

Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive
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CIPS YOUTH CHARTER
(draft)

CIPS Youth Mission Statement

CIPS encourages all member nations and federations to engage youth and provide them with access to angling opportunities. To promote watershed conservation, resource education, and angler comradery to youth of all abilities and race. Giving all youth equal access to community, mentors, and learning to develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives and community through sports fishing.

CIPS encourages all member nations to engage youth to drive interest in sports fishing.

I. Youth Recruitment

- i. Provide a meaningful and enjoyable fishing opportunity to local youth.
- ii. Promote fishing as an alternative leisure activity.
- iii. Offer educational elements such as angler ethics, fish identification, and water safety.
- iv. Develop skills that provide a lifelong hobby.

CIPS encourages all member nations to provide safe and protected activities for youth.

II. Protecting Youth.

- i. Provide coaching guidelines and proper interaction training for all mentors and adult participants.
- ii. The “three R’s” of Youth Protection convey a message for the personal awareness of our youth members.
 1. Recognize that anyone could be an abuser.
 2. Respond when someone is doing something that goes against the safety guidelines.
 3. Report attempted or actual abuse or any activity that you think is wrong.

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III. Youth Fishing Programs

- i. Ensure safety between youth and adults
- ii. Include children, who may not otherwise get the opportunity, to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors. Spread a positive message that all kids are capable despite disabilities. We include all children and give them the opportunity to feel like any other kid.
- iii. Encourage continued participation in fishing by developing skills in the children along with their parents.

- iv. Provide education and understanding to children about fish as a natural resource.
- v. Provide information on clean water habits and invasive species awareness.
- vi. Strengthen local communities through a positive relational experience between local groups, parents and kids.

CIPS youth of today are our stewards of tomorrow. To ensure clean water for the fisheries, we must take action to educate our youth of the importance of conservation and sports fishing.