



**Statutes of the  
Fédération Internationale de la  
Pêche Sportive en Mer - A.s.b.l.  
(non-profit-making association)  
of C.I.P.S.  
(F.I.P.S.-M.)**

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The representatives of the national federations members of the International Sport Sea Fishing Federation, FIPS-M, declare by the present deed to form the association as non-profit-making association, A.s.b.l., in accordance with the law of April 21 of 1928, modified by the laws, of February 22 of 1964, of March 4 of 1994, of August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2001 and of December 19 of 2002 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and to decide as follows the statutes of the new association, of which the founding member federations are :

Österreichischer Verband Meeresangeln - with seat in Vienna (Austria)

Federação Angolana de Pesca Desportiva - with seat in Luanda (Angola)

Confederação Brasileira de Pesca e Desportos Subaquáticos - with seat in Rio de Janeiro (Brésil)

Deutscher Anglerverband - with seat in Berlin (Germany)

Belgium Confederation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Knokke-Heist (Belgium)

CNFA - China Worldfish - with seat in Beijing (China)

Hrvatski Savez za Sportski Ribolov na Moru - with seat in Rijeka (Croatia)

Hellenic Federation for Underwater Activities, Sportfishing and Finswimming - with seat in Hellinicon (Greece)

Egyptian Angling Federation - with seat in Cairo (Egypt)

National Federation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Buckfastleigh (England)

Federação Espanola de Pesca - with seat in Madrid (Spain)

Fédération Française des Pêcheurs en Mer - with seat in Anglet (France)

Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Gibraltar

Irish Federation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Dublin (Ireland)

Israeli Sportfishing Association – with seat in Ramat-Gan (Israel)

Federazione Italiana Pesca Sportiva - with seat in Roma (Italy)

Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Pêcheurs Sportifs - with seat in Itzig (Luxembourg)

Savez za Podvodne Aktivnosti i Sportski Ribolov - with seat in Budva (CNRA Gora-Montegro)

Namibia Federation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Windhoek (Namibia)

Sportvisserij Nederland - with seat in Bilthoven (Netherlands)

Federacion Nacional de Pesca Desportiva A.C-with seat in Tampico (Mexico)

Polski Związek Wędkarski - with seat in Warsaw (Poland)

Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva d Alto Mar - with seat  
in Povoá de Varzim (Portugal)

Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva - with seat in Lisbon (Portugal)

Federazione Samarinese Pesca Sportiva - with seat in Domagnano (San Marino)

Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers - with seat in Kirkcaldy (Scotland)

Fédération Sénégalaise de Pêche Sportive - with seat in Dakar (Senegal)

Zveza za Sportni Ribolov na Moru Slovenije – with seat in Portoroz (Slovenia)

Fédération Suisse de Pêche en Mer – with seat in Geneva (Switzerland)

South African Deep Sea Angling Association - with seat in Pretoria (South Africa )

South African Shore Angling Association – with seat in Durban (South Africa)

South African Light Tackle Boat Angling Association - with seat in  
Evander (South Africa)

Sea Angling United States of America - with seat in Jupiter (Florida U.S.A.)

Fédération Tunisienne de Pêches Sportives - with seat in Tunis (Tunisia)

Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers – with seat in Bargoed, Mid-Glamorgan  
( Wales)

## **INTRODUCTION**

The International Sport Fishing Federation named FIPS-M is an self-governing International Federation of C.I.P.S.

The term „Members” extends for all C.I.P.S. National Federations and the term „Fédération Internationale” for the union of National Sea Angling Federations of the world. The C.I.P.S. Statute have full validity for both the FIPS-M within C.I.P.S. and its members.

## **ARTICLE -1- Denomination and Headquarters**

1. The Association within the C.I.P.S. was founded on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1972 in Prague and is named, Fédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive en Mer, FIPS-M, A.s.b.l.  
The duration is unlimited.
2. The FIPS-M have its headquarters in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg - L-5969, ITZIG 47, rue de la libération . By decision of the FIPS/M General Assembly it can be transferred in the locality of the President or the Secretary general.

## **ARTICLE -2- Aim, Purpose and Activity**

1. The FIPS-M of C.I.P.S. takes aim in collaboration with all national federations, member of C.I.P.S. to develop sea-angling in the world. FIPS-M also works for conservation of fish species in the sea and their environment. In order to reach its purpose the Federations which practise Sporting Sea Fishing but are not member C.I.P.S.
2. The aim of FIPS-M is within the Olympic Ideal to contribute to friendship and understanding among all peoples and peace in the World through the sea angling sport.  
Within this aim FIPS-M will take care to maintain friendly relationships with all other world organisations carrying out the same ideal and pointing to the same scope by collaborating with them.
3. The FIPS-M within C.I.P.S. spreads all its activities in accordance with the C.I.P.S. Statute and the working and financial plans and rules established by the C.I.P.S. Congress and FIPS-M General Assembly for the carrying out of the Congress decisions.
4. The FIPS-M is an international sports organisation of universal character. National Federations, which by political, religious or racial reasons practise any kind of discrimination, or depend upon organisations, which allow the said behaviour, cannot be members of the FIPS-M.  
Members of the FIPS-M can not be considered responsible for their government's policy.

## **ARTICLE -3- Members**

1. All National Federation which practises sea-angling activity which recognizes the C.I.P.S. Statute, and that of the FIPS-M within C.I.P.S., of which the Membership is approved by majority of votes of the National C.I.P.S. affiliated Federations and validated by the C.I.P.S. Congress.

This implies the clear understanding expressed by the statutes of the concerned national Federation which must state that any national citizen of this federation may belong to the FIPS-M no matter his political or religious creed and colour of his skin. As a guarantee of the above-mentioned condition, all National Federations shall deposit their Statutes at the C.I.P.S. Secretariat and the FIPS-M Presidential Office.

2. For each Nation more than one National Federation or other national recognised organisations can be accepted, by the International Federation FIPS-M of C.I.P.S. If a Federation or other National Organisation does not practise during three years one or more disciplines of sport sea angling in the tournament calendar, one or more of the other Federations or National Organisations can retake these disciplines of sport sea angling of the International Federation FIPS-M of C.I.P.S.

Each Nation can have only one Federation, and per discipline of sport sea angling, accepted by C.I.P.S. If more applications are submitted for each discipline of Sport Sea angling, only the federation, which is accredited and recognised by its nation, will be accepted.

The disciplines of the FIPS-M are: Boat Angling; Shore Angling; Big Game Fishing; Sea Fly and Cast Angling; and Long Slings of Sea Weights, Boat Angling in the estuaries with light tackles.

The C.I.P.S. General Secretary must inform the former Member by a registered letter addressed to its last known headquarter, and if the above Member fail to respond within sixty days thereafter, the provision shall be deemed to be as tacitly accepted.

3. The FIPS-M is composed of:

- a) ordinary Members;
- b) applying Members;
- c) promoting Members.

- a) Ordinary Members are those National Federations, which practise sea-angling sport. National Federations wishing to become members of the FIPS-M must make an application to FIPS-M for full membership. After approval on the part of the FIPS-M Assembly, the application will be passed on to the C.I.P.S. Congress for final approval.

- b) Applying Members of FIPS-M are those Federations, which practise sea-angling sport. National Federations wishing to become members of the FIPS-M must present an application to FIPS-M for partial membership. After approval by the FIPS-M General Assembly, applications will be passed on to the C.I.P.S. Congress for final approval.

- c) Promoting Members are those organisations which recognize the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes and which contribute, under the moral and of the organisation points of view to the development of sea-angling sport in the world. Promoting members can only be accepted by decision of the C.I.P.S. Congress.

4. National Federations applying for membership to the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress may have support of their candidature through their representatives but only at the moment of the actual discussion. After admission, representatives of the concerned Federation can take part with full rights in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress discussions.

## **ARTICLE -4- Members Rights and Duties**

### 1. Rights

Ordinary Member has the right :

- a) to take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with their delegates and to present motions and candidatures at elections;
- b) to take part with parity of rights in relationship to its membership at FIPS-M events;
- c) to be heard by questions concerning them;
- d) to be supported and promoted by the FIPS-M;
- e) to indicate in their Statutes and correspondence the fact to belonging to the FIPS-M and to the C.I.P.S.;
- f) to address to the FIPS-M bodies for conciliation in case of conflicts;
- g) to benefit of regularly information about FIPS-M events;
- h) request for their most important sports events to be included in the FIPS-M International Calendar;
- i) to pay the yearly amount of the C.I.P.S. membership by FIPS-M. This will be fixed during the C.I.P.S. Congress .

Application Member has the right :

- a) to take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with their delegates without voting right;
- b) to take part with parity of rights in relationship to its membership in FIPS-M events but without being able to organise them;
- c) to be heard by questions concerning them;
- d) to be supported and promoted by the FIPS-M;
- e) to indicate in their Statutes and correspondence the fact to belonging to the FIPS-M and to the C.I.P.S.;
- f) to address to the FIPS-M bodies for conciliation in case of conflicts;
- g) to benefit of regularly information about FIPS-M events;
- h) to pay the yearly amount of the C.I.P.S. membership by FIPS-M. This will be fixed during the C.I.P.S. Congress .

Amount of the yearly C.I.P.S. fee

- Year to become member: free of fee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year after the joining: 1/3 of the fee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year after the joining: 2/3 of the fee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year after the joining: full fee

At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the partial membership it will become a full membership with voting right and the right for organising FIPS-M/CIPS events.

Promoting Members have the right to take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with observer delegates in an advisory capacity and to introduce suggestions through the commissions of which they co-operate. They benefit of the rights mentioned in Article 4, paragraph 1, items b) and item g).

## 2. Duties

Members of the FIPS-M shall:

- a) observe the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes.
- b) draw up their own Statutes so that they shall not be in contrast with the Statutes of the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S..
- c) observe, in international sports events, the Competition Regulations of the FIPS-M.
- d) give their support to the realisation of the FIPS-M tasks.
- e) pay the contributions established by the C.I.P.S. Congress on time.
- f) encourage friendly relationship among members.

## **ARTICLE -5- Suspension of Membership**

Suspension of membership from the FIPS-M will be carried out :

1. By voluntary resignation communicated by registered letter, and comes into effect by running out of the administrative year.

### 3. By exclusion :

- c. to act in contravention of the des principes, of the statutes or of the additional conditions which complete them.
- b. if a federation has not longer in his country, the capacity as national sport fishing association.
- c. if the membership dues or the debt of the starting fees are not paid by the National Affiliated Federations **affiliated to CIPS in accordance with article 15 of the confederation statutes written as follows**

**If a Member fails to pay his fee before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April of the current year, he will be call to order by the C.I.P.S. Treasurer by registered letter, with copy to the concerned FIPS, which will inform them that's the no-payment results the immediate suspension of its rights.**

**If the fee is pay after the reminder they will be readmitted after reception of the payment.**

**In the negative they will stop as CIPS member.**

**The affiliated members of several FIPS for different disciplines will be suspend or exclude only for the concerned FIPS by the no-payment. (or the no-payments)**

3. The resignations must be addressed to the FIPS/M secretary general. They will be communicated to the CIPS secretary general.
4. The resigning or excluded Members lose the capacity as member of FIPS/M and all its rights towards CIPS and the FIPS/M events. They have no right for a refund of payment from membership dues or starting fees, and no right to the property of FIPS/M.

## **ARTICLE -6- FIPS-M Structure**

The FIPS-M is composed of:

1. The President.
2. The Technical Commission, responsible for the competition rules, international tournament calendar.

## **ARTICLE -7- Main Tasks of FIPS-M**

1. In order to promote sea angling worldwide, FIPS-M organizes world championships every year.  
The aim of these championships is to give to national Federations which are member of FIPS-M the possibility to measure themselves in sea angling sports competitions, to know each other and to develop friendship links and so contributing to the better understanding among the peoples.
2. The C.I.P.S. FIPS-M supports each initiative of the National Federations to foresee the organisation of international meetings, tournaments and cup competitions.
3. The FIPS-M must see for the observance of the C.I.P.S. and FIPS-M Regulations as well as those of competitions, in all international events it organises.
4. In this respect, all National Federations must, in case of taking care to organize world or continental championships, world or continental cups or international tournaments, present a declaration to the FIPS-M which promises that the C.I.P.S. and FIPS-M Statutes and the competition rules will be respected.  
Before a sports event can be organised, the federation must prove the participation in 3 competitions of the same discipline. However if they can prove to the Technical commission of FIPS-M, that all accommodation infrastructures are available, that they have the necessary preparation and experience, than an exception from the guidelines can be accepted after a compulsory visit of a responsible of the FIPS-M Technical Commission, if an application is addressed to the FIPS-M secretary general.
5. Geographic Zones.  
The FIPS/M agrees that CIPS member nations of a same region of the world can form zones on the initiative of one or more federations or national bodies of which FIPS/M will ensure the management, the delimitation and the constitution of its own zones. (see Internal FIPS/M Guidelines)

## **ARTICLE -8- FIPS-M General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly is the highest organ of the FIPS-M and will take decision on problems of interpretation of the FIPS-M Statute as well as on motions which are presented on the C.I.P.S. Congress in according with the C.I.P.S. Statute. These motions cannot be part of a debate from the FIPS-M General Assembly itself.
2. The General Assembly takes place each year during one day, during the C.I.P.S. Congress.
3. The General Assembly is rightful constituted, in a first session, when at least the two third of the members with voting rights are present or represented. A second session, which must follows the first and will only be rightful constituted if the half of the members are presents or represented, according to article 8. of the law of April 21 of 1928 .
4. The General Assembly is composed of:
  - a) Delegates of Ordinary Members
  - b) Delegates of Applying Members
  - c) Presidential Board
  - d) Delegates of Promoting Members
5. Each Ordinary Member has one vote only. The delegates of the applying members et promoting members have no vote.
6. The General Assembly is regular constituted when at least half of the delegates having the right of vote are present. Once the quorum is established that number is valid for the whole duration of the General Assembly.
7. Place and date of the General Assembly are in principle fixed on the occasion of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
8. Place and date of the General Assembly will be fixed at least six months previous to its convocation.
9. Motions for the General Assembly must be presented to the FIPS-M secretary general four months before the meeting of it. The FIPS-M secretary general decides, in agreement with the President, which must decide if these motions must first be be presented to the C.I.P.S. General Secretary or not, according to the C.I.P.S. Statute.
10. The Agenda and proposals received by the FIPS-M secretary general must be sent to members two months before the opening of the General Assembly.
11. Proposals for modifications of to the Competition Rules must be sent forward through the FIPS-M Secretary general, to the Vice-President responsible for the Technical Commission of the Competition Regulations sector at least six months before the General Assembly. The Vice-President presents the proposal to the General Assembly together with the statement of the FIPS-M Board and the Technical commission. However, modifications of to the Competition Rules will be accepted only if at least three-quarters of the National Federations present agree to do so.

12. The General Assembly can only examine proposals indicated in the Agenda.
13. Urgent proposals will only be discussed if a majority of three-quarters of the votes of delegates present at the Assembly is obtain.
14. The right of vote will be given by presenting of Proxy by the delegate of the Federation concerned and will be conceded after the General Secretary has received the nominal inscription for participation in the General Assembly.
15. Delegates must be members of the Federation they represent.
16. Each member unable to take part in the General Assembly must send written notice to the Board. In this case, a delegate of another federation holder of a Proxy, on his behalf will safeguard its interests at the General Assembly. Each delegate can represent only one absent Federation.
17. Members of the Board can defend the interests of their National Federations at the General Assembly.
18. The Agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly must include in principle the following items:
  - a) General Assembly Opening;
  - b) Determination of the quorum;
  - c) Approval of the Agenda;
  - d) Board Report;
  - e) Commissions Report;
  - f) Discussion of Reports;
  - g) Approval of the Board Work;
  - h) Discussion of the motions including the entrust of World Championships and decisions;
  - i) Confirmation of Records;
  - j) Admission of new Members;
  - k) Decisions on the Board work programme and of its Commissions as well as on the financial plan;
  - l) Elections, if included in the Agenda, according to the Statute;
  - m) Final observations.
- 19 Elections
  - a) The election of the Board will be carried out by Hand Voting;
  - b) The election of the President at the General Assembly of the FIPS-M, must be approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress
  - c) If the concerned ratification is being denied, an other General Assembly of the FIPS-M shall be immediately called and a new President elected.  
Concerning the elections of the Board and the Technical Commission, the candidatures must be addressed by registered letter 40 days before the election date to the FIPS-M secretary general.
- 20 . Decisions of the General Assembly will be taken by simple majority of the present delegates. The decisions indicated below will be an exception and will require a majority of three-quarters of the delegates present:
  - a) statute alterations;
  - b) alterations to the Competition Regulations;

- c) alterations to the General Assembly Agenda;
  - d) exclusion of a FIPS-M Member;
  - e) dissolution of the FIPS-M.
21. The President and Secretary General are in charge to examine and sign the General Assembly Official Report and the reports of the Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE -9- FIPS-M Board**

The Board of the FIPS-M is elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years and composed of:

1. the President, responsible for the general management of the FIPS-M is a member of the C.I.P.S. Presidium. He will represent the FIPS-M outside and against third parties.
2. one Vice-President, responsible for the Competition Rules and the international tournament calendar.
3. one Vice-President, responsible for relationship with new member and Youth relationship.
4. one Vice-President, responsible for environmental problems and for conservation of species.
5. the Secretary general, responsible takes care of the respect of the Statute, the correspondence and invitations in agreement with the President. By proposal of the President he can assume the function as deputy president. He is responsible for financial affairs and to write down the minutes.

By proposition of the President a deputy Secretary General can be appointed by the General Assembly. The secretary general and the deputy secretary general must speak and write at least **the two CIPS languages, which are the French and the English Language.**

6. the Secretary of the Technical commission is a full member of the board and can for lack of the deputy secretary general give help to the secretary general in its work only in the function of the secretariat.
7. the responsible for the homologation of the Competition records is official representative and appointed by the board. He also can collaborate within the responsibility of a discipline of sporting sea angling within the Technical Commission.
8. the Vice-President in charge of the Competition Rules is responsible of the Technical Commission. The commission is composed of as many members as there are Sports disciplines.
9. If the President, for health reasons or other, can not carry out his functions, the FIPS-M Board proposes to the C.I.P.S. Presidium that the deputy president takes up the President's functions.
10. The proposed deputy president assumes the functions of the President while awaiting the C.I.P.S. Presidential Board decision.
11. The Presidential Board may be completed only after a supplementary election on the occasion of the following General Assembly.
12. Each member of the Board and the Technical Commission, which during his mandates loses the accreditation of his federation, per example for serious missing in that federation, he can be replaced by a proposed member by the federation. The replacement must be agreed by decision of the Board and must be confirmed by the next FIPS-M General assembly.
13. If a member of the Board or the technical Commission without valid reason is during 3 successive meetings not present, in that case the board can ask his replacement by a person of its selection, which will be confirmed during the next General Assembly.

14. Each member of the Board or the Technical Commission must by presentation of his candidature to a leading function of FIPS-M, address to the secretary general an approval letter of his federation with the information about the requested function. Each member of the Board or the Technical Commission must talk and write at least one of the CIPS languages.

## **ARTICLE -10- Tasks of the Board**

The task of the FIPS-M Board is to perfect the Competition Regulations by following the most recent requirements in the development of sea angling in close collaboration with the FIPS-M members; moreover, and see for the respect of the Statutes and Competition Rules.

1. The FIPS-M Board confirms world records based on reports presented to it; in the case of claim the final decision will be taken by the General Assembly.
2. The FIPS-M Board will only recognise the records, which are in accordance with its specific regulations.
3. The FIPS-M Board will approve and engage international referees.
4. According to the Competition Rules, the FIPS-M Board shall can decide to suspend an athlete for a period of time which could go up to two years, after consulting the National Federations (the basic document will be the Competition Regulations).
5. The FIPS-M Board have the right to call, under its responsibility, a meeting of the FIPS-M Board, which may not exceed two per year; similarly, it shall call a meeting of the FIPS-M possibly during the C.I.P.S. Congress.
6. The FIPS-M Board can dispose free of the financial means provided by the C.I.P.S. Congress.
7. The FIPS-M Board must make report on its activity to the General Assembly, the C.I.P.S. Presidium and the Congress.

## **ARTICLE -11- FIPS-M Commissions**

A permanent Commission is set up to exercise the various tasks:

The technical Commission, will be in charge of the Competition Regulations and the tournament calendar.

The FIPS-M Commission has the right to:

1. carry out the decisions of the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress and in agreement with the measures taken by the FIPS-M Board.
2. present proposals to the FIPS-M Board with the view to perfecting the Competition Regulations and draw up the tournament calendar;
3. work according to a programme of activity regarding the calendar and finance in agreement with the FIPS-M Board.

## **ARTICLE -12- Secretary General's Functions**

1. The Secretary General is responsible for the FIPS-M management including the General Assembly reports and of the board meetings.  
Reports and invitations must however be presented to the FIPS-M President and signed by him before being sent to the National Federations.
2. The Secretary General is responsible for the FIPS-M financial management according to the financial programme approved by the General Assembly.
3. He presents to the board the regular publication of the most important news and he must take care that this publication is made in accordance with the advice of the board.

## **ARTICLE -13- Signatures and Accounting.**

1. The signatures of two FIPS-M Board Members, of whom one must be the president or by failing that the secretary general - treasurer, engage lawful the association towards thirds, without been justified by a prior authorization.
2. The daily management documents, the current correspondence, the receipts or the financial transaction can only bear the signature of the president or of the secretary general - treasurer.

## **ARTICLE -14- Auditing of the Financial Management.**

1. The financial management of the association is supervise and checked by the audit of the accounts inspectors of CIPS.
2. The president of the audit of the accounts inspectors make to the CIPS Presidium CIPS a report about the results of their Auditing. They can inspect all the documents and notably the registers and the accounting papers.

## **ARTICLE -15- Membership dues, resources, fiscal year, balance and budget**

2. All the Federations who are member of FIPS-M must pay the yearly CIPS membership dues to the CIPS accounting.
2. The financial resources of the association consist notably of :
  - a. the subsidies yearly of the " Confédération Internationale de la Pêche sportive ", CIPS.
  - b. the starting fees of the national teams participating on the championships under the aegis of FIPS/M.
  - c. the competition record registration fees of the national federations member of FIPS/M or of competition under the aegis of FIPS/M.
  - d. the donations or potential bequests.
  - e. Remunerations or subsidies from national or international institutions for rights of organization of international competitions or tasks (study, participations).

3. The fiscal year starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and closes the 31 of December.
4. The 31 of December each year the secretary general- treasurer stops and closes the financial year. He also draws up the budget for the next year.

## **ARTICLE -16- Official Languages**

1. The FIPS-M official languages are **English and French** . On the occasion of world championships and other FIPS-M events, the language of the host country can also be considered official.
2. The Statute, the Competition Regulations and other documents as well as the FIPS-M decisions must indicate the language used in the original text.
3. Delegates can be allowed to speak even an other language,. In that case the translation in the indicated language in item 1 must be guaranteed .

## **ARTICLE -17- Competition Regulations**

The FIPS-M Competition Rules are full part of the present Statute.

## **ARTICLE -18- Disciplinary Measures**

1. Disciplinary measures must be taken by the General Assembly and the Board in agreement with the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes. In sports competitions, disciplinary measures must be taken by the Jury according to the Competition Regulations and heard at least by three representatives of the FIPS-M Board.
2. Disciplinary measures shall be:
  - a) warning.
  - b) blame.
  - c) suspension of single person or team on the occasion of sport competitions or by individual disciplines.
  - n) suspension in case of Federation changing according to the Competition Regulations.
  - o) temporary suspension.
  - p) permanent exclusion.
3. These measures can be applied to member Federations or single persons whose behaviour is prove to be against the C.I.P.S. Statute and Competition Rules of the FIPS-M or to those who do not fulfil their obligations towards the C.I.P.S. and FIPS-M.

## **ARTICLE -19 – Doping**

1. It is forbidden to each person to use, during sport competitions and sport events organized or authorized by sport fishing federations or in view of participation to this events, substances and methods having this characteristic, are established by a jointly order of the ministries of sport and of health of the organizing nations.
2. In the same conditions, it is forbidden, without prejudice to the liberty of treatment for therapeutic means, to administer substances above defined or to apply methods pointed to this paragraph, to encourage the use of such substances or methods or to make easier their use.
3. The doctor who, for therapeutic means, prescribes a treatment to a person, is obliged to the request of that person, to indicate if this treatment lead to the use of forbidden substances or methods of the first paragraph above.
4. The anti-doping rules applies to :
  - a. To all the national federations members of FIPS/M under their statute, their accreditation or of their participations to activities or events organized under the aegis of FIPS/M.
  - b. To each competitor participating at activities or events of FIPS/M .
  - c. To all doping controls within the jurisdiction of FIPS/M.

FIPS/M makes sure that all the controls at national level carried out to its national affiliated federations respect the anti-doping rules.

In case when FIPS/M delegates through the national organizing federation the responsibility for the controls to a national anti-doping organization (ONA), the FIPS/M anti-doping rules must be applied, if possible, to the ONA responsible.

## **ARTICLE -20 – Commission of Appeal**

1. The Commission of Appeal is make up by three members, they will be elected by the FIPS/M General assembly by proposition of the FIPS/M Board. The Commission of Appeal appoints his president, who must have a legal training. The members are elected for a period of four years and renewable.
2. Each dispute in relationship with the statutes, regulations, guidelines and decision of the FIPS/M Board, and for which doesn't exist a competent organism, will be submitted exclusive to the " Tribunal Arbitral des Sports " in Lausanne (Switzerland) who applies his proper procedure rules. Its decisions are without appeal.

## **ARTICLE -21- Statutes Alterations and Dissolution of FIPS-M**

1. Modifications to the Statute and Competition Regulations must be decided by the General Assembly by majority of two-thirds of the present delegates. They must be indicated in the General Assembly Agenda.
2. The decisions concerning the statutes modification and the modification of the internal guidelines must occur conform to the clauses of art.8 of the law of April 21 of 1928 concerning the non-profit-making associations. However the eventually homologation of the court is not required for modifications of internal guidelines.

3. The dissolution of the association can only be pronounced by respect to the formalities and conditions foreseen by article 20 of the law of April 21 of 1928.
4. The FIPS-M can only be dissolve after deliberation in the General Assembly especially called for that purpose. This Assembly must attended by at least three-quarters of the affiliated Federations. The FIPS-M is be considered dissolved only if at least three-quarters of the delegates present have votes its dissolution.
5. The General Assembly deciding the FIPS-M dissolution must decide about the use to be given to its property, as well as appoint actual liquidators.

**ARTICLE -22 -  
Explanatory Clauses, loss of the legal personality**

3. For all what is not foreseen in the present statutes, is refer to the law of April 21 of 1928 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
4. The loss, for any reason of legal personality, does not lead by itself to the dissolution of the association, which carry on to exist as association in fact.

**ARTICLE -23-  
Ratification of the Statutes**

The original statutes has been ratify by FIPS-M General Assembly the 15. July of 1972 in Prague and they have been approved by the CIPS Congress C.I.P.S. the 15. July of 1972 in Prague.

Modification of the FIPS/M statutes ratified by the FIPS/M General assembly the 13. May of 2005 in Palermo and approved by the CIPS Congress the 14. May of 2005 in Palermo, of which the French Version of the FIPS/M statutes, has been registered in Luxembourg on the "Chambre de Commerce au Service de l'Enregistrement et Domaines", office of the associations, the 4. February of 2005 under the reference : LSO BB / 01366.

The modification of these statutes as non-profit-making association ,A.s.b.l., have been ratify by the FIPS/M General Assembly the 11. MAY of 2007 in Prague and they have been approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress the 12. May of 2007 in Prague. **The French Version of the FIPS/M statutes as A.s.b.l. has been registered in Luxemburg the 12th of June 2007 and enter under the number F7236 as A.s.b.l. .**

**The statutes have been modify and ratify by the FIPS/M General Assembly the 17. April 2009 and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress the 18. April 2009 in Dresde.**

**The statutes have been modify and ratify by the FIPS/M General Assembly the 1. April 2011 and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress the 2. April 2011 in Rome.**

The original text of the statutes is the text in French language.

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