



**C.I.P.S**

## *Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive*

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*Association déclarée, Tribunal de Rome n. 606/2008*

### **CIPS Internal Rules**

#### **Article 1: ADOPTION**

1. These Internal Rules have been adopted by the C.I.P.S. Praesidium, in its meeting held in Rome, on January 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and modified by the *Praesidium* by electronic voting in accordance with Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the C.I.P.S. Statutes.

#### **Article 2: OBJECT**

1. The Internal rules are a complement of the Statutes. It is up to the C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* to approve these Rules as well as the other Regulations deemed as necessary for the C.I.P.S. smooth functioning.

#### **Article 3: C.I.P.S. DATA**

Name: Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive

Acronym: CIPS or C.I.P.S.

Foundation: February 22 1952 in Rome, Italy

Incorporated Association: Court of Rome N. 606/2008.

Head Office and Headquarter of the General Secretariat: Viale Tiziano, 70 - 00196 Roma, Italia

President Office: Office of the C.I.P.S. President in charge

Official website: [www.cips-fips.com](http://www.cips-fips.com)

#### **Article 4: LANGUAGES**

1. The official languages of C.I.P.S. shall be French and English. During the World Championships, events and Congresses, the language of the hosting Country shall be also deemed an official language.
2. In all documents, Statutes, regulations and decisions of C.I.P.S., of C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions, indications shall be given as to the language in which the original text was drawn up.
3. A delegate shall be entitled to speak in a language other than the above-mentioned ones, on condition that translation into one of the two CIPS official languages is provided.
4. In compliance with the Statutes, in the event of conflicting interpretations of the Statutes and other documents, the French version shall prevail.



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5. The language in use during Congresses, *Praesidium* or Commissions will be fixed by the relevant topic, but it shall compulsory be one of the C.I.P.S. official languages.

### **Article 5: MEMBERS**

1. Federations or other National Bodies wishing to becoming member of a C.I.P.S. International Federation, in accordance with Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Statutes, shall send the relevant application to the C.I.P.S. *Praesidium*, specifying the type of membership they wish to acquire (Ordinary Members, Candidate Members, Promoting Members or Associate Members). The membership conditions and payment fees are ruled by articles 4, paragraphs 4 – 12 and article 17 of the Statutes.
2. If a Member fails to pay his fee within April 1st of the current year, he shall be sent a reminder by C.I.P.S.' Treasurer by means of a registered letter, with a copy also being sent to the F.I.P.S. concerned, informing them that non-payment entails the immediate suspension of all his rights. If the fee is paid within 60 (sixty) days of the letter receipt date, the Member shall be re-admitted upon receipt of payment. Otherwise, he will cease to be a C.I.P.S. Member.
3. The application shall be sent to the C.I.P.S. *Praesidium*, through its General Secretariat, and to the Federation concerned, which shall make its decision. Should the relevant Federation express a positive opinion on the new membership, the Congress of C.I.P.S. shall make its decision on the affiliation. If the application is accepted, the representatives of the Federation in question are allowed to take immediately part to the Congress.
4. The C.I.P.S. members are free to withdraw the Confederation notifying it by mean of a registered letter to the *Praesidium* within September 30<sup>th</sup>, under condition they have paid the membership fee or organization royalty due for the C.I.P.S. fiscal year.
5. In case of exclusion, no C.I.P.S. member can be banned without having the possibility to defend itself.
6. Disciplinary Measures within C.I.P.S. shall be adopted, in the first instance, by the *Praesidium*, and shall be ratified by the Congress. Disciplinary Measures pertaining to sports matters shall be taken, in the first instance, by C.I.P.S. International Federations, each for its own area. Appeals may always be lodged with the Court of Appeal, which is the judicial body of C.I.P.S.. The Court of Appeal is the court of last resort and its decisions shall be final.
7. Should the reasons that brought to the expulsion fail to exist, the *Praesidium* can restore this Congress decision with the obligation to inform the next Congress about it.

### **Article 6: C.I.P.S. CONGRESS CONVENING**

1. In compliance with article 9 of the Statutes, the C.I.P.S Congress is convened by the President. The Congress shall be convened with at least six-month notice, by indicating the place and date thereof.
2. Any proposals to be submitted to the Congress shall be sent to the *Praesidium* through the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat at least 4 (four) months before via registered letter with forwarding receipt.



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3. The agenda and the proposals received shall be sent to the Members 2 (two) months in advance. If the agenda also includes changes to the Statutes, the latter shall be sent to the National Federations together with the agenda.
4. Any proposals addressed to the *Praesidium* shall figure in the Congress agenda.
5. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-quarters) majority of votes is required for accepting urgent questions.

### **Article 7 : PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATURES**

1. The candidatures at the charges of President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Auditor and Member of the Athletes' Commission shall be sent to the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat at least 30 (thirty) days before the elections date.
2. Under penalty of inadmissibility, candidatures must reach the Secretariat by ordinary mail or by fax or e-mail at least 30 (thirty) days before the elections date. For any candidatures reached through ordinary mail, the postmark date of arrival shall be considered. For the others, the fax or e-mail date will be considered. Anyway, all candidatures must be presented on the form expressly prepared for this purpose including the proposing Federation's Candidate and President in full signatures.
3. Candidatures proposals shall be annexed to the candidacy form duly produced for this purpose, signed by the candidate and by the President of his Federations.
4. Only candidatures reached by C.I.P.S. in due time shall be considered as eligible.
5. Single persons cannot apply for multiple candidatures.

### **Article 8: CANDIDATURES LEGITIMACY**

1. Candidatures legitimacy will be verified by the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat twenty-nine (29) days before the Congress date.

### **Article 9: ELIGIBILITY**

1. All the *Praesidium's* and the Athletes' Commission's Members are obligatory requested to be able to speak one of the two C.I.P.S. official languages (French or English).
2. Candidates shall be present during the elections.
3. Any candidates to the charge of Auditor shall exercise an accounting approaching profession or be accountant. They shall annex to their candidatures any necessary documents of evidence.
4. The candidates to the Athletes' Commission shall have attended a World or European Championship of the relevant International Federations he pushes his candidature for in the past 5 (five) years.
5. Only the candidates presenting all above-mentioned requirements are entitled to be elected to international charges. Candidates shall demonstrate these requirements' possession through a self-declaration, subscribed by his/her Federation's Chairman, conformingly with a form duly produced for this purpose by the C.I.P.S. Secretariat.



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6. Should one of the eligibility requirement expressed in the precedent paragraph fail to be present, the charge would immediately decline.

### **Article 10: LISTS**

1. Depending on the expressed and registered candidatures, according to above-mentioned art. 7, and after the Secretary General has verified the statements presented by candidates on the possession of the necessary eligibility requirements, the Secretary General will take care of preparing separated lists of candidates for each of the elective Charges to be renewed. The lists shall be also affixed in the venue of the Assembly.
2. For the election of the Athletes' Commission (2 per each C.I.P.S. International Federation), 3 (three) separated lists with the candidates of each International Federations shall be drafted.
3. The lists must be signed by the President who convened the Congress.
4. The tables with the accepted candidatures and the rejected ones, these latter to be annexed to a synthetic motivation, shall also be published on the C.I.P.S. website.
5. The lists of all candidatures are posted at least 25 days before the Congress.

### **Article 11: APPEALS AGAINST CANDIDACIES' ADMISSIBILITY AND REJECTION**

1. Appeals against the admission or the rejection of one or more candidatures can be presented only in written version. Appeals shall be presented to the C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* not later than 15 days before the Congress.
2. The C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* will examine and decide over the appeals received, at least 10 days before the Congress.
3. The *Praesidium*'s decisions are final.
4. Should a petition be accepted, the Secretary General shall issue an amendment note against the lists of candidates, which shall be immediately published on the C.I.P.S. official website.

### **Article 12: COMMISSION TASKED WITH CHECKING THE MANDATES**

1. In compliance with article 9 of the Statutes, the President appoints the Commission tasked with checking the mandates of the Members attending the Congress. Mandates shall be presented on forms duly produced for this purpose, at least 30 (thirty) days before the Congress.
2. The Commission tasked with checking the mandates ensures the Congress proper calling, the regular Congress constitution and the regularity of the represented votes.

### **Article 13: BALLOT COMMISSION**

1. The ballot Commission, composed of 3 (three) Members, one President and two members appointed by the Congress, has the task of counting the votes cast in boxes and of drafting an



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election minute reporting the number of voters as well as the number of blank, valid and invalid votes obtained by each candidate.

### **Article 14: CONGRESS' VALIDITY**

1. The Congress shall be deemed to have reached the necessary quorum on first call when at least half of the delegates with voting rights are present or represented. On 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 acquired throughout the Congress.
2. Appeals against the validity of the Congress must be proposed within the 5 days that follow the Congress and must reach the C.I.P.S. Secretary General with registered letter with forwarding receipt in the 5 days following the Congress.
3. Appeals are valid only if some appropriate objections are raised during the Congress or if the objections are reported on the minute.
4. The C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* will examine and rule all proposed appeals.
5. In case the appeal is accepted, a new Congress must be convened. It shall take place within the 45 days that follow the date of the appeal result communication. The Secretary General is charged of communicating the date of the new Congress within the 48 hours that follow the decision.

### **Article 15: RIGHT TO VOTE**

1. Only National Federations that, at the date of the Assembly, have well regularized their C.I.P.S. membership position of the previous year have the right to vote.
2. The Delegates of the Ordinary Members shall be entitled to cast one vote per each membership fee paid by their National Federation.
3. The delegates of Associated members shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters, except for the election of the *Praesidium* members and of other C.I.P.S. Bodies.
4. 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 Assembly attendance fee beforehand.
5. If a Member is unable to attend the Congress, he/she may be represented by another Member. The latter, however, shall be given a written proxy.
6. A Member with a written proxy holds a number of votes equal to the sum of his/her own votes plus those of the represented Member.
7. No Member shall be entitled to represent more than one absent Member.

### **Article 16: ELECTIONS**

1. When exercising his/her voting rights, any Member of the *Praesidium* who is at the same time a Delegate of his own Federation, shall attend in his/her capacity as Delegate.



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2. *Praesidium* members shall not have the right to vote on resolutions concerning the financial statements and the budget.
3. Abstentions or invalid ballots are not considered as valid. Only votes cast “in favour” or “against” will be considered.
4. Should only one person present his/her candidature as a Member of the *Praesidium*, the voting can be expressed throughout acclamation or, should a delegate object it, the voting will be expressed by secret ballot.
5. If more candidates are present, the voting will be expressed by secret ballot. A list with the names of all candidates will be drafted, which shall also indicate the number of vacant charges. Voters shall only cross the number of candidates in compliance with the vacant posts available.
6. The secret vote may also be requested for other kind of procedures, different from elections, and it may be accepted if the request is supported by the majority of the presents with right to vote.
7. The elections of the *Praesidium* and of the Athletes’ Commission will follow the order below:
  - a) The President,
  - b) The Vice-presidents (2);
  - c) The Treasurer;
  - d) The Board of Auditors (3+1);
  - e) The Members of the Athletes’ Commission (6);
8. Candidates receiving the majority of votes are declared elected.
9. In case of a tie, a second round of voting occurs among the candidates who received the equal number of votes only if it is necessary to define a graduation among elected candidates.
10. Only one preference can be expressed for the election of the charges of President and Treasurer.
11. Two preferences can be expressed for the elections of the charges of Vice-president, Auditors and Members of the Athletes’ Commission.
12. Candidates of the Athletes’ Commission can only be elected by the Delegates of the National Federations Members of the International Federations they are candidate for.
13. A list with all candidates at the same charge will be put on the ballot sheets.

### **Article 17: ELECTION RESULTS**

1. After the vote counting, the President of the Assembly will read the results of elections and will announce the elected candidates on the basis of the information provided by the Ballot Commission.

### **Article 18: MINUTE OF THE CONGRESS**

1. The minute of the Assembly, drafted by the Secretary General, must fully reflect the events occurred and the operations described.
2. C.I.P.S. President (or, in the event of an elective Congress meeting, the President of the Congress) and the Secretary General, shall subscribe the Congress minute. The proceedings shall be sent to all Members within 3 (three) months thereafter.
3. If no protests are lodged within the 3 (three) following months, the proceedings shall deemed to be approved



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### **Article 19: BOARD OF AUDITORS**

1. The Board of Auditors (3 permanent Members plus 1 substitute) are elected for a four-year term.
2. The three Auditors who obtained the largest number of votes will be permanent, the substitute will be the fourth in order of obtained votes.
3. The three permanent Auditors shall meet after their elections and shall elect a Chair who will be in charge of the relationship with the *Praesidium*.

### **Article 20: ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

1. The Athletes' Commission Members (6) are elected for a four-year term: two athletes of different nations from each of the three FIPS.
2. The Athletes' Commission Members shall meet after their elections and shall elect a Chair who will become member of the *Praesidium*.

### **Article 21: GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

1. The C.I.P.S. *Praesidium*, as to give an effective assessment of the gender equality in every sector of its sport and social activities, appoints 1 President plus 3 Members – preferably lady Members- of the Gender Equality Commission.
2. The 3 Members, appointed by the *Praesidium*, shall be selected among adherents of the 3 C.I.P.S. International Federations (one per each International Federation).
3. The President of the Gender Equality Commission will be admitted to participate at any *Praesidium* meetings and at the annual C.I.P.S. Congress.

### **ARTICLE 22: ETHICS COMMITTEE**

1. A Committee for supervising and implementing the Code of Ethics and relative regulations is established within C.I.P.S..

2. The Ethics Committee shall consist of 3 (three) Members appointed by the *Praesidium* after having consulted the Members of the Court of Appeal. Ethics Committee Members shall be appointed for an Olympic term duration and elect their chairman amongst them in their first meeting after appointment.

3. The Committee shall ensure, in general, that ethical principles are adhered to by those subjects that the Code refers to, during all of their individual or group activities, and any other event of sporting, institutional and social relevance in which they might be involved.

4. After having ascertained from any source, any kind of information regarding its own functions, the Ethics Committee shall be authorized to access any documentation pertaining to the subject of this Code that is managed or filed by C.I.P.S., including documentation on concerning economic, financial or legal matters, in order to follow up investigations deemed to be necessary. The Committee may convene, for informational purposes, any subject it deems to hear, consult or question within its jurisdiction.



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5. The Ethics Committee shall report its activities through an annual report addressed to the C.I.P.S. President and *Praesidium*. In this report, the Ethics Committee has the right to propose C.I.P.S. initiatives or actions that seek to prevent actions that are at odds with sporting ethics.

6. The Ethics Committee also has the duty of presenting periodical initiatives and updates of the Code of Ethics, presenting its proposals to the *Praesidium*.

7. Any infringement of the Code shall be reported by the Ethics Committee to the *Praesidium* for immediate application of the relevant sanctions. Decisions taken by the *Praesidium* in this matter shall be subject to challenge before the Court of Appeal.

### **ARTICLE 23: COURT OF APPEAL**

1. Any decision taken by the *Praesidium* or by C.I.P.S. Members Juries or first instance disciplinary bodies may be challenged before the C.I.P.S. Court of Appeal (“C.O.A.”).

2. The Appellant shall submit to the C.O.A. a Statement of Appeal containing at least:

a. The name and full address of the Appellant and the Respondent;

b. A copy of the appealed decision;

c. The Appellant’s request for relief;

d. If applicable an application for stay of the appealed decision together with the relevant reasons;

e. Evidence of the payment of the appeal fee.

3. If the above-mentioned requirements are not fulfilled when the statement of appeal is filed, the C.O.A. may grant a one-time-only short deadline to the Appellant to complete its statement of appeal, failing receipt of which within the deadline, the C.O.A. shall not proceed.

4. An application for stay of the appealed decision is admissible when the sanction is other than a reprimand, a warning or a fine not higher than Euro 5000. If the sanction is higher than Euro 5000, a suspension of the payment may be also granted if the Appellant provides a bank guarantee for the same amount of the fine.

5. The C.O.A. decides on the application for stay without particular formalities. In any event the Respondent has to be invited to submit his arguments, and if necessary a hearing will be called by the C.O.A..

6. If granted, a stay shall cease its effectiveness and be void in the event that the Appellant fails to submit the Appeal brief within the deadline provided for herein.

7. The time limit for appeal shall be fifteen days from the receipt of the decision appealed against. The President of the C.O.A. shall not initiate a procedure if the statement of appeal is, on its face, late and shall so notify the person who filed the document. When a procedure is initiated, a party may request the President of the C.O.A. to terminate it if the statement of appeal is late. The President of the C.O.A. renders his decision after considering any submission made by the other parties.

8. Within ten days following the expiry of the time limit for the appeal, the Appellant shall file with the C.O.A. an appeal brief stating the facts and legal arguments giving rise to the appeal, together with all exhibits and specification of other evidence upon which he intends to rely. Alternatively, the Appellant shall inform the C.O.A. in writing within the same time limit that the statement of appeal shall be considered as the appeal brief. The appeal shall be deemed to have been withdrawn if the Appellant fails to meet such time limit, and in such a case, the appealed decision shall be final and fully enforceable and not subject to any other appeal.



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9. In his written submissions, the Appellant shall specify the name(s) of any witnesses, including a brief summary of their expected testimony, and the name(s) of any experts, stating their area of expertise, he intends to call and state any other evidentiary measure, which he requests. The witness statements, if any, shall be filed together with the appeal brief, unless the President of the C.O.A. decides otherwise.

10. In such cases the C.O.A. decides on the application for suspension after having heard the appealed party, who shall be granted an appropriate delay to submit his arguments not exceeding fifteen days upon notification of the appeal and of the application for suspension

11. Both the Statement of Appeal and the Appeal Brief, together with the evidences and documents filed therewith, shall be served to the Respondent by the Appellant, who shall also provide evidence of the notice of service.

12. Within twenty days from the receipt of the grounds for the appeal, the Respondent shall submit to the C.O.A. an answer containing:

- a. a statement of defence;
- b. any defence of lack of jurisdiction;
- c. any exhibits or specification of other evidence upon which the Respondent intends to rely;
- d. the name(s) of any witnesses, including a brief summary of their expected testimony; the witness statements, if any, shall be filed together with the answer, unless the President of the Panel decides otherwise;
- e. the name(s) of any experts he intends to call, stating their area of expertise, and state any other evidentiary measure which he requests.

13. If the Respondent fails to submit its answer by the stated time limit, the C.O.A. may nevertheless proceed with the case and deliver a decision.

4. The Respondent may request that the time limit for the filing of the answer be fixed after the payment by the Appellant of his share of the advance of costs in accordance with Art. 11.2.

15. Unless the parties agree otherwise or the President of the C.O.A. orders otherwise on the basis of exceptional circumstances, the parties shall not be authorized to supplement or amend their requests or their argument, to produce new exhibits, or to specify further evidence on which they intend to rely after the submission of the appeal brief and of the answer.

16. The C.O.A. may at any time seek to resolve the dispute by conciliation.

17. The C.O.A. has full power to review the facts and the law. It may issue a new decision which replaces the decision challenged or annul the decision and refer the case back to the previous instance.

18. After consulting the parties, the C.O.A. may, if it deems itself to be sufficiently well informed, decide not to hold a hearing. At the hearing, the proceedings take place *in camera*.

19. The C.O.A. has discretion to exclude evidence presented by the parties if it was available to them or could reasonably have been discovered by them before the challenged decision was rendered.

20. If any of the parties, or any of its witnesses, having been duly summoned, fails to appear, the C.O.A. may nevertheless proceed with the hearing and render a decision.

Decisions taken by the C.O.A, together with those resolutions which cannot be resolved within the C.I.P.S. Internal Justice System, and provided that the latter do not constitute *res judicata*, may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.



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### **Article 24: ANTI-DOPING**

1. In occasion of its election, the *Praesidium* shall appoints two Commissions for a four-year term:
  - a) Medical Commission – it is composed of 3 or 4 Members (doctors or exercising a health care approaching profession). It will be charged of examining any possible derogation that can be released to competitors who assumes medicaments forbidden by WADA for his/her personal therapeutic care. Any Therapeutic Use Exemption shall be forwarded by the competitor at least 45 days prior the competition start to the person responsible for the Medical Commission who shall issue his/her agreement or disagreement on it within the 15 days that follow the request. The Medical Commission's decision cannot in any case be contested.
  - b) Anti-doping Tribunal – it is composed of 3 (three) jurists or lawyers. It will be charged of applying sanctions as set forth by the Statutes in case a positive case has resulted on a sample tested on a competitor. It will be in charge for a four-year term.
  - c) The C.I.P.S. Anti-doping Rules shall constantly be updated with the WADA Regulations and be published on the C.I.P.S. website.
2. Should a Member of one the two Commissions present his/her resignations for any reason, the *Praesidium* will proceed to replacing the resigning.
3. In accordance with the CIPS Anti-doping Code, the Presidents of the FIPS have to send - in the shortest possible time - the results of all anti-doping tests directly to the CIPS General Secretariat. The General Secretariat has to transmit the results to the C.I.P.S. President and to the President of the Medical Commission. The Medical Commission has to inform the C.I.P.S. President and the General Secretariat on his conclusion of every case and the General Secretariat inform the CIPS Anti-doping Tribunal on the positive cases. The championship season closed, the C.I.P.S. President has to send the conclusions to the WADA.
4. Can participate at any championships organized by C.I.P.S. and/or the three FIPS only the athletes who have accepted the Consent Form, Appendix 3 of the C.I.P.S. Anti-Doping Code. This acceptance has to be confirmed and presented at the championships to the FIPS representative on a list prepared by the National Federation.
5. The Medical Commission and the Anti-doping Tribunal, as well as the relationships with WADA, will be directly managed by the C.I.P.S. President, who shall report on it to the *Praesidium* and, in case of need, to the Congress.

Adopted by the CIPS Presidium on his meeting at 29-30 January 2016 in Rome and modified by vote email of the Presidium according to the Statutes.