casting uptide is permitted as long as it does not disturb other competitors.
20. For pendulum and other dangerous power casting styles an appropriate shock leader must be used.
  - 30 lb (13,6 kg) minimum for a 3 oz (85 g) lead
  - 40 lb (18,1 kg) minimum for a 4 oz (113 g) lead
  - 50 lb (22,7 kg) minimum for a 5 oz (141 g) lead
  - 60 lb (27,2 kg) minimum for a 7 oz (198 g) lead
  - 70 lb (31,8 kg) minimum for a 8 oz (227 g) lead
21. Competitors may use weights of their choice with a 50 gr minimum. In extreme weather conditions heavy grips leads should be used so not to disturb the neighbouring competitor.
22. Captured fish must be kept in a container of fresh sea water until it has been verified by the steward. In the case of a dispute as to the length or species, the final decision will be made by the FIPSm delegate.
23. 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.
24. Fish to be considered for classification must have at least one hook in the mouth.
25. If a fish is hooked in the mouth by one competitor and in the body by another, the fish will count for the anglers whos hook is in the mouth.

If a fish is hooked in the mouth by the hooks of two different competitors, the fish is not accepted for the classification.

If two competitors bring back tangled traces with one or more fish they can not be removed from the hooks until verified by a steward or FIPSm delegate to whom they belong.

26. During a competition, the competitors may retrieve their line quickly or slowly, but the action of snatching/ jigging is strictly forbidden and entails the disqualification.
27. At the end of a competition, the competitor must retrieve his line quickly, unless he/she is playing a fish just before the end of the competition.
28. In case of line breaking when the fish is on the beach it counts for classification. But if the line breaks when the fish is in the water it does not count for classification.
29. If a gaff is required for landing a fish only the steward, team captain, reserve or adjacent competitors may go into the water to help.
30. Permission to leave the fishing area for a short time can be given by the steward, in this case the competitors line must be retrieved during this period.
31. At the end of the competition, the competitor should retrieve his line immediately and then remain in his area until the catch/score has been verified by the steward and his card has been signed both by the steward and himself.
32. In the case of a protest it must be immediately marked on the competitors card, signed by both competitor and steward and given to the competition organiser.
33. Fish to be taken to the scales must be put in a sealed container supplied by the organisation. The competitors name and number must be securely attached to the container.
34. Competitors must provide a suitable light source for night competitions, the beam of light should not be directed to an adjacent angler or onto the sea..
35. The use of baits other than those supplied by the competition management, will lead to disqualification.
36. The use of equipment which is not authorized will lead to disqualification.
37. Equipment for landing the fish such as landing nets or gaffs are authorized.
38. If a competitor fishing area proves unsuitable due to nets or other obstacles he can request in writing during the first hour only of the competition to be moved to the reserved peg at the end of the sector, however he must remain on his original peg for the first hour. Any fish caught within the first hour will however count towards the classification.  
In exceptional circumstances, due to safety concerns, the FIPS/M delegate has the right to move a participant during the competition period.
39. The competition organiser can 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 maybe be provided.  
If the competition is stopped half time, the competition results are valid.

## **F. Rock Angling**

The previous regulations (E) are also valid for the Rock Angling with the following exceptions or precisions.

1. Angling is allowed in the middle water, the seabed or on the surface.
2. With the agreement from adjacent competitors, up-tide casting into the wind or tide is permitted.
3. The use of a landing net is permitted, it can be lent briefly to another competitor. The landing of the catch must be made without help from the other participants, however a steward is permitted to help landing a fish.
4. Practice casting with a single weight is permitted prior the competition.
5. A competitor who is landing a fish has priority, other competitors must adapt them to the situation.
6. The competitor must pay attention for his own safety and that of others. He must pay attention to the tides, currents and breaking waves. Non-slip shoes are recommended. He should take all necessary safety precautions.
7. Two three-man-teams from National, Regional or Clubs may participate. The minimum age of competitors is 16 years.

## **G. Angling from Harbour Installations**

The rules for this discipline of angling are the same as those applicable for rock angling (F), with the difference that the organizer must give very accurate information about the kind of harbour-installations such as a pier, mole, viaduct, extreme height, and so on.

## **H. Float angling from Rocks or Harbour Installations**

The previous regulations (E) are also valid for the Float Angling from Harbour Installations with the following exceptions or precisions.

1. Possibility for an Angling with reel or without reel.
2. The use of keep nets is obligatory.
3. Angling with only one rod with a maximum length of 8 meters is allowed, but it is possible to have several reserve rods mounted with the trace.
4. Only one hook is allowed per trace.
5. It is only allowed to use the baits provided by the organiser on the hook or for ground baiting.
6. Three teams per nation can participate, consisting of 5 anglers each, besides the reserve and captain. The minimum age of the competitors is 16 years.
7. In the team classification, National and Club teams are treated equally.

# I. Classification

Competitions which are spread over several days require a separate individual and team classification for each competition day.

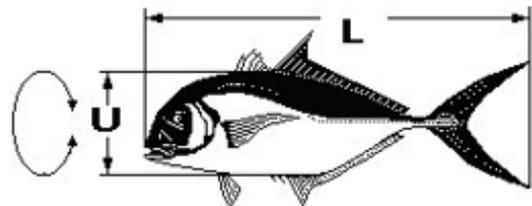
## **Classification by Weight:**

- 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.

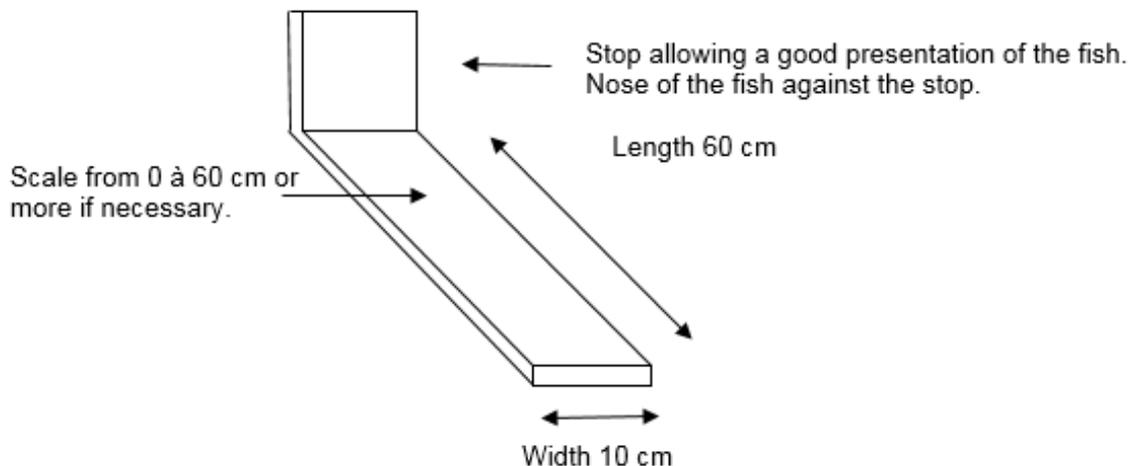
## **Classification by Measure:**

- For each caught fish with legal size 10 points
- For each centimetre (1 cm) 1 point
- For each part of a cm is rounded up 1 point
- The longest and number of fish must be recorded daily to be used in the case of a tie
- Only the steward is allowed to measure the fish, in the case of a dispute the FIPSm delegate will make the final decision.
- The length is measured from the tip of the mouth to the end of the caudal fin on a flat surface (see the figure).

### Position for the measure.



This is the plan which describes the dimensions of the measuring lath.



## **Classification by Points by "catch and release" fishing:**

- Points allocated to each species or groups should be clearly published in the specification.
- The greatest numbers of points gained by a competition will determine the ranking order.
- The numbers of fish in each point category must be recorded to be used in the case of a tie.

## Daily Classification

1. The daily individual classification is determined by an anglers ranking in his sector compared to the same ranking position of anglers in the other sectors
2. Team Classification. A teams four best individual ranking positions will count for the daily team classification.
3. In the case of one or more sectors having less anglers that the other sectors. For the daily individual classifications the sector with the least number of anglers is used. The last competitors in the sectors with the greater number of anglers will be ranked in the same position as the last anglers in the smaller sectors (as per example below).

Example:

### Sector Classification

| Sector A (5 anglers) | Sector B (5 anglers) | Sector C (4 anglers) | Sector D (4 anglers) | Sector E (5 anglers) |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 3500 p             | 1 4100 p             | 1 3550 p             | 1 3800 p             | 1 4000 p             |
| 2 3400 p             | 2 3500 p             | 2 3300 p             | 2 3700 p             | 2 3600 p             |
| 3 3300 p             | 3 3200 p             | 3 3250 p             | 3 3600 p             | 3 3400 p             |
| 4 3100 p             | 4 2900 p             | 4 3000 p             | 4 3150 p             | 4 3200 p             |
| 5 2600               | 5 2800               |                      |                      | 5 3050               |

### Individual Classification

1. B1 (1<sup>st</sup> in sector)
2. E1 (1<sup>st</sup> in sector)
3. D1 (1<sup>st</sup> in sector)
4. C1 (1<sup>st</sup> in sector)
5. A1 (1<sup>st</sup> in sector)
6. D2 (2<sup>nd</sup> in sector)
7. E2 (2<sup>nd</sup> in sector)
8. B2 (2<sup>nd</sup> in sector)
9. A2 (2<sup>nd</sup> in sector)
10. C2 (2<sup>nd</sup> in sector)
11. D3 (3<sup>rd</sup> in sector)
12. E3 (3<sup>rd</sup> in sector)
13. A3 (3<sup>rd</sup> in sector)
14. C3 (3<sup>rd</sup> in sector)
15. B3 (3<sup>rd</sup> in sector)

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| 16. E4 (4 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 17. D4 (4 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 18. A4 (4 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 19. E5 (5 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 20. C4 (4 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 21. B4 (4 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 22. B5 (5 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |
| 23. A5 (5 <sup>th</sup> in sector) |

4. For the Mediterranean Sea a minimum size of 12cm and for all other seas a minimum size of 15cm will be implemented on species which do not have a legal minimum size.
5. For all undersize fish the organization has the option of awarding one point/gramme per fish but these can not be included in the number of valid fish caught which are used in the results.

## Final Classification

1. An individual final classification is determined by his daily rankings.
2. A teams final classification is determined by their daily rankings.
3. Competitors who have not participated during the entire championship will be listed with their respective daily scores below the final ranking position.
4. The Reserve Angler who participated during each day of the competition in replacement of several members of its team, is not accepted to the final individual classification.

## In a case of a tie in the Classification

### Daily individual classification

- In the case of a tie the angler with the highest number of fish will rank first.
- If, after taking into account the highest number of fish there is still a tie, it is the angler with the heaviest/longest fish who will rank first.  
For « catch and release » angling (point system), the competitor with the highest number of fish with the best value (which is worth most points) will be first.

Example:

|          | Number of fish worth 1 point | Number of fish worth 2 points | Number of fish worth 3 points | Number of fish worth 4 points | Number of fish worth 5 points | Number of fish worth 6 points | Total of points | Total number of fish | Ranking |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Angler 1 | 1                            | 3                             | 0                             | 8                             | 1                             | 1                             | 50              | 14                   | 1       |
| Angler 2 | 0                            | 3                             | 1                             | 9                             | 1                             | 0                             | 50              | 14                   | 3       |
| Angler 3 | 1                            | 2                             | 1                             | 8                             | 2                             | 0                             | 50              | 14                   | 2       |

- If after these considerations there is still a tie the competitors will have an equal ranking.

### Daily team classification

- In the case of a tie in the daily team classification, the team with the highest weight or points of all 5 competitors will come first.
- If there is still a tie, then the team (5 anglers) with the highest number of fish of legal size will come first.
- And after that, the heaviest/longest fish of the 5 anglers of the team, will be considered.

For « catch and release » angling (point system), first is the team with the highest number of fish with the best value (which is worth most points) of the 5 anglers (see example above: replace “angler” by “team”).

- If there is still a tie, then the teams will have an equal ranking.

### Final individual classification

- In the case of a tie the individual angler with the best daily position over all the days will come first.

|          | Day 1<br>(Place) | Day 2<br>(Place) | Day 3<br>(Place) | Sum | Best places | Ranking |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|-------------|---------|
| Angler 1 | 1                | 3                | 4                | 8   | 1 ; 3       | 2       |
| Angler 2 | 2                | 4                | 2                | 8   | 2           | 3       |
| Angler 3 | 5                | 2                | 1                | 8   | 1 ; 2       | 1       |

- If the anglers still have an equal score after all the matches then you take into consideration the angler who has recorded the highest number of legal size fish during the competition days.

|          | Day 1<br>(Place) | Day 2<br>(Place) | Day 3<br>(Place) | Sum | Number of<br>fish | Ranking |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|
| Angler 1 | 1                | 2                | 3                | 6   | 45                | 2       |
| Angler 2 | 2                | 3                | 1                | 6   | 30                | 3       |
| Angler 3 | 3                | 1                | 2                | 6   | 47                | 1       |

- If there is still a tie the angler who has caught the heaviest/longest fish, or for a point system, the angler with the highest number of fish with the best value (which is worth most points) over all the competition days will come first.

### Final team classification

- In the case of a tie in the final team classification, the team with the best day ranking over all the competition days will come first.

|        | Day<br>1(Place) | Day 2<br>(Place) | Day 3<br>(Place) | Sum | Best<br>places | Ranking |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----|----------------|---------|
| Team 1 | 1               | 3                | 4                | 8   | 1 ; 3          | 2       |
| Team 2 | 2               | 4                | 2                | 8   | 2              | 3       |
| Team 3 | 5               | 2                | 1                | 8   | 1 ; 2          | 1       |

- If there is still a tie, then the team with the highest weight or number of points considering all the 5 anglers over all the competition days will come first.
- If the teams still have an equal score you take into consideration the team who has recorded the highest number of legal size fish during the competition days (5 anglers).
- If there is still a tie, then the team (5 anglers) who has caught the heaviest/longest fish or in case of «catch and release» angling (point system), the team with the highest number of fish with the best value (which is worth most points) of the 5 anglers over all the competition days will be first.

### Rankings of competitors (and teams) without fish

- For competitors without fish the formula below is used for their daily individual classification.

Sum of the not attributed places divided by the number of anglers without fish (rounded up).

Example 1:

55 anglers in total : 48 caught fish - 7 without fish

→1-48 (normal rank)

Sum of the not attributed ranks:  $49+50+51+52+53+54+55 = 364 / 7 = 52$

To each of these 7 competitors without fish is given the place (rank): 52

Example 2:

45 anglers in total : 23 caught fish - 22 without fish

1-23 (normal rank)

Sum of the not attributed ranks:  $24 \text{ to } 45 = 759 \text{ divided by } 22 = 34,5$

To each of these 22 competitors without fish is given the place (rank): 35

- If all the competitors in a team have no fish the team is ranked 1 place after the last team with fish.

## Generalities for classification

1. Penalty: A competitor who tries to record undersize fish will be penalized unless the fish has been previously accepted by a steward.
  - Any angler of a team bringing undersize fish to the scales will suffer a 10 point penalty for each such fish on a classification by length-points.
  - If it the classification is made on weight-system, the penalty will be 1lbs. or 0,500 kg for each undersize fish.
  - During catch & release competitions only the steward is allowed to measure the fish so no penalty can be occurred by the angler.
2. If a fish has been measured and accepted by the steward, it is not longer necessary de remake a control during the weighing except in an obvious case of error:
  - case of protest, announced at moment of control on the beach.
  - case of bad identification of a species.
3. If a disputed fish which has been kept separate and marked on the control card is brought to the attention of the International Jury, delegates will make the final decision whether it is valid or not.
4. Competitors who pack up early and leave the competition area without permission from the steward will be disqualified.
5. Case of Disqualification: In case of disqualification of a competitor, the team result will be determined by the remaining four competitors. If there is less than four competitors remaining the whole team will be disqualified from the daily team results. The remaining competitors of this team will be considered just for the individual classification.
6. In the case that an anglers catch is lost due to the organisation before they have been weighed, you take the average weight of all fish caught in his sector and then multiply the average weight by the number of fish recorded on the competitors card.

## **J. Results and Trophies**

1. The results must be published daily, these should be signed by the FIPSm delegates.
2. At least two hours before the proclamation of the final results of the competition, a copy of the results lists with all individual and team classification must be published.  
A copy of these lists shall be sent to, the FIPS/M general secretary.
3. During World championships or Continental championships, three individual medals and three team medals are provided by FIPSm.  
Team medals are presented to the competitors including the reserve and team the captains  
Individual medals will be presented to the top three anglers.
4. Other prizes for and trophies may be provided by the organisers for the most, heaviest unusual or as required.

## **K. Protest**

For Shore Angling Championships are valid the following rules, chapter "D - Paragraph "10.01"

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| <p>10.01 An amount of 100. € or an equivalent amount in another currency in the money of the country is due for every written protest presented to the international jury.<br/>The jury meets at the latest one hour after the announcement of the results and takes a decision after one hour of deliberations. The decision is binding for each one.<br/>The decision must be recorded in writing, and shall be sent to the general secretary of FIPS/M.<br/>The jury must pay attention to the person, who presented the protest, the persons concerned and the competition manager if possible.<br/>The decision of the jury shall 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.<br/>If the jury gives its agreement to the protest, a member of the jury returns immediately the protest fee to the plaintiff.<br/>The management of the competition takes the necessary measures to correct the situation, or eventually makes the necessary corrections.<br/>If the protest is judged negatively the jury shall transfer the amount of the protest fee to the account of FIPS/M in the CIPS.<br/>The decision of the jury has to be proclaimed.<br/>In exceptional circumstances when a dispute cannot be resolved by the jury, it will be up to the FIPS-M Board to decide on a sentence, which may go as far as disqualifying a team or even a nation. The pecuniary consequences of such a decision may not be at the charge of FIPS-M.<br/>It is the same when a team leaves the competition without having issued protest in good and due form to the Jury, the pecuniary consequences will be charged to the team or the nation it represents.<br/>In that case the concerned federation cannot claim with the participation of a team the next year in the concerned discipline.</p> |
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