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INTRODUCTION

The International Confederation of Sport Fly Fishing (**C.I.P.S.**) was founded in Rome in 1952 and now consists of three Sport Federations:

The International Federation of Sport Fresh Water Fishing	(FIPS-Ed)
The International Federation of Sport Sea Fishing	(FIPS-M)
The International Federation of Sport Fly Fishing	(FIPS-Mouche)

The International Federation of Sport Fly Fishing (FIPS-Mouche) was established as part of C.I.P.S. according to Article 3 and Article 10 of the C.I.P.S. Statutes. The C.I.P.S. Statutes apply both to FIPS-Mouche and to its members.

Within these Statutes the following expressions have the meaning assigned:

- "Members": National Organisations, which belong to C.I.P.S.
- "International The group of National Organisations which make up Federation": FIPS-Mouche.

ARTICLE 1

DENOMINATION AND HEADQUARTERS

- 1.1. The International Federation of Sport Fly Fishing (FIPS-Mouche), as part of C.I.P.S., was founded on April 23, 1989 in San Marino.
- 1.2. The location of the FIPS-Mouche head office is decided by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly at each Presidential Board election.

ARTICLE 2

AIM, PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

- 2.1. FIPS-Mouche shall aim to encourage the practice of sport fly fishing throughout the world and shall do so in collaboration with all C.I.P.S. members. In order to achieve this purpose, the Federation shall also collaborate with National Organisations, which are not members of C.I.P.S.
- 2.2. FIPS-Mouche shall also aim, within the Olympic ideal, to foster friendship and understanding among all people, and peace in the world, through sport. In pursuing these goals FIPS-Mouche shall maintain friendly relationship with all other world organisations sharing this ideal and collaborate with them.
- 2.3. FIPS-Mouche shall carry out its activities in accordance with C.I.P.S. Statutes, as amended by the C.I.P.S. Congress and the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly, and the policies, financial plans and rules established by the C.I.P.S. Board of Directors.
- 2.4. FIPS-Mouche is a world-wide international sports organisation. National Federations, which for political, religious or racial reasons allow any kind of discrimination within their organisations, or depend upon organisations, which allow the said behaviour, cannot be members of FIPS-Mouche. Members of FIPS-Mouche shall not be considered responsible for the policies of their Governments.

- 2.5. FIPS-Mouche shall aim at promoting conservation of Fish, Waters and environment, and encourage exchange of examples of the best practices in conservation and in sustainable management of natural resources among members.
- 2.6. FIPS-Mouche shall promote and respect the Moral Charter of International Sport Fishing among its members.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERS

- 3.1. (a) A member of FIPS-Mouche shall be any National Organisation which practises sport fly fishing activities in accordance with FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. Statutes. Membership shall be approved by the majority of votes of members at the General Assembly of FIPS-Mouche and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress.

(b) It is implicit that the National Organisations, in their Statutes, should state that any citizen of the country of the Federation may become a member, irrespective of political or religious creed, colour or race. As proof of this condition, all National Federations are required to deposit their Statutes with the C.I.P.S. Secretariat and with the FIPS-Mouche President.
- 3.2. FIPS-Mouche shall be composed of:
 - a) Ordinary Members
Those National Organisations practising sport fly fishing shall be ordinary members of FIPS-Mouche.
 - b) Extraordinary Members
Only those organisations which accept the FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. Statutes and which contribute, both ethically and administratively, to the development of sport fly fishing throughout the world can be Extraordinary Members of FIPS-Mouche. Extraordinary Members can only be accepted by the decision of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 3.3. National Organisations wishing to become members of FIPS-Mouche shall apply in the first instance to C.I.P.S. Applications shall be forwarded by the C.I.P.S. Secretariat to the FIPS-Mouche President. When approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly, applications shall be passed to the C.I.P.S. Congress for final approval.
- 3.4. Only one National Organisation of each country can be a member of FIPS-Mouche.
- 3.5. National Organisations applying for membership at the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and the C.I.P.S. Congress shall be allowed to support their candidature through their representative but only during the actual discussion. After admission, the representative of the new member shall be allowed to take part with full rights in the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress discussions.

ARTICLE 4

MEMBERS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 4.1. Ordinary Members have the right to:
 - a) be represented by one delegate at the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress and to present motions and candidatures at elections;

- b) take part with equal rights in FIPS-Mouche events;
 - c) be heard when decisions are taken on questions regarding their own activities;
 - d) be supported by FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. and enjoy the benefit of their promotional activities;
 - e) show in their Statutes and correspondence that they belong to FIPS-Mouche as part of C.I.P.S.;
 - f) make representations and pose queries to the FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board;
 - g) request that their own principal international sports events be included in any FIPS-Mouche International Calendar;
 - h) be informed when events are held by FIPS-Mouche and by C.I.P.S.
- 4.2. Extraordinary Members have the right to take part in the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and in the C.I.P.S. Congress, and to present proposals to encourage FIPS-Mouche sport activities, but without the right to vote. Moreover, they shall enjoy the rights mentioned in Article 4, paragraph 1, items c), f), and h).
- 4.3. All Members of FIPS-Mouche shall:
- a) observe FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. Statutes;
 - b) amend their own Statutes, to the extent legally possible, so that they shall not be in conflict with the Statutes of C.I.P.S. and FIPS-Mouche;
 - c) observe the FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules in international sporting events;
 - d) give their support to the realisation of FIPS-Mouche goals in accordance with Article 7;
 - e) pay the contributions at the rate established by the C.I.P.S. Congress regularly and on time;
 - f) encourage friendly relationships among members, and non members throughout the World.

ARTICLE 5

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. FIPS-Mouche membership shall cease;
- a) after voluntary resignation, notified by registered letter, addressed to the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat, with a copy to the FIPS-Mouche General Secretary and which shall be effective at the end of the financial year.
 - b) after expulsion caused by:
 - i) breach of FIPS-Mouche or C.I.P.S. Statutes or any supplementary instructions;
 - ii) the Organisation no longer representing its country in Fly Fishing;
 - iii) non-payment of C.I.P.S. membership fees;
 - iv) the organisation no longer being a member of C.I.P.S.
- 5.2. Following resignation or expulsion members shall lose their membership and respective rights.
- 5.3. Members who have resigned or been expelled shall not be refunded the membership subscription, nor have any right over the C.I.P.S. property.

ARTICLE 6

FIPS-Mouche MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

- 6.1 FIPS-Mouche management is composed of:

- a) The Presidential Board
- b) The Technical Commission

ARTICLE 7

MAIN TASKS OF FIPS-Mouche

- 7.1. In order to promote the spread of sport fly fishing throughout the world, FIPS-Mouche shall organise a world championship every year and, by special arrangement, other competitions.
- 7.2. The world championships shall aim to give the FIPS-Mouche National Organisations the opportunity to demonstrate their organisational skills in sport fly fishing competitions, to allow competitors and officials to get to know each other and to develop links of friendship, thus contributing to the better understanding among all people.
- 7.3. FIPS-Mouche shall support the activities of its members and encourage international meetings.
- 7.4. FIPS-Mouche shall ensure the observance of the C.I.P.S. Statutes, FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules and the laws of the host country in all international events arranged with National Organisations.
- 7.5. In this respect, all Members shall, when appointed to organise world, or regional competitions, present a declaration to FIPS-Mouche which shall state that FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules and C.I.P.S. Statutes shall be applied.

ARTICLE 8

FIPS-Mouche GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 8.1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of FIPS-Mouche and shall take decisions on problems of interpretation of the FIPS-Mouche Statutes as well as on motions which are presented to the C.I.P.S. Congress, which, in accordance with the C.I.P.S. Statutes, cannot be decided by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly.
- 8.2. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year, for no more than one day and it is convened by President of FIPS-Mouche. A register of deliberations is held and is available for consultation by every member up to date with its contribution. As a minimum the balance sheet shall be adopted.
- 8.3. The General Assembly shall be composed of:
 - a) Delegates of Members;
 - b) Presidential Board;
 - c) Representatives of Extraordinary Members.
- 8.4. Each Ordinary Member shall be allowed one vote only. The representatives of Extraordinary Members shall have no right to vote.
- 8.5. The General Assembly shall be valid when at least half of the delegates who have the right to vote are present. Once the quorum number has been established, it will be the basis for all motions of the General Assembly.
- 8.6. The place and date of the next General Assembly shall, ideally, be fixed on the occasion of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 8.7. The place and date of the General Assembly shall be fixed at least six (6) months before the Congress.

- 8.8. Motions for the General Assembly shall be submitted to the FIPS-Mouche General Secretariat three (3) months before the meeting. The FIPS-Mouche General Secretariat shall decide, in agreement with the President, whether these motions need to be submitted to the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat in accordance with the C.I.P.S. Statutes.
- 8.9. The Agenda and any valid motions received by the FIPS-Mouche General Secretariat shall be sent to members at least two months before the General Assembly.
- 8.10. Proposals for alterations to the Competition Rules shall be forwarded through the FIPS-Mouche General Secretariat to the Vice-President in charge of the Competition Rules at least three (3) months before the General Assembly. The Vice-President shall submit the proposals to the General Assembly together with the opinion of the Technical Commission. However, alterations to the Competition Rules shall be made only if at least three quarters of the delegates present agree to do so.
- 8.11. The General Assembly shall only deal with proposals included in the Agenda.
- 8.12. Urgent proposals can only be discussed if agreed by three quarters of the delegates present at the General Assembly.
- 8.13. The right of voting shall be given to the delegate or the proxy of the Federation concerned, and shall only be allowed when the C.I.P.S. Treasurer has received its subscription for participation in the General Assembly.
- 8.14. Delegates shall be members of the National Organisation they represent.
- 8.15. Members unable to take part in the General Assembly shall send written notice to the General Secretary. In such cases, the absent member shall be allowed to appoint a representative to be a proxy and to safeguard the members' interests at the General Assembly. A representative can only hold a proxy for one absent National Organisation.
- 8.16. Members of the Presidential Board shall be allowed to represent the interests of their national organisations at the General Assembly.
- 8.17. The Agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly shall be composed, in principle, of the following items:
- a) General Assembly Opening;
 - b) Determination of the quorum;
 - c) Approval of the Agenda;
 - d) Presidential Board Report;
 - e) Discussions of Reports;
 - f) Approval of Presidential Board Activities;
 - g) Discussion of proposals and the allocation of World Championship venues;
 - h) Admission of new members;
 - i) Decisions on Presidential Board and Technical Commission proposals and the financial plan;
 - j) Elections, when appropriate, in accordance with the FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. Statutes;
 - k) Final observations.
- 8.18. The election of the Presidential Board and Technical Commission shall be carried out by secret ballot.
- 8.19. Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority of the delegates present, except that a majority of three quarters of the delegates present is necessary for the following matters:
- a) alterations to the Statutes;
 - b) alterations to the Competition Rules;
 - c) alterations to the General Assembly Agenda;
 - d) suspension of a FIPS-Mouche member;

- e) dissolution of FIPS-Mouche.
- 8.20. The President and General Secretary shall examine and sign the General Assembly official Minutes and the Minutes of the Presidential Board meetings.

ARTICLE 9

FIPS-Mouche PRESIDENTIAL BOARD

- 9.1 The FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. It shall be composed of:
- a) The President, who is responsible for the general management of FIPS-Mouche, and becomes, *ex officio*, a member of the C.I.P.S. Presidium, represents FIPS-Mouche outside and against third parties;
 - b) The First Vice-President who becomes interim President until the next Congress, if the President is unable to perform his Presidential functions; becomes *ex officio*, member of the C.I.P.S. Water Protection Commission;
 - c) The Second Vice-President is responsible for maintaining the international calendar of events and becomes, *ex officio*, a member of the C.I.P.S. Youth Committee;
 - d) The General Secretary, who, in agreement with the President, is responsible for the observance of the Statutes, correspondence, invitations, financial affairs, and reports of all FIPS-Mouche meetings;
 - e) The Technical Commission consists of a Vice-President and three members elected by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly.
- 9.2 If a vacancy occurs, for any reason, in any of the elected positions in the FIPS-Mouche Board or Technical Commission more than six months before a General Assembly, the Presidential Board may appoint a person to fill the position until the next following General Assembly.
- 9.3
- a) A person may resign from office at any time.
 - b) A person may be removed from an elected office after a recommendation of the Presidential Board, subject to the agreement of a General Assembly or by a postal vote, in which a simple majority of three-quarters of the Federations entitled to vote signify agreement to the recommendation. Non-receipt of a reply within 6 weeks of the despatch of the recommendation will be considered to be assent.
 - c) The resultant vacancy in both cases will be treated as a casual vacancy. (Article 9.2 refers)
- 9.4 The members of the Presidential Board and the Technical Commission may only serve in the same office for two consecutive full terms.
- 9.5 The Presidential Board may, in addition, appoint a Vice-President with responsibility for Sponsorship and Standards, with a maximum tenure of the period until the next following General Assembly.
- 9.6 FIPS-Mouche guarantees no discrimination in access to official functions for Members and their Delegates (men or women).

ARTICLE 10

TASKS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD

- 10.1. The Presidential Board shall adapt the Competition Rules, by following current developments in fly fishing, in close co-operation with the National Organisations, and is responsible for any appropriate modification.

- 10.2. The Presidential Board shall have the right to meet, at its sole discretion, twice a year at the maximum. President of FIPS-Mouche convenes the General Assembly, which shall, if possible, take place on the occasion of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 10.3. The Presidential Board is authorised to spend all FIPS-Mouche funds at its sole discretion.
- 10.4. The Presidential Board shall report on its activities to the General Assembly of FIPS-Mouche, to the C.I.P.S. Board of Directors and Congress.
- 10.5. The Presidential Board shall confirm Competition results based on reports presented.
- 10.6. The Presidential Board will review any reports from the Juries and from International Organisers. If there have been any serious breaches of either the FIPS-Mouche Statutes or Competition Rules, the Presidential Board is empowered to take further disciplinary action after consultation with the affected members.
- 10.7. The Presidential Board may impose a suitable penalty in its sole discretion.
- 10.8. The member may appeal any disciplinary action to the General Assembly at the next Congress.

ARTICLE 11

GENERAL SECRETARY'S FUNCTIONS

- 11.1. The General Secretary is responsible for:
 - a) the FIPS-Mouche general administration, which includes the General Assembly and Presidential Board meeting reports, which he will prepare. Reports and notices shall however be submitted to the President for approval before being sent to the National Organisations.
 - b) the FIPS-Mouche financial management according to the financial programme approved by the General Assembly.
 - c) the presentation to the Presidential Board of any important news and shall see that any FIPS-Mouche publication is in accordance with the views of the Presidential Board.

ARTICLE 12

TECHNICAL COMMISSION

- 12.1 The Technical Commission consists of a Vice-President and three members elected by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly.
- 12.2 The Technical Commission will be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on technical matters referred to it by the Presidential Board.
- 12.3 The Chairman of the Technical Commission is responsible for reviewing all recommendations and Competition Rule Modifications.
- 12.4 The members of the Technical Commission may only serve two consecutive full terms.

ARTICLE 13

CONTRIBUTION AND FINANCIAL MEANS

- 13.1. Membership fees are established by the C.I.P.S. Congress. Dues are payable to the C.I.P.S. Treasurer, by January 1st of each year.
- 13.2. If the FIPS-Mouche fee has not been paid to C.I.P.S. by April 1st of the financial year, the member shall be suspended.
- 13.3. Any member, who is late in paying the FIPS-Mouche membership fee to C.I.P.S., is notified by registered letter of the consequences. If payment is received in full by July 1st, the member shall regain full rights, otherwise the membership is withdrawn.
- 13.4. FIPS-Mouche is financed by C.I.P.S. Board of Directors, in an adequate way to accomplish all its tasks according to the financial plan approved by the C.I.P.S. congress. These funds result from collections, donations, legacies and other sources.
- 13.5. There will be a fee, the amount to be fixed by the Presidential Board, payable for each registrant, in all FIPS-Mouche authorised events. This fee is to be collected as part of the registration fee by the Organiser and sent immediately together with a check list, to the FIPS-Mouche General Secretary. If this fee is not paid within three (3) months of it being collected, the host country will pay an interest based penalty of 10% per Annum, and their membership suspended, until it is paid in full.
- 13.6. The Host Country is required to pay € (Euro) 400 to the C.I.P.S. Treasurer for each authorised Championship held.

ARTICLE 14

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

- 14.1. FIPS-Mouche official languages shall be English, French and German. On the occasion of world championships and other FIPS-Mouche competition events the host country may select, at a minimum, two (2) official languages for that event. The language of the host country shall be an additional official language for that event only.
- 14.2. Delegates shall be allowed to use any language as long as the translation in the languages indicated in Article 14.1 be provided.
- 14.3. The Statutes, the Competition Rules and other documents as well as FIPS-Mouche decisions shall indicate which is the language of the original text.

ARTICLE 15

DISCIPLINARY RULES

- 15.1. Disciplinary measures shall be taken by the General Assembly and the Presidential Board in agreement with FIPS-Mouche and C.I.P.S. Statutes. In sports competitions, disciplinary measures shall be taken by the Jury in accordance with the Competition Rules.
- 15.2. Disciplinary measures shall be:
 - a) warning;
 - b) censure;
 - c) suspension of individual or team;
 - d) disqualification for life for an individual;
 - e) expulsion of a member.
- 15.3. These measures shall be applied to National Organisations or individuals whose behaviour has proven to be against the C.I.P.S. Statutes or FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules or Statutes or to those who do not fulfil their obligations towards C.I.P.S. and FIPS-Mouche.

15.4. Further disciplinary measures are established by the C.I.P.S. Statutes, Article 17, as follows:

- "4. *Suspension is carried out by:*
- a) *Decision of the Congress, or*
 - b) *Board of Directors decision in the event of urgency or absolute need. In this case the matter shall be ratified by the following Congress.*
5. *These measures come into force by ratification of the decision.*
6. *A member shall be expelled from the C.I.P.S. in the following cases:*
- a) *by breach of the Statutes, principles, or supplementary instructions;*
 - b) *by no longer performing the task of representing the national organisation of angling, casting, sea-angling or fly fishing;*
 - c) *by non-payment of sums due to C.I.P.S.*
7. *Expulsion of a member by the above-mentioned reasons shall be decided by the Congress on a majority of three quarters of delegates present."*

ARTICLE 16

COMPETITION RULES

16.1 FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules shall be part of the present Statutes.

ARTICLE 17

STATUTES ALTERATIONS AND DISSOLUTION

- 17.1. Alterations to the Statutes and Competition Rules shall be decided by the General Assembly by a majority of three quarters of the delegates present. They shall be indicated in the General Assembly Agenda.
- 17.2. FIPS-Mouche shall only be dissolved by decision of the General Assembly summoned to that effect. The above General Assembly shall be attended by at least three quarters of the members. FIPS-Mouche shall be considered dissolved only if at least three quarters of the voting delegates present have voted in favour of its dissolution.
- 17.3. The General Assembly deciding FIPS-Mouche dissolution shall decide on the disposal of property and the appointment of liquidators.

ARTICLE 18

STATUTES RATIFICATION

The original Statutes of FIPS-Mouche were ratified at the IXX C.I.P.S. Congress, held in San Marino, on April 23, 1989.

Replacement Statutes were ratified by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly, on April 26, 1991, at Bordeaux, and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on April 27, 1991 at Bordeaux. The basis was an English language version of the FIPS-Ed Statutes, changing all references from Fresh Water Fishing to Fly Fishing.

The original language of the statutes is English.

The FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified, and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress at the XXI C.I.P.S. Congress held in Dublin, Ireland, 22-24 April 1993.

The 1993 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress at the XXII C.I.P.S. Congress held in Dresden, Germany in May 1995.

The 1995 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Luxembourg in May 1997.

The 1997 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Poreč, Croatia in April 1999.

The 1999 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Valladolid, Spain in May 2001.

The 2001 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Locarno, Switzerland in April 2003.

The 2003 FIPS-Mouche Statutes were modified and approved by the FIPS-Mouche General Assembly and confirmed by the C.I.P.S. Congress held in Rome, Italy in April 2011.