



*Fédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive en Eau Douce*

**F.I.P.S.e.d. STATUTES**

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**STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF SPORT ANGLING IN FRESH WATERS (F.I.P.S.e.d.)  
SUBDIVISION OF THE C.I.P.S. STATUTES**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The International Federation of Sport Angling in Fresh Waters hereinafter the F.I.P.S.e.d. was established within the C.I.P.S. in accordance with terms as set forth in articles 3 and 10 of the C.I.P.S. statutes.
2. The concept of "member" is extended to all C.I.P.S. member National Federations. For - International Federation - shall mean the union of the National Federations of Angling in fresh waters worldwide. The C.I.P.S. statutes shall retain their full validity with respect to the F.I.P.S.e.d., incorporated within the C.I.P.S., as well as its members.

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Name and head office**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d., as incorporated within the C.I.P.S., was established on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1972 in Prague (Czech Republic).
1. The F.I.P.S.e.d. head office is located in the headquarter of the National Federation the Chairman belongs to.

**ARTICLE 2**

**Object, aims and activity**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d., within the C.I.P.S., shall aim to spread the practice of angling in fresh waters throughout the world and to protect waters and the environment in close cooperation with all C.I.P.S. member National Federations. In order to reach such a goal, it shall undertake to establish close relations with National Federations practicing angling in fresh waters not yet affiliated to the C.I.P.S..
2. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall contribute to the understanding and friendship among peoples in accordance with the Olympic ideal, and to the keeping of peace worldwide through the angling sport in fresh waters. To this end, the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall undertake to entertain friendly relations with all the other world organizations pursuing similar goals, and to cooperate with them.
3. The F.I.P.S.e.d. within the C.I.P.S. has its own statutes, it shall carry out its own activities according to the C.I.P.S. statutes and shall act pursuant to the statutes as set forth by the C.I.P.S. Congress and its own General Assembly, to the working program, financial plan and provisions as ratified by the C.I.P.S. Praesidium in order to carry through the resolutions of the Congress.
4. The F.I.P.S.e.d. is an international sports organization of universal nature. Any federation allowing political creed, racial discriminations or religious pressures to be made within its own organization or either belonging or being affiliated to organizations practicing any such discriminations, shall not be allowed to be part of the F.I.P.S.e.d.. The F.I.P.S.e.d. members cannot not be considered responsible for actions taken by their own government.

**ARTICLE 3**

**Members**

1. Membership to the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be opened to any National Federation practicing angling in fresh waters on condition that it acknowledges the C.I.P.S. and the F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes and provided that its admission shall have been approved by the majority of the General Assembly of the member National Federations and then ratified by the C.I.P.S. Congress.
2. The statutes of the concerned National Federations must clearly state that each and every citizen of the state belonging to such federation may become a member thereof regardless of their political or religious creed or the colour of their skin. To this end, all Federations shall be caused to lodge their own statutes to the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee.

3. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be composed of :

- a) Ordinary members;
- b) Requesting members;
- c) Promoting members;

With respect to point a) and b) above any Federation practicing angling in fresh waters shall be allowed to become ordinary or requesting member of the F.I.P.S.e.d..

With respect to point c) above, the institutions that acknowledge the F.I.P.S.e.d. and C.I.P.S. statutes and that contribute to the development of fresh water angling and to the preservation of waters and environment worldwide from a moral and organization viewpoint, shall be allowed to become requesting members of the F.I.P.S.e.d..

F.I.P.S.e.d. promoting members shall be admitted only upon decision of the C.I.P.S. Congress.

4. Any Federation wishing to become member of the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be caused to submit an application thereof to F.I.P.S.e.d. Secretariat itself specifying what type of member they wish to become. Subject to the approval of the F.I.P.S.e.d. Assembly, the application shall be further reviewed by the C.I.P.S. Congress, which Congress shall resolve upon the final admission of the Federation concerned. Only one National Federation per country may be affiliated to the F.I.P.S.e.d..
5. Any National Federation applying for a membership to the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress may support the application through its own representative only upon the application being taken into consideration. Once admission is granted the representatives of the Federation concerned shall be fully entitled to take part in the discussion of the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress.
6. F.I.P.S.e.d. member countries belonging to a same region of the world may form F.I.P.S.e.d. zones under the initiative of one or more affiliated Federations. F.I.P.S.e.d. will determine the concerned management, borders and creation of its own zones. Rules defined by F.I.P.S.e.d. shall never contrast with C.I.P.S. Statutes. Zones established by F.I.P.S.e.d. must receive the final agreement and approval by C.I.P.S., that being ratified during following CIPS Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Rights and duties of the members**

#### **Rights**

1. Ordinary members shall have the right to:

- a) attend with a delegate the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly and the C.I.P.S. Congress, to bring forward motions and candidacies;
- b) take part in the F.I.P.S.e.d. events with equal rights;
- c) be heard and to vote in case of decisions on issues they involved with;
- d) be supported by the F.I.P.S.e.d. and by the C.I.P.S. and benefit from promotional activities carried out by them;
- e) indicate their membership to the F.I.P.S.e.d., within the C.I.P.S., in their own statutes and correspondence;
- f) appeal to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee to settle any dispute;
- g) request that their main sport international events be included in the F.I.P.S.e.d. international calendar;
- h) be informed on a regular basis as to the main events of the F.I.P.S.e.d. and C.I.P.S..

2. Requesting members have the right to:

- a) participate in the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly and the C.I.P.S. Congress with their delegates without right to cast their vote neither to present their candidate for the Directing Committee;
- b) participate in all F.I.P.S.e.d. events without having the right to organize them;
- c) be heard during debates on issues concerning them;
- d) be supported by the F.I.P.S.e.d. and C.I.P.S. and benefit from promotional activities carried out by them;
- e) mention the association to F.I.P.S.e.d., within the C.I.P.S., in their correspondence;
- f) appeal to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee to settle any dispute;
- g) be informed on a regular basis as to the main events of the F.I.P.S.e.d. and C.I.P.S..

3. Promoting members shall have the right to attend the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly and the C.I.P.S. Congress with delegates having no right to vote, and to make suggestions in order to

promote the F.I.P.S.e.d. sports activity. In addition, such members shall be granted the rights as set forth in article 4 section 2 b), c), f), and g).

## **Duties**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d. members shall:
  - a) abide by the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes;
  - b) draw up their own statutes in such a manner that these shall not be in conflict with those of the C.I.P.S. and of the F.I.P.S.e.d.;
  - c) abide by the provisions set forth in the Competition Rules of the F.I.P.S.e.d. and Sports Regulations during any international sports events;
  - d) support the F.I.P.S.e.d. in the accomplishment of its tasks in accordance with art. 7;
  - e) duly pay to the C.I.P.S. the fees set by the C.I.P.S. Congress;
  - f) foster friendly relations among the members.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Forfeiture of the statute of member**

1. Forfeiture of the statutes of member shall be governed by art. 6, sections 1-3 of the C.I.P.S. statutes.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **Structure of the F.I.P.S.e.d.**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be composed of:
  - a) one Directing Committee;
  - b) one «TECHNICAL» Commission to deal with the competition rules, the visiting of the proposed angling venues and events;
  - c) one «YOUTH» Commission;
  - d) one Commission for the «PROTECTION OF WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT».

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **Main tasks of the F.I.P.S.e.d. within C.I.P.S.**

1. In order to develop angling in fresh waters worldwide, the F.I.P.S.e.d., within the C.I.P.S., shall organize yearly World and Zone Championships (like European Championships) and special cups, these shall be announced specifically.  
The aim of these events is to allow the F.I.P.S.e.d. member National Federations to compete in fresh waters by means of loyal sports competitions thus enabling anglers and officials alike to become acquainted with each other and to establish friendly relations, hence contributing to the understanding among different communities.
2. The F.I.P.S.e.d., within C.I.P.S., shall support any undertaking of its member National Federations contemplating the organization of international meetings and cups.
3. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall make sure that during international events organized on behalf of the C.I.P.S. that regulations and statutes are aboded by.
4. To this end, soon after undertaking the organization of world and European championships or international competitions, each National Federation shall be asked to provide the F.I.P.S.e.d. with a written declaration with its commitment to observe the C.I.P.S. and the F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes as well as the competition rules.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the F.I.P.S.e.d.. It shall resolve on all matters pertaining the interpretation of the F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes and motions to be submitted to the C.I.P.S. congress when these cannot be resolved by the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly.
2. The General Assembly meets every four year for elective tournament.
3. The General Assembly shall be composed of:
  - a) the delegates of ordinary members;
  - b) the Directing Committee;
  - c) the delegates of promoting members.

4. Each ordinary member shall have the right to one vote. The delegates of requesting members shall not have the right to vote.
5. The Assembly shall be deemed to have reached the necessary quorum in first call when at least one-half of the delegates with voting rights are present or represented. In second call, which shall begin at least half an hour after the first call, decisions shall be valid irrespective of the number of people attending the Assembly. Once the above requirement is fulfilled, it shall be deemed as acquired throughout the Congress. At least one-half of delegates with voting rights must be present for the Statutes modifications.
6. In principle, the place and date of the General Assembly shall be the same as the elective C.I.P.S. Congress.
7. The place and date of the General Assembly shall be decided six months prior to the calling of the same.
8. Any motion to be submitted to the General Assembly shall reach the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Secretary four months prior to the aforementioned General Assembly. Pursuant to the C.I.P.S. statutes, the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Secretary shall decide, together with the President, whether such motions must be sent to the C.I.P.S. General Secretary first.
9. The agenda and proposals sent to the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Secretary shall be forwarded to all members at least two months prior to the commencement of the General Assembly.
10. The General Assembly may only review proposals included in the agenda.
11. Urgent motions may be discussed only if the majority of the three-quarters of the votes cast by the delegates in attendance are reached.
12. In order to be able to exercise the right to vote, the delegate must hold a written proxy issued by his own Federation. Such proxy shall be made formal when the General Secretary receives the name entry for the General Assembly.
13. Delegates must belong to the Federation they represent.
14. If a member is unable to attend the General Assembly he shall notify in writing the Directing Committee thereof. In this case, he may be represented at the General Assembly by the delegate of another National Federation provided, however, the latter must hold a written proxy. Each delegate shall be allowed to represent one absent member Federation only.
15. During the General Assembly, the Directing Committee members shall be allowed to defend the interests of their own National Federation.
16. In principle, the agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly shall comprise the following items:
  - a) opening of the General Assembly;
  - b) ascertaining that the quorum is reached (article 8 paragraph 5);
  - c) approval of the agenda;
  - d) report of the Directing Committee;
  - e) report of the Commissions (Technical, youth, Protection of waters and environment);
  - f) discussion on the reports;
  - g) approval of the Directing Committee proceedings;
  - h) discussion of motions, award of the World Championships and other International events (European and World Cups, Masters, European and World trophies and so on) and resolution thereof;
  - i) admission of new members;
  - j) approval of the working program of the Directing Committee and its Commission, and of the financial plan;
  - k) elections as set forth by the statutes;
  - l) closing remarks.
17. Resolutions during the General Assembly shall be adopted with the majority of the votes cast by the delegates in attendance, except for the following decisions, for which the majority of the three-quarters of the delegates in attendance shall be required:
  - a) changes to the statutes;
  - b) changes to the agenda of the General Assembly;
  - c) expulsion of a F.I.P.S.e.d. member within C.I.P.S.;
  - d) dissolution of the F.I.P.S.e.d..
18. The chairman and the General Secretary shall have the duty to draw up and sign the official proceedings of the General Assembly and the Directing Committee meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly on a four-year term basis. The F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee shall be composed of:
  - a. one Chairman, elected by vote, in charge of the General Management of the F.I.P.S.e.d.. He shall be a member of the C.I.P.S. Praesidium and represent the F.I.P.S.e.d. both abroad as well as towards third parties;
  - b. one Vice-Chairman, elected by vote, in charge of youth and the protection of waters;
  - c. one President of the Technical Commission appointed by the Chairman;
  - d. one Technical Commission, composed of six members elected by vote, whose charges shall be defined by Praesidium;
  - e. one General Secretary, appointed by the Chairman;
  - f. one Treasurer, appointed by the Chairman.
2. The charges of General Secretary and Treasurer can be fulfilled by the same person.
3. The election of the Directing Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly by means of simple majority and lay secret ballots.
4. Federations shall send their candidatures to the General Secretary within 30 days before the elections.
5. Candidates must attend the elections.
6. Candidates must be able to understand, read and speak English and/or French
7. If the Chairman is no longer able to fulfill his duties, either owing to illness or otherwise, the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee shall indicate to the C.I.P.S. Praesidium the Vice-Chairman that is to replace him;
8. The Vice-Chairman as referred to in section 5 hereinabove shall be called upon immediately to fulfill the Chairman's duties whilst awaiting the C.I.P.S. Praesidium resolution thereof;
9. The Directing Committee may be increased only subject to a supplementary election during the following F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly;
10. The Directing Committee shall manage the F.I.P.S.e.d. activity and shall execute the resolutions of the General Assembly. It shall be vested with administration powers and shall have the right to make all decisions pertaining urgent matters, which decisions, however, shall be thereafter subject to the ratification of the General Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Tasks of the Directing Committee**

1. The F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee, in close cooperation with the F.I.P.S.e.d. member National Federations, shall have the task to improve the competition rules based on the latest fresh water angling requirements and to contribute to the preservation of waters and the environment, and make sure that the statutes and the competition rules are abode by.
2. The Directing Committee shall have in charge the coordination of the activity of the National Federations of the F.I.P.S.e.d. and shall have the duty to ascertain the members observance to the statutes of the F.I.P.S.e.d. and the C.I.P.S.;
3. Pursuant to the competition rules and subject to the hearing of the National Federations, the Directing Committee may decide to ban a sportsman for up to two years (the competition rules providing the basic document);
4. Upon considering the F.I.P.S.e.d. duties, the Directing Committee shall be allowed to meet independently up to twice a year and convene the General Assembly which if possible shall meet during the C.I.P.S. Congress;
5. The Directing Committee shall be free to dispose of the financial means granted by the C.I.P.S. Congress as it deems fit;
6. The Directing Committee shall report on its activity to the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly, the Praesidium and the C.I.P.S. Congress;
7. The F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee may delegate an expert who might carry out on its behalf a specific technical visit (i.e.: recognition of trout venues, black bass or others);
8. The F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee can delegate or join an expert who might carry out a goal on its behalf (arranging sports rules, anti-doping controls or others).

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **The General Secretary and his duties**

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for the drawing up of the proceedings of the General Assembly and of the Directing Committee's meeting. Before sending the proceedings and the invitations to the various National Federations these must be submitted to the Chairman who shall sign them, provided the agreement by the Directing Committee
2. He shall forward proposals to the Directing Committee as to the publication of important news and shall also make sure that such a publication is accomplished in accordance with guidelines as provided for by the Directing Committee itself.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **The Treasurer and his duties**

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for the management of the F.I.P.S.e.d.. He shall forward the Chairman the statements situation, in order to submit them to the Board.
2. He shall be responsible for the financial management of the F.I.P.S.e.d., according the budget as approved by the General Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **Fees and financial means**

1. Art.15, sections 2 and 3 of the C.I.P.S. statutes shall be binding for all F.I.P.S.e.d. member Federations;
2. Pursuant to the financial plan as approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress and in addition to collections, gifts and legacies, the C.I.P.S. Praesidium shall grant the F.I.P.S.e.d. the financial means it needs to carry out its tasks. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall collect the taxes due by each Nation taking part in the International, European and the World Championships, World Cups, and so on.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Official languages**

1. The official languages of the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be French and English. During World and Zone Championships (like European Championships) and other F.I.P.S.e.d. events the language of the hosting country shall be also deemed official language;
2. In all documents, statutes, competition rules and resolutions of the F.I.P.S.e.d., indication shall be given as to the language in which the original text was drawn up;
3. Delegates shall be entitled to express himself in a language other than the above on condition that a translation into one of the languages as mentioned in section 1 hereinabove is provided by the Delegate.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **Disciplinary sanctions**

1. Disciplinary sanctions shall be decided by the General Assembly and by the Directing Committee in accordance with the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes. During sports competitions disciplinary provisions shall be decided by the jury in compliance with the competition rules.
2. F.I.P.S.e.d. disciplinary sanctions shall comprise:
  - 1) warning;
  - 2) admonishment;
  - 3) ban on individuals or teams during competitions or individual events;
  - 4) ban resulting from change of federation, by accordance to competition rules;
  - 5) ban;
  - 6) life-ban;Sanctions may be inflicted on member Federations and individuals as a result of breach of the C.I.P.S. statutes or the F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes competition rules, or failure to fulfill their duties as set forth by the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d.;
3. As to further terms pertaining disciplinary sanctions reference shall be made to art.17 sections 4-6 of the C.I.P.S. statutes.



## **ARTICLE 16**

### **Changes to the statutes and dissolution of the F.I.P.S.e.d.**

1. Resolutions pertaining any change to the statutes shall be carried with the majority of three-quarters of the delegates in attendance. Any change shall be included in the agenda of the General Assembly.
2. The F.I.P.S.e.d. may be dissolved only upon resolution of the General Assembly expressly convened for such a purpose. At least three-quarters of the member Federations shall attend the aforementioned Assembly. The F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be deemed to have been dissolved only if three-quarters of the delegates in attendance shall have voted thereof.
3. The General Assembly deciding the F.I.P.S.e.d. dissolution shall also decide the allocation of its current assets and appoint the liquidators.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **Ratification of the statutes**

1. In case of a complaint concerning one or more sections of these statutes, the C.I.P.S. statutes will be the reference.
2. The original text of these statutes was drawn in French which will be the language of reference.

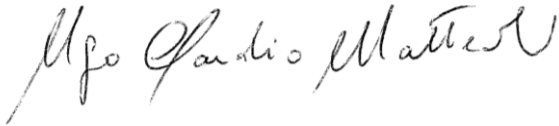
## **ARTICLE 18**

### **Doping**

1. Prohibition (enforcement of the World Anti-Doping Code)
  - a) The use of substances able to artificially modify athletes' performances, or that hide the use of said substances during sports competitions and events organized or agreed upon by Sports Federations, shall be prohibited, in compliance with the joint decrees of the Ministries of Sports and Health of the organizing countries.
  - b) Similarly, the administration of the substances above or the implementation of the procedures provided for in this paragraph, as well as inciting the use of these substances or procedures or promoting their use, is prohibited, without prejudice to the freedom of prescription for therapeutic purposes.
  - c) The doctor who, for therapeutic purposes, prescribes a treatment to a person, shall, upon request of the latter, state whether said treatment entails the use of prohibited substances or procedures as per paragraph a) above.
2. Prevention
  - a) Need for an information campaign among young people in the framework of Fishing Schools.
  - b) Integration in the training programs administered to sports doctors or coordinators of notions on anti-doping provisions.
3. Controls  
Anti-doping rules apply to:
  - a) C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.;
  - b) all Members affiliated according to their Statutes, accreditation or their participation in activities or events organized by C.I.P.S. or by the F.I.P.S. mentioned above;
  - c) each and all athletes participating in the activities or events organized by C.I.P.S. or F.I.P.S.;
  - d) all anti-doping controls which C.I.P.S. or F.I.P.S. have jurisdiction upon.
4. Liabilities of F.I.P.S. affiliated to C.I.P.S.
  - a) Each F.I.P.S. shall ensure that all controls made at a national level among its Members comply with the anti-doping rules.
  - b) In case a F.I.P.S. delegates the responsibility of controls to a National Anti-Doping Organization, the anti-doping rules of the F.I.P.S. in question shall apply.
5. Consequences of anti-doping rules violations:  
An athlete's or other person's violation of anti-doping rules may result in one or more of the following sanction:

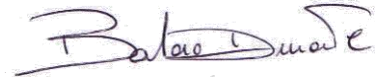
- a) disqualification means the athlete's result in a particular competition or event are invalidated, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes;
- b) ineligibility means the athlete or other person is barred for a specific period of time from participating in any Competition or other activity or funding for a given period of time;
- c) provisional suspension means the athlete or other person is barred temporarily from participating in any competition prior to the final decision made during a hearing (Right to a Fair Hearing principle).

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