



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

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

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### INTRODUCTION

*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 2 and 10 of the C.I.P.S. statutes.*

*The statutes of « member » extends to all C.I.P.S. member National Federations. « 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

*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.*

*The F.I.P.S.e.d. head office shall be located at the same place as the Presidents residence.*

### 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 practising 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. 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 programme, 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 practising 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 held 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 practising 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.*

*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 with the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee.*

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

- a) *ordinary members*

- b) *contributing members*

- *With respect to point a) above :*

*Any federation practising angling in fresh waters shall be allowed to become ordinary member of the F.I.P.S.e.d..*

*Any Federation wishing to become member of the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be caused to submit an application thereof to the C.I.P.S.. The C.I.P.S. Secretariat shall hence forward the aforementioned application to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee in order to have the latter's opinion thereof. 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..*

- *With respect to point b) above :*

*Instructions that acknowledge the F.I.P.S.e.d. and C.I.P.S. statutes and that contribute to the development of angling worldwide from a moral and organization viewpoint, shall be allowed to become contributing members of the F.I.P.S.e.d.. They shall be admitted only upon decision of the C.I.P.S. Congress.*

3. *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.*

## ARTICLE 4

### Rights and duties of the members

#### 1. Rights

*Ordinary members shall have the right to :*

- a) to 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 candidatures during elections ;*
- b) take part in the F.I.P.S.e.d. events with equal rights ;*
- c) be heard in the case of decisions 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) indicate their membership to the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. in their own statutes and correspondance ;*
- f) appeal to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee to settle any dispute ;*
- g) request that their major sport 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..*

*Contributing 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 1b), c), f), h).*

#### 2. Duties

*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**

*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.**

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

1. *one Directing Committee*
2. *one « TECHNICAL » Commission to deal with the competition rules, the visiting of the proposed angling venues and refereeing.*
3. *one « YOUTH » Commission*
4. *one Commission for the « PROTECTION OF WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT »*

## **ARTICLE 7**

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

1. *In order to develop angling in fresh waters worldwide, the F.I.P.S.e.d. within the C.I.P.S. shall organise yearly world and 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 with one another in fresh waters by means of loyal sports competitions thus enabling anglers and officials alike to become acquainted with eachother and to establish friendly relations, hence contributing to the understanding among different communities.*

2. *The F.I.P.S.e.d. 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 organised 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 and construction 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 shall meet one day only during the C.I.P.S. Ordinary Congress.*
- 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 contributing members shall not have the right to vote.*
- 5) *The Assembly shall be deemed to be valid when the necessary quorum is reached, when at least one half of the delegates bearing right to vote shall be in attendance. Once the above requirement will be fulfilled, it shall be deemed as acquired throughout the General Assembly.*
- 6) *In principle, the place and date of the General Assembly shall be the same as the 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 Treasurer 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 Treasurer 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) *Proposals contemplating any change to the competition rules must be sent to the Vice-President in charge thereof through the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Secretary Treasurer, and at least six months prior to the General Assembly. The Vice-President shall submit the proposals to the General Assembly together with the opinion given thereof by the competent commission. In order to change the competition rules, at least 3-quarters of the National Federations in attendance must give their approval thereof.*
- 11) *The General Assembly may only review proposals included in the agenda.*
- 12) *Urgent motions may be discussed only if the majority of the three-quarters of the votes cast by the delegates in attendance is reached.*
- 13) *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 Treasurer receives the name entry for the General Assembly.*
- 14) *Delegates must belong to the Federation they represent.*
- 15) *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.*
- 16) *During the General Assembly, the Directing Committee members shall be allowed to defend the interests of their own National Federation.*
- 17) *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 programme of the Directing Committee and its Commission, and of the financial plan ;*
- k) Elections as set forth by the statutes ;*
- l) Closing remarks.*

**18) Elections**

- a) The election of the Directing Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly by means of simple majority and lay secret ballots ;*
- b) The election of the chairman by the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly shall be ratified by the C.I.P.S. Congress ;*
- c) Should such ratification be denied, an additional F.I.P.S.e.d.General Assembly shall be convened at once so as to repeat the election of the chairman.*

**19) Resolutions during the General Assembly shall be carried 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 competition rules ;*
- c) changes to the agenda of the General Assembly ;*
- d) expulsion of a F.I.P.S.e.d. member ;*
- e) dissolution of the F.I.P.S.e.d..*

**20) The chairman and the General Secretary Treasurer 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

*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 :*

- 1. One chairman 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 ;*
- 2. One Vice-Chairman in charge of the Technical Commission of the F.I.P.S.e.d. (composed of three members). This one in charge of visiting the angling venues and international events ;*
- 3. One Vice-Chairman in charge of the youth Commission and the protection of waters and the environment (composed of one or two members) ;*
- 4. One General Secretary Treasurer who shall make sure the statutes are abode by, deal with the corespondence, invitations and, together with the Chairman, deal with financial transactions and draw up proceedings.*
- 5. If the Chairman is no longer able to fulfil 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 ;*
- 6. The Vice-Chairman as referred to in section 5 hereinabove shall be called upon immediatly to fulfil the Chairman's duties whilst awaiting the C.I.P.S. Praesidium resolution thereof ;*
- 7. The Directing Committee may be increased only subject to a supplementary election during the following F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly ;*
- 8. 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

*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 angling requirements, and make sure that the statutes and the competition rules are abode by.*

- 1. 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. ;*
- 2. The Directing Committee shall not recognise world or european records ;*
- 3. The approval and recrutement of international referees shall be entrusted to the F.I.P.S.e.d. Directing Committee.  
International referees shall be issued an identification card.*
- 4. 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 ;*
- 5. Upon considering the F.I.P.S.e.d. duties, the Directing Committee shall be allowed to meet indipendently up to twice a year and convoene the General Assembly which if possible shall meet during the C.I.P.S. Congress ;*
- 6. The Directing Committee shall be free to dispose of the financial means granted by the C.I.P.S. Congress as it deems fit.*
- 7. 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.*

## ARTICLE 11

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

1. *The General Secretary shall be responsible for the management of the F.I.P.S.e.d., including the drawing up of the proceedings of the General Assembly and meeting of the Directing Committee. Before sending the proceedings and the invitations to the various National Federations these must be submitted to the Chairman who shall sign them ;*
2. *Based on the plan approved by the General Assembly, he shall be responsible for the financial administration of the F.I.P.S.e.d. ;*
3. *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

### *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 13

### *Official languages*

1. *The official languages of the F.I.P.S.e.d. shall be french, english and german. During world and 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. *A delegate 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.*

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Disciplinary sanctions**

1. *Disciplinary sanctions shall be decided by the General Assmebly and by the Directing Committee in accordance with the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes. Pursuant to competitions rules and subject to consultation with at least three Directing Committee members, during sports competitions disciplinary provisions shall be decided by the jury ;*
2. *F.I.P.S.e.d. disciplinary sanctions shall comprise :*
  - a) *warning ;*
  - b) *admonishment ;*
  - c) *ban on individuals or teams during competitions or individual events ;*
  - d) *ban resulting from change of federation, by accordance to competition rules ;*
  - e) *ban ;*
  - f) *life-ban ;*
3. *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 fulfil their duties as set forth by the C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S.e.d. ;*
4. *As to further terms pertaining disciplinary sanctions référence shall be made to art.17 sections 4-7 of the C.I.P.S. statutes.*

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **Competition rules**

*The F.I.P.S.e.d. competition rules shall be deemed to be part and parcel of the statutes herein.*

## ARTICLE 16

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

1. Resolutions pertaining any change to the statutes and competition rules 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 therefor ;
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

*These statutes were reviewed by the F.I.P.S.e.d. General Assembly on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1999 in POREC (Croatia) and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress held on 1st May 1999 again in POREC (Croatia). They take the place of the statutes approved by the General Assembly of 15<sup>th</sup> July 1972 in PRAGUE.*

*The statutes shall be deemed to have come into force as of 1st May 1999.*

*In case of a complaint concerning the F.I.P.S.e.d. statutes, the C.I.P.S. statutes will be the reference.*

*The original text of these statutes was drawn in french which will be the language of reference.*

*The President of the F.I.P.S. e.d.*

*The General Secretary of the F.I.P.S.e.d.*

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