



C.I.P.S.

Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive

C.I.P.S. STATUTE

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**ARTICLE -1-
Name and Head Office**

1. The Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive (C.I.P.S.) was established on February 22nd 1952 in Rome. The C.I.P.S. head office is in Rome.

**ARTICLE -2-
Objects, Aims and Activities**

1. The C.I.P.S. is a non-profit organization and shall pursue its aims in the attempt to foster the mutual understanding and friendship among its Members. The C.I.P.S. shall elect as its major task the fosterage of peace and understanding among the peoples in accordance with the principles of the Olympic ideal.
2. Sports activities within the C.I.P.S. shall be carried out on an amateur basis.
3. The C.I.P.S. is an International sports organization of universal nature. Any Federation or other National Institution allowing political, creed or racial discriminations 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 C.I.P.S.. The C.I.P.S. Members shall not be held responsible for the attitude of their own government.
4. Membership to the C.I.P.S. entails the acknowledgement of these principles.
5. The scope of the C.I.P.S. shall be deemed to be worldwide.
6. The C.I.P.S. shall undertake to promote and spread angling and casting, as well as the other activities as set forth in section 7 below.
7. The C.I.P.S. in a common welfare corporation; it cooperates on a friendly basis with organizations pursuing similar objects within the framework of safeguard of the natural environment and waters, youth, sport and tourism.

**ARTICLE -3-
Structure of the C.I.P.S.**

1. The structure of C.I.P.S. is made up by International Federations :
 - a) Angling in Fresh Waters (F.I.P.S./E.D.);
 - b) Fly Fishing (F.I.P.S./MOUCHE);
 - c) Sea Fishing (F.I.P.S./MER);

Other International Federations may be admitted by the Extraordinary General Assembly. The decision shall be made by a simple majority as foreseen in Art. 8, point 18.

2. Two Commissions for:
 - a) Safeguard and Management of Waters and Fishing;
 - b) Youth.
3. Additional Commissions that may be set up by the Congress on a permanent or temporary basis for specific tasks.
4. CIPS Member countries belonging to a same world region, may constitute a CIPS zone on the initiative of one or more bodies affiliated to CIPS and located in that world area. Each FIPS shall provide for the management, definition and constitution of its own zones. The FIPS shall also add in their Statute or Rules of Procedures the elements describing the rights, duties and the way these zones shall be managed. In no case the CIPS Statute shall be breached. The FIPS shall then submit to CIPS for acceptance the agreement on the constitution of such zones for its final approval by the CIPS General Assembly.

ARTICLE -4- Members

1. C.I.P.S. comprises:
 - a) Ordinary Members;
 - b) Requesting Members;
 - c) Promoting Members;
 - d) Associated Members.
2. The Federations or other National Bodies may become Ordinary Members or requesting Members, according to their own choice.
3. The Federations or the other National Bodies that wish to become affiliates to an International Federation of C.I.P.S., in conformity with article 3, item 1, must present a particular application form to C.I.P.S. specifying what type of member they wish to become. The form shall be sent to the Federation in question, which will make its decision in this matter. In case the decision is positive, the C.I.P.S. Congress will make its decision on the affiliation.
4. Each Nation shall not be allowed to enter more than one National federation or other nationally recognised organisations, to an International Federation of C.I.P.S., exception made for FIPS-MER, where several Federations for each nation are accepted (see the FIPS-MER Statute). If a Federation or other National Organisation does not practise during four years one or more disciplines, it can be replaced by another Federation or National Organisation which exercises an activity in this/these discipline(s).

The C.I.P.S. General Secretary shall notify the former Member by registered letter to be sent to its latest known address. Should the above Member fail to respond within sixty days thereafter, the provision shall be deemed to be as tacitly accepted.
5. Membership to the C.I.P.S. shall be subject to Membership to one of the C.I.P.S. Organisations as set forth in art. 3.
6. If due the political reasons the Country of the Member National Institution should split into two or more Countries recognised by the ONU, each Country shall may select a fully eligible National Organization to become a C.I.P.S. Members.

If, on other hand, two or more Countries unite forming one single Country, the Federations that previously represented these Countries within the C.I.P.S. shall be allowed to carry on their role as fully eligible Members until the following Congress to be held after the event aforementioned. Following the Congress, the rule currently, in force shall apply, i.e. C.I.P.S. Membership may granted to one National Institution per Country only.

It is further understood the during the transition period any such Countries shall be allowed to take part in the World Championships with one national team only, the composition of which shall be agreed upon among the Federations concerned.
7. The Status of Promoting Member of the C.I.P.S. may be granted to Federations and Institutions that acknowledge the articles of C.I.P.S. Association and wish to cooperate in the missions entrusted to the Committees and Commissions, while not wishing to become affiliated to any C.I.P.S. International Federations. Promoting Members shall be admitted by resolution of the Congress. The Promoting Members shall be required to pay a Membership fee, to amount of which shall be set by the Congress.
8. International Federations practicing disciplines different from those of the FIPS International Federations may become CIPS Associated Members. Associated Members activities shall be related to those of the CIPS. They shall take part in the work and actions of the Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive. Associated Members shall acknowledge and accept the CIPS Statute. They shall also be members either of GAISF or IOC.
9. Any Federation or other National Institution applying for Membership to the C.I.P.S. may entrust its representatives to support the application when this is submitted to the Congress. If

the application is accepted, the representatives of the Federation concerned shall be permitted to attend the Congress with immediate effect.

10. The C.I.P.S. International Federations shall accept the new Members on a preliminary basis, with final approval being ratified at the following Congress. The new Members shall pay their Membership fee as of the date of preliminary acceptance. Any non Member Federation or other National Institution may be invited to take part in a sports competition or event staged by the C.I.P.S. or a C.I.P.S. Member only once.

ARTICLE -5- Rights and obligations for the Members

1. RIGHTS

Ordinary Members have the right :

- a) to Participate in the Congress through their own delegates, to vote, and to make proposals and present candidatures;
- b) to Participate in the C.I.P.S. events, according to their membership in an International C.I.P.S. Federation;
- c) to be heard and vote in case there are discussions on issues that concern them;
- d) to enjoy the support and the promotion of C.I.P.S.;
- e) to indicate their C.I.P.S. Membership in the statutes and in their correspondence;
- f) to appeal to the competent organizations of C.I.P.S. to solve any controversies;
- g) to enjoy regular information on occurrences that are of importance to C.I.P.S.;
- h) to ask for the insertion of the organization dates in the calendars of the International C.I.P.S. Federations.
- i) to organize the C.I.P.S. events, according to their belonging to an International C.I.P.S. Federation.

The Requesting Members have the right:

- a) to participate in the Congress through their own delegates, without any right to vote and without being able to present their own candidature for the Praesidium;
- b) to participate in the C.I.P.S. events, according to their membership in an International Federation, without being able to organize them;
- c) to be heard in discussions on issues that concern them;
- d) to enjoy the support and the promotion of C.I.P.S.;
- e) to indicate the membership in C.I.P.S. in their statute and in their correspondence;
- f) to make appeal to the competent C.I.P.S. organizations to solve any controversies;
- g) to enjoy regular information on occurrences that are important to C.I.P.S..

The Promoting Members have the right to send observing delegates with a consultative vote to the C.I.P.S. Congresses and to present proposals through the Commissions they participate in. Furthermore, they enjoy the right indicated in article 5, item 1, b), and g).

Associated members have the right to:

- a) participate in the Congress with their delegates and cast their vote on all issues. Exception is made only for Praesidium members elections, in which they do not have the right to cast their vote neither to present their candidate;
- b) participate in all CIPS events;
- c) be heard during debates on issues concerning them;
- d) have CIPS support;
- e) mention the association to CIPS in their correspondence;
- f) be invited at the Praesidium's meetings without the right to vote.

2. OBLIGATIONS

The Ordinary and Requesting Members have the obligation to:

- a) observe the C.I.P.S. Statute;

- b) elaborate their own Statutes so that it is not in contradiction with that of C.I.P.S.;
- c) help C.I.P.S. realize its aims, according to article 2;
- d) regularly pay the fees in question, which are established by the Congress;
- e) promote the friendly relations between the Members of C.I.P.S.;
- f) respect the sports rules;
- g) inform C.I.P.S. about their names, address, e-mail address, and telephone numbers, and nominate the people that are authorized to represent them officially in all circumstances.

Associated Members have the obligation to:

- a) observe the CIPS Statute;
- b) regularly pay the fees fixed by the Congress.

ARTICLE -6- Termination of Membership to the C.I.P.S.

1. The Status of C.I.P.S. Member shall be deemed to be forfeited:
 - 1) by voluntary resignation notified by means of registered letter having effect upon expiry of the fiscal year;
 - 2) by expulsion:
 - a) due to infringement to the principles, the articles of the Statute of the Association or additional provisions therein;
 - b) if, within its own Country, a Federation loses its Status or National Association of angling or Casting;
 - c) in the event of non payment of the fees due to the C.I.P.S. by National Federations.
2. In the event of resignation, this must be lodge with the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat. Thereafter, in accordance with Art. 4 the C.I.P.S. competent authority shall be notified thereof.
3. Resigning or expelled Members shall be caused to forfeit their Status as C.I.P.S. Members as well as all of their rights towards the C.I.P.S. and its organisations. Resigning and expelled Members shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of the fees paid theretofore or to any of the C.I.P.S. assets.

ARTICLE -7- The C.I.P.S. Bodies

1. The C.I.P.S. Bodies shall be:
 - a) the Congress;
 - b) the President;
 - c) the Praesidium;
 - d) the General Secretary;
 - e) the Treasurer;
 - f) the Board of Auditors;
 - g) the Court of Appeal.
2. All Bodies shall carry out their duties on an honorary title basis. However, upon decision of the Praesidium, lodging, travel and other extraordinary expenses may be reimbursed.

ARTICLE -8- The C.I.P.S. Congress

1. The Congress is the supreme organization of C.I.P.S.; it makes decisions regarding the interpretation of the Statute.
2. The Ordinary Congress shall meet at least every year to adopt the balance sheet.

3. The Congress is composed as follows:
 - a) the Praesidium;
 - b) the Delegates of the Ordinary Members and of the Requesting Members;
 - c) the Delegate of the Auditors;
 - d) the observer Delegates of the Promoting Members.
 - e) those invited by the Presidium.
4. The Delegates of the Ordinary Members shall be entitled to one right for each National Federation affiliated.
5. The Congress 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 Congress. Once the above requirement is fulfilled, it shall be deemed as acquired throughout the Congress.
6. In principle, the place and date of the Congress shall be decided by the Congress.
7. The Congress must be convened at least six months in advance indicating the place and date thereof.
8. Any proposal to be brought forward during the Congress must be sent by registered letter with advice of receipt to the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat at least four months in advance .
9. The agenda and the proposals received must be served on the Members two months in advance.
10. All motions sent to the General Secretariat shall appear on the Congress agenda.
11. As to the inclusion of urgent proposals, the majority of three-quarters shall be needed.
12. The Members must notify the names of the Delegates at least one month in advance. In order to have the right to vote, Delegates must hold a proxy from their National Federation, which must have paid its Congress attendance fee beforehand.
13. If at any time a Delegate leaves the Congress hall, the President of the Federation concerned only can authorise his/her replacement by a representative of the Federation in question. If a Member is unable to attend the Congress he shall notify in writing the Praesidium thereof and may be represented by another Member. The latter, however, must hold a proxy for such a purpose. Members shall be allowed to represent only one more absent Member.
14. The Delegates must be Members of the Federation they represent and be appointed by that Federation.
15. When exercising his right to vote a Member of the Praesidium who is at the same time a Delegate of his own Federation shall attend as Delegate.
16. The agenda of an Ordinary Congress shall comprise the following items:
 - a) opening of the Congress;
 - b) establishment of a Commission to check the mandates (in the event of elections, an electoral Commission shall be appointed);
 - c) acceptance of new Members;
 - d) ascertainment of the proper calling and necessary quorum of the Congress and of the votes being represented;
 - e) report of the Praesidium;
 - f) reports of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and Committees;
 - g) report of the General Secretary;
 - h) report of the Treasurer;
 - i) report of the Board of Auditors;
 - j) full discharge is given to the Treasurer;
 - k) discussion on the reports;
 - l) amount of the fees;
 - m) setting of fees and approval of the budget;
 - n) discussion and voting on motions;

- o) discussion and voting on any changes to the articles of Association (only if included in the agenda);
 - p) place and date of the following Ordinary Congress;
 - q) elections in compliance with the articles of Association.
17. The candidates for the position as President, Vice President and Treasurer must be presented to the Praesidium at least 40 days before the election date. Each candidature must be accompanied by the written consent of the Federation of the candidate. As regards the other votes, the Congress will make its decision in this respect, choosing between a secret ballot, if necessary, or a vote by showing hands.
 18. The Congress decides with a simple majority of the attending or represented votes, except for the following decisions which require a three-quarters majority of the attending or represented votes.
 - a) changes to the articles of Association;
 - b) expulsion of a C.I.P.S. Member;
 - c) winding up of the C.I.P.S..
- A Nation who is absent can be represented by a Federation of its choice (right to one vote) only in the areas where it is a member, as in the General Assembly as well.
19. Motions referring to a vote of no-confidence may be brought forward by means of simple majority of the votes cast or represented.
 20. The President and the General Secretary shall draw up and sign the Congress proceedings. The proceedings must be sent to all Members within three months thereafter. If no protests are lodged within the following three months, the proceedings shall be deemed to have been approved. In this latter instance, a report of the decisions adopted shall be sent to all Members within one month thereafter.
 21. Unless provided otherwise, the decisions adopted by the Congress shall have immediate effect.
 22. The procedure of the Congress is regulated by the agenda of the C.I.P.S..
 23. The Extraordinary Congress must be convened with a three-month notice in the following cases:
 - a) if decided by the Praesidium;
 - b) at the request of one-quarter of the Ordinary Members.

The aforementioned notice indicating the place, date and agenda of the extraordinary Congress must be served on the Members by means of registered letter at least two months in advance.

ARTICLE -9- The Praesidium

1. The Congress elects the C.I.P.S. Praesidium for a period of four years. It is composed of the following members:
 - a) the President;
 - b) two Vice Presidents;
 - c) the Presidents of the International C.I.P.S. Federations;
 - d) the General Secretary;
 - e) the Treasurer.
2. In conformity with article 9, items 1 a), b) and e) the Members of the Praesidium are elected by the Congress through a secret ballot vote, with a simple majority of votes of those present or represented. They must be delegates of their own National Federation and enjoy the confidence of the Federation to be confirmed by means of written proxy.
3. The President, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer or the General Secretary may be Presidents or Vice Presidents of International Federations or permanent Commissions. In case the President is absent, the Vice President with most service years will take over his role.

4. The President of the C.I.P.S. International Federations are Members of the Praesidium by right and shall be elected by the General Assemblies of the C.I.P.S. International Federations. As regards their work in connection with the C.I.P.S. Praesidium, their appointment shall be ratified by the Congress.
5. The Vice President shall be responsible:
 - a) One for the Youth Commission, which shall be made up of four Members appointed by each of the four Presidents of the C.I.P.S. International Federations.
 - b) The other for the Commission for the Safeguarding of Waters and Environment, which shall comprise four Members, who shall not be the same as the Members of the Youth Commission. They shall be appointed by each of the four Presidents of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and will also include Members of a Scientific Committee.

The two Vice Presidents shall draw up an activity report which they shall present to the Praesidium when it meets.
6. Upon recommendation by the Praesidium, the title of Honorary President or other honorary titles may be ratified by the Congress.
7. The General Secretary is appointed by the Praesidium.
8. The Praesidium shall manage the C.I.P.S. activity and shall execute the resolutions of the Congress. 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 Congress.
9. The Praesidium shall meet at least once a year. Resolutions thereat shall be carried on condition that the Praesidium is properly convened and provided that at least five Members are present.
10. Upon proposal of at least five Members of the Praesidium, the President shall be caused to convene an extraordinary meeting. Resolutions thereat shall be carried with simple majority of votes. In the event of tied vote, the proposal shall be deemed as rejected.
11. The Praesidium shall have the right to appoint specific Commissions for tasks having limited duration.
12. The C.I.P.S. Praesidium shall have the duty to ascertain the Members' observance to the C.I.P.S. articles of Association.
13. The Praesidium shall be entrusted with the coordination of the activities of the C.I.P.S. International Federations. These Bodies shall be caused to inform the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat as to their plans within a reasonable time.
14. The C.I.P.S. President shall chair the Congresses and the meetings of the Praesidium.
15. The President shall represent the C.I.P.S. both abroad as well as towards third parties.
16. In the event of impediment of the President, he shall be replaced by the Vice President with most service years; it's the same for the C.I.P.S. International Federations.
17. In the event the President is no longer able to fulfil his duties, he shall be replaced by the Vice President with most service years until the following Congress, whereat the new President shall be elected.
18. The President shall be entrusted with the running of the current business on behalf of the Praesidium. His decisions, however, may not deviate from the General policy set forth by the Praesidium itself and by the Congress.
19. The President shall sign proceedings, resolutions and notifications together with the General Secretary, and shall sign financial obligations together with the Treasurer.
20. If the Treasurer is unable to fulfil his duties, the President shall request a Vice President to see to his replacement.
21. If a Praesidium Member ceases to fulfil his duties between two Congresses, the following Congress shall appoint his substitute.

ARTICLE -10-
The C.I.P.S. International Federations

1. Pursuant to articles 2 and 3 hereinabove, International Federations within the C.I.P.S. shall be set in order to carry out sports activities.
2. The C.I.P.S. International Federations shall draw up their own articles of Association, each for their own discipline, which shall become part and parcel of the C.I.P.S. articles of Association.
3. The articles of Association of the C.I.P.S. International Federations shall not be in conflict with the articles of the Association herein.
4. With respect to their own sports discipline, C.I.P.S. International Federations shall have utmost autonomy.
5. C.I.P.S. International Federations shall be financed by the fees of the C.I.P.S. Members, they also being Members of the C.I.P.S. International Disciplines.
6. The C.I.P.S. Congress shall set the amount of the fees to be allocated to the C.I.P.S. general activity.
7. Any decision of the Commissions shall be ratified by the C.I.P.S. Praesidium.

ARTICLE -11-
General Secretary and Treasurer

1. The General Secretary shall be the executive body of the Praesidium. The General Secretary shall manage the General Secretariat under his own responsibility.
The General Secretary shall be responsible for drafting and sending out the minutes of the Congress and of the meetings of the Praesidium in the three official languages.
Moreover, the General Secretary shall be responsible for publishing the reports of the C.I.P.S. as well as for the local organisation of the Congress and meetings of the Praesidium
2. The Treasurer is in charge of managing the bookkeeping and the cash of the C.I.P.S., besides reporting during Congresses.
He updates the supporting documents of revenues and expenses, and proposes to the Praesidium the budget for the next financial year.
He controls that revenues and expenses comply with the general business plan and the budget adopted by the ordinary congress.
He supervises the collection of fees and dues.
He drafts a report in the occasion of the Praesidium and of the Congress

ARTICLE -12-
Standing Commissions

1. The Standing Commissions shall be formed to carry out C.I.P.S. tasks generally. They shall work closely with the C.I.P.S. International Federations.
2. The Standing Commissions shall perform according to a working schedule to be approved by the Congress.
3. The financial means needed for the running of the Standing Commissions shall be set forth by the Congress, within the C.I.P.S. budget.
4. The direction of the Standing Commissions shall be entrusted of one of the Vice Presidents and four Members appointed by each of the Presidents of the C.I.P.S. International Federations (see section 5, article 9).
5. In order to hold any meeting of the Standing Commissions outside the C.I.P.S. Congress, the President's authorization thereof shall be required.
6. Each Standing Commission Chairman shall submit a written report on activities to the Praesidium before each Praesidium meeting.

ARTICLE -13-
The Temporary Commissions

1. Temporary Commissions shall be set up in order to carry out specific tasks within the framework of the C.I.P.S. activity.
2. The financial means needed for the running of such Temporary Commissions shall be established by the Congress, within the C.I.P.S. budget.
3. The Chairman of a Temporary Commission shall be appointed by the Praesidium.
4. If necessary, upon proposal or invitation of the C.I.P.S. President, the Temporary Commission Chairmen may attend the Praesidium meetings with advisory vote.

ARTICLE -14-
Board of Auditors

1. The Congress shall elect three Auditors for the four-year term. The auditors may not be also Members of the Praesidium or of any other bodies of the C.I.P.S.. Auditors and may be re-elected.
2. The Auditors shall appoint, from among themselves, one chairman and his representative.
3. The Auditors shall have the duty to audit the accounts and cash accounts of the C.I.P.S. and to inform the Congress thereof.
4. Based on their written report, and if deemed necessary, the Auditors may request to the Congress the exemption of the Praesidium.
5. The Chairman of the Board of Auditors shall submit a written report to the General Secretary thirty days prior to each Praesidium meeting. He shall attend the meeting concerned only at the Praesidium's request.
6. At least once a year the Auditors shall review the accounts of the C.I.P.S. and of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions either at their own initiative or at the Praesidium request.

ARTICLE -15-
Financial Management

1. The Financial means that are necessary for the activity of C.I.P.S. originate from:
 - a) the fees of Ordinary Members. The amount shall be established by the Congress;
 - b) the fees of the Requesting Members. The amount is the same as that for ordinary Members, but it is divided as follows:
 - free of charge for the year of the application;
 - 1/3 on the subsequent year;
 - 2/3 on the third year;
 - as regards the fourth year, the fee becomes the same as that for ordinary Members and, consequently, they are considered as having the same rights.

The Federation or national Organism that has participated in the organization or in a C.I.P.S. competition as a guest without having made an adhesion application in the year of the invitation (free year), will not be able to benefit from the offer of the first year free of charge, if the application is made subsequently for a duration of four years.

 - c) gift, legacies, collections, other sources.
2. The Membership fee shall be set by the Congress for two fiscal years. The fiscal year shall correspond to the calendar year.

3. If a Member fails to pay his fee within April 1 of the current year, he shall be sent a reminder by the C.I.P.S. Treasurer and suspended unless the Praesidium deems as valid the reasons he provides therefor.

Any Member in arrears with the payment of the Membership fee must be notified by registered letter as to the consequences of non payment. In the event the fee is paid within July 1 of the current year, the Member concerned shall re-acquire all of his rights, otherwise he shall be caused to cease to be a C.I.P.S. Member.

4. Each Congress shall decide on the sum to be allocated to the C.I.P.S. Praesidium and General Secretariat and the sum allocated to each C.I.P.S. International Federations.

All Financial reports shall be submitted to the Praesidium and the Congress in the currency selected for the collection of fee.

Each year the Treasurer shall submit a full financial report to the Praesidium General Secretary. The report shall also include the budget and the other financial transactions in the three languages.

ARTICLE -16- Official Languages

1. The official languages of the C.I.P.S. shall be French, English and German. During the World Championships, events and Congresses, the language of the hosting Country shall be also deemed official language.
2. In all documents, articles of Association, regulations and decisions of the C.I.P.S., of the C.I.P.S. International Federations and of Commissions, 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, however, a translation into one of the languages as mentioned in section 1 hereinabove is provided.
4. In the event of dispute concerning the interpretation of the Articles of the Association and other documents, the French version shall be authoritative.

ARTICLE -17- Disciplinary Measures

1. Disciplinary Measures within the C.I.P.S. shall be decided at the first instance by the Praesidium and ratified by the Congress. Disciplinary; Measures pertaining sports matters, shall be fixed, at the first instance, by the C.I.P.S. International Federations, each for its own sector. Appeals may always be made to the Court of Appeal, representing the judicial body of C.I.P.S.. The Court of Appeal decides in the last instance. Any person accused of an offence must be able to put forward his defence and may be assisted by a lawyer if necessary.
2. The C.I.P.S. disciplinary Measures shall be:
 - a) admonishment;
 - b) ban;
 - c) expulsion.
3. The three measures as mentioned above may be taken for any Member who either has infringed the articles of Association or failed to fulfil his obligations towards the C.I.P.S..
4. The ban shall be announced:
 - a) upon decision of the Congress;
 - b) upon decision of the Praesidium in case of emergency and absolute necessity. If any such case should arise, the relevant provision shall be ratified by the following Congress.
5. All sanctions shall come into force upon notification of the decision made.
6. A Member may be expelled from the C.I.P.S.:

- a) for infringement to the principles of the articles of the Association or additional provisions thereto;
 - b) if the Federation concerned forfeits, within its own Country, the Status of National Association of angling and casting;
 - c) for failure to pay the prescribed C.I.P.S. membership fee.
7. The expulsion of a Member for any one of the aforementioned reasons may be resolved upon by the Congress only if the majority of three-quarters of the votes cast or represented is reached.

ARTICLE -18- The Court of Appeal

The C.I.P.S. Court of Appeal consists of three Members. The Members are nominated by the Praesidium for a four years mandate. One of these three Members will be appointed as the President of the Court of Appeal by the Praesidium.

Any dispute for which no competent bodies are provided shall be settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (T.A.S.) of Lausanne (Switzerland) which will comply with its rules of procedure. Its decisions shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE -19- Changes to the articles and winding up of the C.I.P.S

1. Changes to the articles of Association may be made only if:
 - a) included in the agenda;
 - b) carried by three-quarters of the votes cast or represented.
2. The C.I.P.S. may be wound up only if:
 - a) the winding up is included in the agenda of a Congress expressly convened for such a purpose;
 - b) at least three-quarters of the Member Federations are present;
 - c) the winding up is approved with the majority of three-quarters of the votes cast or represented.
3. The Congress deciding the C.I.P.S. winding up shall also decide the allocation of its assets and appoint the liquidators.

ARTICLE -20- 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 organised or agreed upon by Sports Federations, shall be prohibited, in compliance with the joint decrees of the Ministries of Sports and Health of the organising 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 programmes 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 organised 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 organised 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 Organisation, 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).