



C.I.P.S

Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive

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Code of Ethics Of The International Angling Confederation (CIPS)

Introduction

This Code of Ethics expresses the values of the International Angling Confederation (CIPS) – as set forth by Article 2 the Confederation’s Bylaws – and sets out the main loyalty, fair play, and integrity obligations provided for in the Bylaws provisions, based on the general principles Olympism and of the International Organisations CIPS is a member of. Such principles include the joy of effort, the educational value of good example, social responsibility, and respect of fundamental universal ethical principles.

Hence, the Confederation shall:

- Support and launch initiatives aiming at promoting sport fishing for everyone, at all levels, for all categories, respecting its ethical principles;
- Launch positive actions aiming at raising the awareness of sport athletes and spectators about respecting athletes, teams, their supporters, all sport and non-sport institutions, as well as the organisers and all those who contribute to the success of sport fishing competitions, without any form of discrimination;
- Support and launch all possible initiatives responsibly promoting sport fishing, favouring the development of responsible and ethical sport fishing;
- Support abstaining from any behaviour that may damage image, reputation, or human dignity, at all sport fishing events and initiatives;
- Accept, support and abide by the provisions of the Olympic Charter and its fundamental principles, as well as those of the International Olympic Committee’s Code of Ethics. C.I.P.S. deems acting according to the Olympic spirit for peace and goodwill among nations as one of its most noble tasks.

Scope and Application

This Code of Ethics applies to all athletes, team managers, Federation managers, Directors, and anyway all members, who are required by CIPS to behave in compliance with the General Principles set forth in this Code.

In no circumstance can the pursuit of the Confederation’s interests justify non-compliance with the aforesaid principles.

This Code of Ethics applies to all and each CIPS member. No plea of ignorance shall be justified for any purpose.

All parties involved in Sport Fishing shall ensure the application of the principles set forth in this Code. They shall inform CIPS Praesidium of any violation of this Code, for the relevant measures to be adopted.

Non-compliance with this Code of Ethics and with the Regulations shall entail special sanctions, to be set forth in the competition rules and regulations.

General Principles

1. Dignity

- Respecting and protecting the dignity of human beings is a fundamental sport fishing requirement.
- Any discrimination on grounds of age, sex, health, race, nationality, religion, family status, philosophical and political opinions is incompatible and, therefore, all participants are prohibited from making any such discrimination.
- All the members of the Confederation and of its member Federations shall protect the principle of non-violence in all respects.

2. Respect

- Responsible sport fishing is characterised by mutual respect of all members.
- All parties shall comply with the By-laws, the Rules, and the decisions of CIPS and their IFs (FIPS). They shall abide by the decisions made by competition juries and shall respect the judges.
- They shall respect fish; they shall treat it with care, shall abide by the rules, and shall put all fishes back into the water.
- At the competitions, they shall show respect for the opening and closing ceremonies.
- All the people involved in sport fishing shall respect and shall make sure that other people respect the environment and nature.

3. Fair Play

- All parties shall abide by the principles of Loyalty, Cleanness, Respect, and Fair Play in fulfilling their missions, in their performances or actions linked to sport in general, by actively contributing to orderly and civilised cohabitation.
- All members and parties of the sport organisation shall act respecting the principle of impartiality, and shall not treat any person they interact with during their sport activities unequally. Apart from legitimate and transparent contractual relationships, all members and parties of the sport organisation shall not solicit or accept – for themselves or for others – any money, present, or any other concealed benefit, if such benefits exceed a modest value or are offered following a sport performance.
- All parties are absolutely prohibited from taking any action – in any form – aiming at manipulating or at artificially altering the carrying out or at rigging the results of any competition, or at securing illicit benefits to anyone.

4. Cleanness of Competitions and Ban of Doping

- The International Angling Confederation and all its member organisations shall adopt, abide by, and enforce compliance with WADA requirements. No member of the Confederation shall, in any case, act or behave in any way contradicting or violating the anti-doping regulations in force.
- The Confederation accepts that everyone shall refrain from engaging in any conduct that may prejudice the health of athletes.
- The Confederation shall promote actions aiming at countering the spreading of doping, through adequate education and information campaigns.

5. Integrity And Good Governance

- CIPS shall abide by and enforce the universal principles of Good Governance in sport, and the principles of transparency, responsibility, and accountability in particular.
- This shall also apply to any form of sponsoring.
- All forms of participation in, or support of betting are formally prohibited; all members shall refrain from betting in the framework of the competitions.

Final Provisions

- As reported in article 22 of the C.I.P.S. Internal Rules, an Ethics Committee for the supervision and implementation of the Code of Ethics and the regulations that are content in it is established within C.I.P.S..
- In the event of non-compliance – including partially – with this Code of Ethics, CIPS' Presidium, as well as the Presidiums of the IFs (FIPS) may impose sanctions or take measures envisaged by the Competition Regulations in force.
- This Code of Ethics was approved at the CIPS Presidium meeting held in Rome on January 29th, 2016.

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