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*Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive*

**C.I.P.S. STATUTES**

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> 1952 in Rome. C.I.P.S. is an incorporated association (Court of Rome, no. 606/2008). The C.I.P.S. head office is in Rome.

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

1. 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. C.I.P.S.'s noblest task is the fosterage of peace and understanding of peoples, in accordance with the principles of the Olympic ideal.
2. Sports activities within C.I.P.S. shall be carried out on an amateur basis.
3. C.I.P.S. is an international sports Organization of universal nature. Any Federation or other National Institution allowing political, creed, racial, or gender discriminations to be made within its own organization, or either belonging or being affiliated to organizations making any such discriminations, shall not be allowed to be part of C.I.P.S.
4. Membership to C.I.P.S. entails the acknowledgement of the aforesaid principles.
5. C.I.P.S. shall have a worldwide scope.
6. C.I.P.S. shall undertake to promote and spread angling, as well as the other activities referred to in Article 7 below.
7. C.I.P.S. shall cooperate with organizations pursuing similar goals within the framework of sport, of the safeguard and preservation of the environment, of natural habitat, waters and fish, youth and tourism.
8. C.I.P.S. is the owner of the titles of all World and Zone Championships, which cannot be modified without the prior agreement of the C.I.P.S. Congress.

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

1. The structure of C.I.P.S. consists of:
  - A) International Federations:
    - a) Fresh Waters Fishing (F.I.P.S.e.d.);
    - b) Fly Fishing (F.I.P.S.-Mouche);
    - c) Sea Fishing (F.I.P.S.-M).Other International Federations may be admitted by the Congress. The decision shall be made by a simple majority as provided for by Art. 8, point 18.
  - B) Five Standing Commissions:
    - a) Environmental Protection;
    - b) Youth;
    - c) Athletes;
    - d) Equality;
    - e) Ethics.



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- C) Additional Commissions may be set up by the *Praesidium* or by the Congress on a permanent or temporary basis, for specific tasks.
2. C.I.P.S. Member National Federations belonging to the same world region may constitute a C.I.P.S. zone on the initiative of one or more bodies affiliated to C.I.P.S. and located in that world area. Each F.I.P.S. shall provide for the management, definition and constitution of its own zones. The International Federazione shall also add in their Statutes or Internal Rules the elements describing the rights, duties and the way such zones shall be managed. In no case shall said Statutes or Internal Rules be in breach of C.I.P.S. Statutes. The F.I.P.S. shall then submit to C.I.P.S. for acceptance the agreement on the constitution of such zones, for its final approval by C.I.P.S.' Congress.

#### **ARTICLE -4- Members**

1. C.I.P.S. comprises:
  - a) Ordinary Members;
  - b) Candidate Members;
  - c) Promoting Members;
  - d) Associated Members.
2. The Federations or other National Bodies may become Ordinary Members or Candidate 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 accordance with Art. 3, Paragraph 1, shall present a special application to C.I.P.S. specifying what type of membership they wish to acquire.
4. Each Nation shall not be allowed to affiliate more than one National federation or other nationally recognized Organization to an International Federation of C.I.P.S., except if the Statutes of a C.I.P.S. International Federation authorise the affiliation of more than one National Federation per Country, in different disciplines.
5. If a Federation or other National Organization has not been practicing for four years one or more disciplines, it can be replaced by another Federation or National Organization that performs sport activities in that&those discipline(s).  
C.I.P.S.' Secretary General 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 (60) days thereafter, the provision shall be deemed tacitly accepted.
6. The Federations or National Organizations shall be officially registered and recognised by their government, in accordance with the relevant national legislation. Failing such legislation in any given Country, C.I.P.S. shall accredit the Federation/Organization.
7. Membership to C.I.P.S. shall be subject to membership to one of the C.I.P.S. Organizations as set forth in Art. 3.
8. Should the Country of the Member National Organism, due the political reasons, split into two or more Countries whose Sport National Organisms are recognized by the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.), each Country may select a National Organization to become a fully-fledged C.I.P.S. Member.  
If, conversely, multiple Countries unite to form one single Country, the Federations that previously represented such Countries within C.I.P.S. shall be allowed to carry on their activities as fully-fledged Members until the first Congress held after the aforementioned events.



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Afterwards, the rule currently in force shall apply, i.e. C.I.P.S. Membership may be granted to one National Institution per Country only. During the transition period, any such Countries shall be allowed to take part in the World Championships with one national team only, which shall be designed by the Federations concerned.

9. The Status of C.I.P.S. Ordinary Member may be granted to Federations that abide by C.I.P.S.' Statutes, that wish to belong to a C.I.P.S. International Federation and practice sport fishing activities at a national level. Ordinary Members shall be admitted by a resolution of the Congress. Such Members shall be allowed to take part in all C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S. activities, starting from the year of their admission by the Congress, after they have paid their membership fees, whose amount shall be set by the Congress.
10. The Status of Candidate Member of C.I.P.S. may be granted to Federations that abide by C.I.P.S.' Statutes, that wish to belong to a C.I.P.S. International Federation and practice sport fishing activities at a national level. Candidate Members shall be admitted by a resolution of the Congress. Such Members shall be allowed to take part in all C.I.P.S. and F.I.P.S. activities, free of charge, in the year of their admission by the Congress. The following years, they shall pay a membership fee that will gradually increase until the fourth year, when they become Ordinary Members with full rights.
11. The Status of Promoting Member of the C.I.P.S. may be granted to Federations and Institutions that acknowledge the Statutes of C.I.P.S. and wish to cooperate in the missions entrusted to the 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. Promoting Members shall be required to pay a Membership fee, the amount of which shall be set by the Congress.
12. International Federations practicing disciplines different from those of the C.I.P.S. International Federations may become C.I.P.S. Associated Members. Associated Members shall have a connection to the activities carried out by C.I.P.S. They shall take part in the work and actions of the Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive. Associated Members shall acknowledge and accept the C.I.P.S. Statutes. They shall also be members either of SportAccord or of the I.O.C.
13. C.I.P.S. International Federations shall accept new Members on a temporary basis, with the following Congress ratifying their final admission. New Members shall pay their Membership fees as of the date of their provisional acceptance.

## **ARTICLE -5-**

### **Obligations and Rights of the Members**

#### **1. OBLIGATIONS**

The Ordinary and Candidate Members shall:

- a) Abide by C.I.P.S. Statutes;
- b) Draw up their own Statutes so that they are not in contrast with those of C.I.P.S.;
- c) Help C.I.P.S. realize its aims, pursuant to Art. 2;
- d) Regularly pay their fees, which are established by the Congress;
- e) Promote friendly relations among the Members of C.I.P.S.;
- f) Abide by sports rules.

Candidate and Associated Members shall:

- a) Abide by C.I.P.S. Statutes;
- b) Regularly pay the fees fixed by the Congress.



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## 2. RIGHTS

Ordinary Members shall 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 C.I.P.S. events, based on their membership to an International C.I.P.S. Federation;
- c) To be heard and vote should any issues that concern them be discussed;
- d) To benefit from the support and the promotion of C.I.P.S.;
- e) To mention their Membership to C.I.P.S. in their Statutes and in their correspondence;
- f) To appeal to the competent organizations of C.I.P.S. to solve any controversies;
- g) To receive regular information on events that are of importance to C.I.P.S.;
- h) To ask for the inclusion of their competition dates in the calendars of the International C.I.P.S. Federations;
- i) To organize C.I.P.S. events, based on their membership to an International C.I.P.S. Federation.

Candidate Members shall have the right:

- a) To participate in the Congress through their own delegates, without any right to vote; they shall not be entitled to present their own candidatures for the *Praesidium*;
- b) To participate in C.I.P.S. events, based on their membership in an International Federation, but they shall not be entitled to organize them;
- c) To be heard in discussions on issues that concern them;
- d) To benefit from the support and the promotion of C.I.P.S.;
- e) To mention their membership to C.I.P.S. in their Statutes and in their correspondence;
- f) To appeal to the competent C.I.P.S. organizations to solve any controversies;
- g) To receive regular information on events that are important to C.I.P.S.

Promoting Members shall have the right:

- a) To send observing delegates with a consultative vote to C.I.P.S. Congresses;
- b) To present proposals through the Commissions they participate in;
- c) To participate in C.I.P.S. events;
- d) To receive regular information on events that are of importance to C.I.P.S.

Associated members shall have the right to:

- a) Participate in the Congress with their delegates and cast their vote on all issues. Exception is made only for Presidium members elections, in which they shall not have the right to cast their vote, nor shall they be entitled to present their candidates;
- b) Participate in all C.I.P.S. events;
- c) Be heard during debates on issues concerning them;
- d) Have C.I.P.S. support;
- e) Mention their association to C.I.P.S. in their correspondence.

## **ARTICLE -6-**

### **Termination of Membership to C.I.P.S.**

1. The Status of C.I.P.S. Member may be forfeited:

- A) By voluntary resignation notified by means of registered letter or by e-mail with confirmation of receipt, having effect upon expiry of the fiscal year;



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- B) By expulsion:
- a) Due to infringement to the principles of the Statutes or of any complementary provision thereto;
  - b) If, in its own Country, a Federation loses its Status as National Angling Association;
  - c) In the event of non-payment of the fees due to C.I.P.S.
2. Resigning or expelled Members shall be caused to forfeit their Status as C.I.P.S. Members as well as all their rights vis-à-vis C.I.P.S. and its Organizations. Resigning and expelled Members shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of the fees paid theretofore, nor shall they have any right on C.I.P.S. assets.
  3. The exclusion of a Member for one of the above-mentioned reasons may only be decided by the Congress with a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three fourths) of present or represented votes.

#### **ARTICLE -7- C.I.P.S. Bodies**

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

#### **ARTICLE -8- C.I.P.S. Congress**

1. The Congress is the supreme body of C.I.P.S.; it resolves on the interpretation of the Statutes.
2. The Ordinary Congress shall meet at least once a year to adopt the financial statements. If the Congress cannot be held in presence, it can be held via video conference.
3. The Congress shall consist of:
  - a) The *Praesidium* Members;
  - b) The Delegates of Ordinary Members and Candidate Members;
  - c) The Board of Auditors;
  - d) The Delegates of the Promoting Members who shall participate as observers;
  - e) The delegates of Associated members, who 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;
  - f) Those ones invited by the *Praesidium*.
4. The Delegates of the Ordinary Members shall be entitled to one vote per each membership fee paid by their National Federation.



5. 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.  
To expel a member Federation for disciplinary reasons, to change the Statutes, and for the elective Congress, at least 1/3 of the member Federations must be present or represented.  
For the dissolution of C.I.P.S., at least 3/4 of the member federations must be present or represented at the Congress.  
Once the above requirement is fulfilled, it shall be deemed acquired throughout the Congress.
6. The place and date of the Congress shall be decided by the Congress itself, excepting cases of force majeure or extraordinary events. In such cases, it shall be for the *Praesidium* to fix the Congress new meeting and date.
7. The Congress shall be convened with at least six-month notice, by indicating the place and date thereof.
8. 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.
9. Should, at any time, a Delegate leave the Congress, the President of the Federation concerned shall be the only one entitled to authorize his/her replacement by a representative of the Federation under consideration. 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.  
A Member with a written proxy holds a number of votes equal to the sum of his own votes plus those of the represented Member.  
No Member shall be entitled to represent more than one absent Member.
10. The Delegates shall be Members of the Federations they represent and shall be appointed by such Federations.
11. The Agenda of an Ordinary Congress shall comprise, in general terms, the following items:
  - a) Opening of the Congress meeting;
  - b) Establishment of a ballot Commission;
  - c) Ascertainment of the proper calling and necessary quorum of the Assembly and of the votes being represented;
  - d) Acceptance of new Members;
  - e) Report of the *Praesidium*;
  - f) Reports of C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions;
  - g) Secretary General's Report
  - h) Treasurer's Report;
  - i) Report of the Auditors;
  - j) Approval of the Financial Statements;
  - k) Full discharge to the President and the Treasurer;
  - l) Discussion on reports;
  - m) Setting of fees and approval of the budget;
  - n) Discussion and voting on motions;
  - o) Discussion and voting on any changes to the Statutes (only if included in the agenda);
  - p) Proposals of place and date for the following Ordinary Congress;
  - q) Elections in compliance with the Statutes.





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12. The candidatures for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Auditor positions shall be presented to the *Praesidium*, at the C.I.P.S. general Secretariat, at least 30 (thirty) days before the election day. Each candidature shall be accompanied by the written consent of the Federation of the candidate. Candidates shall be elected by secret ballots. As regards the other votes, the Congress shall decide whether it is more appropriate to vote by secret ballot or by show of hands.
13. The Congress shall resolve by simple majority of the attending or represented votes, except for the following decisions, which shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-quarters) majority of the attending or represented votes:
  - a) Changes to the Statutes;
  - b) Expulsion of a C.I.P.S. Member;
  - c) Dissolution of C.I.P.S.Abstaining Members shall be considered as not having participated in the voting.  
*Praesidium* Members shall have no voting rights on resolutions for the approval of the Financial Statements and of the budget.
14. Motions referring to a vote of confidence may be put forward by the simple majority of the votes cast or represented.
15. C.I.P.S. President (or, in case of an elective session, the Congress President) and the Secretary General shall sign the Congress proceedings drafted by the Secretary General. The proceedings shall be sent to all Members within 3 (three) months thereafter.  
If no protests are lodged within the three (3) following months, the proceedings shall be deemed approved.
16. Unless provided otherwise, the decisions adopted by the Congress shall have immediate effect.
17. An Extraordinary Congress shall be convened, if necessary, with a three-month notice, in the following cases:
  - a) If decided by the *Praesidium*;
  - b) At the request of  $\frac{1}{4}$  (one-quarter) of the Ordinary Members.The aforementioned notice indicating the place, date and agenda of the Extraordinary Congress shall be sent to the Members at least 2 (two) months in advance.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **The President**

1. The President shall represent the C.I.P.S. both abroad and vis-à-vis third parties.
2. The President shall be entrusted with the running of the current business on behalf of the *Praesidium*. His decisions shall not deviate from the General policies set forth by the *Praesidium* and by the Congress.
3. If the President is unavailable, the most senior Vice-President available shall deputize.
4. The President shall convene and chair *Praesidium* meetings and Congresses, except for Elective Congresses, whose Chair shall be elected by the Congress itself.
5. If the President is no longer able to fulfil his duties, the most senior Vice-President shall deputize until the following Congress, which will have the task to elect a new President.
6. The President shall convene Congresses and shall appoint the Commission tasked with checking the mandates.



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**ARTICLE 10**  
**The Vice-Presidents**

1. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible:
  - a) One for the Environmental Protection Commission, which shall take care of the safeguard and conservation of the environment, of natural habitat, waters and fish;
  - b) The other one for the Youth Commission, which shall deal with training and with the promotion of sport fishing among young people.
2. The two Vice-Presidents shall draw up an activity report, which they shall present at the *Praesidium* when it meets.
3. If one of the two Vice-Presidents is no longer able to fulfil his duties, the other Vice-President shall deputize until the following Congress, which shall be tasked with electing a new Vice-President.

**ARTICLE -11-**  
**The *Praesidium***

1. C.I.P.S.' *Praesidium* shall be elected by the Congress for a four-year term, that shall end at the same time as the Olympic mandate. It shall be 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 Chairman of the Athletes' Commission;
  - e) The Chairman of the Equality Commission;
  - f) The Treasurer;
  - g) The Secretary General.
2. The Members of the *Praesidium* – except for the Presidents of the International Federations (who are elected by their respective Assemblies), the Chairmen of the Athletes' Commission and the Equality Commission (elected by their Commissions) and the Secretary General (appointed by the *Praesidium* on the proposition of the elected President) – shall be elected by the Congress through a secret ballot, by a simple majority of votes of those present or represented, for a 4 (four)-year term, that shall end at the same time as the Olympic mandate. They shall be delegated by their National Federations, or shall enjoy the confidence of their Federations to be confirmed by a written proxy. They shall be re-eligible.
3. The President, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Secretary General may be Presidents or Vice Presidents of International Federations or Chairmen/Members of Commissions. The Chairpersons of the Athletes' Commission and the Equality Commission, may be Presidents or Vice Presidents of International Federations.
4. Upon recommendation by the *Praesidium*, the title of Honorary President or other honorary titles shall be ratified by the Congress.
5. The *Praesidium* shall manage C.I.P.S. activity and shall execute the resolutions of the Congress. It shall be vested with administration powers. Furthermore:
  - a) It shall approve the Internal Rules and the other Rules deemed necessary for the good functioning of C.I.P.S.;
  - b) It shall have the right to make all decisions pertaining to urgent matters, which decisions, however, shall be thereafter subject to the ratification of the Congress.



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6. The *Praesidium* shall meet at least once a year, also by video conference. It shall duly resolve if at least five (5) of its Members are present.  
In case of need and urgency, the President can ask the *Praesidium* Members to vote by e-mail. However, such decisions shall be submitted to the *Praesidium* at the following meeting for ratification.
7. Upon the proposal of at least five (5) Members of the *Praesidium*, the President shall be caused to convene an extraordinary meeting. Resolutions thereat shall be made by simple majority. In the event of a tie vote, the proposal shall be deemed rejected.
8. The *Praesidium* shall have the right to appoint specific Commissions with specific tasks having limited duration.
9. The *Praesidium* is in charge of the organisation of the C.I.P.S. Congresses.
10. C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* shall see to the compliance of all Members with C.I.P.S. Statutes.
11. The *Praesidium* shall be tasked with coordinating the activities of C.I.P.S. International Federations. The latter shall send their sport calendars to C.I.P.S.' General Secretariat by January the 20<sup>th</sup> each year.
12. If an elected *Praesidium* Member ceases to fulfil his duties between 2 (two) Congresses, the following Congress shall elect his substitute.

#### **ARTICLE -12- C.I.P.S. International Federations**

1. Pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 hereinabove, International Federations shall be set up within C.I.P.S. in order to carry out sports activities.
2. C.I.P.S. International Federations shall draw up their own Statutes, each for their own discipline.
3. The Statutes of C.I.P.S. International Federations shall not be in conflict with these Statutes.
4. With respect to their own sports disciplines, C.I.P.S. International Federations shall enjoy utmost autonomy.
5. C.I.P.S. International Federations shall be financed by the fees paid by C.I.P.S. Members, which are also being Members of the International Federations.
6. C.I.P.S. Congress shall set the amount (share) of the fees to be allocated to C.I.P.S.' general activity.

#### **ARTICLE -13- Secretary General and Treasurer**

1. The Secretary General shall be the executive body of the *Praesidium*. The Secretary General shall manage the General Secretariat under his own responsibility.  
The Secretary General shall be responsible for drafting and sending out the minutes of the Congress and of the meetings of the *Praesidium* in the two official languages.  
Moreover, the Secretary General shall be responsible for the preparation of *Praesidium* meetings, for publishing the reports of C.I.P.S. as well as for the local organization of the Congress.
2. The Treasurer shall manage the bookkeeping and finances of C.I.P.S., and shall report on such matters at Congresses.  
He shall update the supporting documents for revenues and expenses, shall draft and submit the budget and the Financial Statements to the *Praesidium*.



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He shall control that revenues and expenses are in line with the general business plan and the budget adopted by the Ordinary Congress.

He shall supervise the collection of the membership fees and of the royalties paid to organise international competitions.

He shall draw up a report for the *Praesidium* and the Congress

3. If the Treasurer is no longer able to fulfil his duties, the Secretary General shall deputize until the following Congress, which shall elect a new Treasurer.

#### **ARTICLE -14- Standing Commissions**

1. Standing Commissions shall be established to carry out C.I.P.S. general tasks. They will exercise their functions for a period which should correspond to the end of the Olympic mandate and will work in close collaboration with the C.I.P.S. International Federations.
2. The Standing Commissions shall draw up their work schedules, to be ratified by the *Praesidium*.
3. The financial resources required for the running of the Standing Commissions shall be allocated by the Congress, within C.I.P.S. budget.
4. The Environmental Protection Commission and the Youth Commission shall consist of 4 (four) Members each, namely one of C.I.P.S. Vice-Presidents - who shall be the Chairman of the Commission - plus three other Members appointed by each President of the three C.I.P.S. International Federations; such Members shall be approved by the *Praesidium*. The two standing Commissions' Members shall differ from each other.  
Some expert scientists may be invited to take part in the Environmental Protection Commission.
5. The Athletes' Standing Commission shall consist of six (6) Members – 2 (two) for each International Federation, elected in compliance with the Internal Rules. In carrying out its activities, the Athletes' Commission shall follow the I.O.C. guidelines on the setting up of Athletes' Commissions.
6. The Equality Commission shall be composed of 4 (four) Members: a Chairman, elected in compliance with the Internal Rules, and three other Members appointed by each of the Presidents of the C.I.P.S. International Federations. These Members shall be approved by the *Praesidium*.
7. The Ethics Commission shall be composed of 3 (three) Members appointed by the *Praesidium* after consultation with the Members of the Court of Appeal. The Members of the Ethics Commission shall elect their Chairman from among themselves at the first meeting after their appointment.
8. The C.I.P.S. President's authorization shall be required in order to hold any meeting of the Standing Commissions on dates other than those of C.I.P.S. Congresses.
9. Each Standing Commission Chairman shall submit a written report on the Commission activities to the *Praesidium*, before each *Praesidium* meeting.
10. Any Commission proposal shall be ratified by C.I.P.S.' *Praesidium*.

#### **ARTICLE -15- Temporary Commissions**

1. Temporary Commissions shall be set up in order to fulfil specific tasks within the framework of C.I.P.S. activity.



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2. The financial resources required for the running of such Temporary Commissions shall be allocated 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 the proposal or the invitation of C.I.P.S.' President, the Temporary Commission Chairmen may attend the *Praesidium* meetings with advisory voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE -16- Board of Auditors**

1. The Congress shall elect three Statutory Auditors and one Alternate Auditor for a four (4) -year term, that shall end at the same time as the Olympic mandate. The Auditors may not also be Members of the *Praesidium* or of any other body of C.I.P.S. Auditors may be re-elected.
2. The Auditors shall appoint, from among themselves, one chairman and his representative.
3. The Auditors shall be invited to the Congress.
4. The Auditors shall have the duty to audit the accounts and cash accounts of the C.I.P.S., as well as its financial statements and budget; they shall also inform the Congress thereof.
5. Based on their written report, and if it is deemed necessary, the Auditors may request to the Congress full discharge for the President and the Treasurer.
6. The Chairman of the Board of Auditors shall submit a written report to the Secretary General thirty days prior to each *Praesidium* meeting. He shall attend the meeting concerned only at the *Praesidium's* request.
7. At least once a year, the Auditors shall review the accounts of C.I.P.S. and of C.I.P.S. International Federations and Commissions, either at their own initiative or at the *Praesidium* request.

#### **ARTICLE -17- Financial Management**

1. The Financial resources required for C.I.P.S. activity shall originate from:
  - a) The membership fees paid by Ordinary Members. Their amount shall be established by the Congress;
  - b) The fees paid by Candidate Members. Their amount shall be the same as that for ordinary Members, but it shall be paid as follows:
    - Free of charge for the year of the application;
    - 1/3 on the subsequent year;
    - 2/3 on the third year;
    - On the fourth year, the fee shall become the same as that paid by Ordinary Members and, consequently, they shall be considered as such, with the same rights.

Any national Federation or Organisation that participated in a C.I.P.S. event or competition as an invited guest, which shall not submit its membership application in the year of the invitation (free year), shall not benefit from the offer of the first year free of charge, for a duration of four (4) years;

  - c) The fees of Promoting and Associated Members. Their amounts shall be established by the Congress;
  - d) Sponsorships;
  - e) Gift, legacies, collections, other sources.



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2. The Membership fee shall be set by the Congress every fiscal year. The fiscal year shall correspond to the calendar year.
3. If a Member fails to pay his fee within April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, he shall be contacted by C.I.P.S.' Treasurer by electronic mail or post, 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.  
Any members affiliated to different F.I.P.S. for several disciplines will be suspended or excluded only from the concerned F.I.P.S. for non-payment (and non-payments).
4. Each Congress shall decide on the amounts to be allocated to C.I.P.S.' *Praesidium*, to its General Secretariat, and to each C.I.P.S. International Federation.  
All Financial reports shall be submitted to the *Praesidium* and the Congress in the currency selected for the collection of fees.

#### **ARTICLE -18- Official 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 the event of conflicting interpretations of the Statutes and other documents, the French version shall prevail.

#### **ARTICLE -19 Disciplinary Measures**

1. With the exception of the exclusion, disciplinary Measures within C.I.P.S. shall be adopted by the *Praesidium* with immediate effect. Disciplinary Measures pertaining to sports matters shall be adopted, in the first instance, by C.I.P.S. International Federations, each for its own area of activity, and by C.I.P.S. for those occurred during the World Fishing Games. Appeals may always be lodged to the Court of Appeal, that is, C.I.P.S.' judicial body. The Court of Appeal's judgements shall be final. Any person accused of an offence shall be entitled to present his/her defence and may be assisted by a lawyer, if necessary.
2. C.I.P.S. disciplinary Measures shall include:
  - a) Admonishment;
  - b) Suspension;
  - c) Expulsion.
3. The three aforesaid measures may be taken for any Member who is either in breach of the Statutes, or has failed to fulfil his obligations towards C.I.P.S.
4. Suspension shall be announced:
  - a) Upon the decision of the Congress;
  - b) Upon the decision of the *Praesidium* in case of emergency and absolute necessity. In any such case, the measure adopted shall be ratified by the following Congress.
5. All sanctions shall come into force upon notification of the decision.



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**ARTICLE -20-  
The Court of Appeal**

1. The C.I.P.S. Court of Appeal shall consist of five Members who must be lawyers. The Members shall be appointed by the *Praesidium* for a four-year term, that shall end at the same time as the Olympic mandate. One of those five Members will be appointed as the President of the Court of Appeal by the *Praesidium*.
2. Its decisions shall be final and binding.
3. Any dispute for which no competent bodies exist, shall be settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) of Lausanne (Switzerland), which will apply its own rules of procedure.

**ARTICLE -21-  
Anti-doping**

1. C.I.P.S. shall adopt the Anti-doping Sport Code and the Technical Disciplinary Rules as technical documents for the implementation of WADA's Anti-doping Code and of the International Standards.
2. Controls  
Anti-doping rules apply to:
  - a) All Members affiliated to the C.I.P.S. based on their Statutes, their accreditation or their participation in activities or events organized by C.I.P.S. or by the F.I.P.S.;
  - b) All athletes participating in the activities or events organized by C.I.P.S. or by its F.I.P.S.;
  - c) All anti-doping controls C.I.P.S. or F.I.P.S. have jurisdiction upon.
3. Responsibilities of the F.I.P.S.
  - a) Each F.I.P.S. shall ensure that all controls made at a national level comply with the anti-doping rules.
  - b) Should a F.I.P.S. delegate the responsibility of such controls to a National Anti-Doping Organization (N.A.D.O.), the anti-doping rules that apply to C.I.P.S. shall also apply, when required, on the responsible N.A.D.O.
4. Consequences of anti-doping rule violations  
The violation of anti-doping rules by an athlete or any other person may result in one or more of the following sanctions:
  - a) Disqualification means that the athlete's results in a particular competition or event are invalidated, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes;
  - b) Provisional suspension means that the athlete or other person is temporarily banned from participating in any competition, until the final decision is made after hearing him/her (Right to a Fair Hearing principle);
  - c) Suspension means that the athlete or other person is banned for a specific period of time from participating in any Competition or other activity or funding for a given period of time;

**ARTICLE -22-  
Anti-Doping Tribunal**

1. The Anti-doping Tribunal is the judicial body that makes decisions regarding violations of the terms of the WADA World Anti-Doping Code. The Tribunal shall be responsible for applying the sanctions provided for in the Statutes, in the event of a confirmed positive test on a competitor.



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2. The Anti-doping Tribunal is composed of five Members, who must be lawyers. The Members shall be appointed by the *Praesidium* for a term of 4 (four) years, that shall end at the same time as the Olympic mandate. One of these five Members shall be appointed as President of the Anti-doping Tribunal by the *Praesidium*.
3. Any dispute for which there is no competent body shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) which shall apply its own rules of procedure.

**ARTICLE -23-**

**Changes to the Statutes and Dissolution of C.I.P.S.**

1. Changes to the Statutes may only be made if:
  - a) They are included in the agenda;
  - b) They are approved by three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast or represented.
2. C.I.P.S. may only be dissolved if:
  - a) Its dissolution is included in the agenda of a Congress meeting that was expressly convened for that purpose;
  - b) At least three-quarters (3/4) of the Member Federations are present;
  - c) Its dissolution is approved with the majority of three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast or represented.
3. The Congress resolving the dissolution of C.I.P.S. shall also make a decision on the allocation of its assets and shall appoint its liquidators.

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Secretary General

**The last modifications of the Statutes have been approved by the 43<sup>rd</sup> C.I.P.S. Congress held in Acapulco/Mexico, on 12-14 May 2022.**