



CIPS Athletes' Commission Contact Policy

Purpose

To provide anglers with a clear and confidential process to raise concerns, provide feedback, or seek guidance from the Athletes' Commission.

Scope

Applies to all registered anglers under CIPS/FIPS affiliated Federations across all disciplines Eau douce, Mer and Mouche

How to Contact the Athletes' Commission

- Email: athletes@cips-fips.com
- Face book messenger; <https://www.facebook.com/CIPSAnglers>
- Website; <https://www.cips-fips.com/commissions/>
- In person at competitions, we will advertise on our facebook page when we will be at events.

Appropriate Use

This process may be used for:

- Rules, equipment, or scoring queries (non-protest)
- Venue conditions, fish welfare, or environmental concerns
- Athlete welfare or conduct issues
- Suggestions to improve competitions and athlete experience
- Ideas for rule changes. This must be accompanied by valid reasons for change

Note: Formal competition protests must follow the official event rules and timelines.

Submission Requirements

Include:

- Name and club/team/ federation
- Discipline and event (if relevant)
- Date and venue (if applicable)
- Description of the issue
- Supporting information (e.g., peg number, photos, results)
- Valid reason for any rule changes

Process & Timelines

- Acknowledgment within **3–5 business days**
- Response within **10–15 business days** (longer if complex; updates provided)
- For rule changes this generally has to be discussed at the various FIPS annual meetings so can take time.

Confidentiality

All submissions are handled confidentially and shared only as necessary in line with Confederation policies.

Escalation

If unresolved, matters may be referred to relevant committees (e.g., rules, environment, safeguarding).

Athletes may escalate outcomes to the **CIPS Appeals Committee**.

Competition-Time Matters

Immediate issues during events must be raised through official competition officials. The Athletes' Commission may review broader concerns after the event.