FLY FISHING CANADA

FFC COMPETITION RULES 2011

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BACKGROUND

The first World Fly Fishing Championship was held in 1981 under the auspices of the International Federation of Fresh Water Sport Fishing (FIPS-Ed). A committee of FIPS-Ed administered the annual championships until 1988. In 1989, the International Federation of Sport Fly Fishing (FIPS-Mouche) was founded in San Marino as an independent Federation within CIPS.

The Competition Rules were drawn up by the Presidential Board and the Technical Commission in order to ensure consistency in the conduct of FIPS-Mouche championships. Fly Fishing Canada has adapted the Competition Rules of FIPS-Mouche (2003) with suitable modifications for general use in Canada.

The FFC Competition Rules may require modification in order to comply with local laws or restrictions. (Refer to Article 6).

If there is any doubt or dispute over any aspect of the FFC Competition Rules or the FFC Competition Rules Modifications, they will be resolved by interpreting the spirit of the Rules.

ARTICLE 1: INTRODUCTION.

1.1. Sport Fishing is angling with rod and line by amateur anglers for no financial reward.

1.2. Competition sport fishing is angling among competitors who must observe a standard, approved set of rules for no financial reward.

1.3. Competition sport fly fishing is angling with a conventional fly rod, fly line, fly reel and artificial flies among competitors who must observe a standard, approved set of rules for no financial reward.

ARTICLE 2: GENERAL INFORMATION.

2.1. Competitions may be organized for competitors of either sex, competing together or separately.

2.2. Competitions may take place on running or still water or a combination of both.

2.3. Competitions may be organized for different age groups as follows:

(a) Category A- Over 18 at any point during the year if the competition – Senior
(b) Category B- Aged 14-18 at any point during the year of the competition – Youth
(c) Category C- To be established – Masters

2.4. The FFC Competition Rules apply equally to all categories and to Regional as well as National Championships, except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in the FFC Rules Modifications (see Article 6.1).

2.5. Each National Championship must include a Conservation Symposium.

2.6. For convenience, the words “he” and “his” are used throughout this document to include the words “she and “her” respectively.

ARTICLE 3: APPLICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THEIR AUTHORIZATION

3.1. Any community or club or group wishing to organize any FFC championship must present a written application to the Executive Director of FFC.

3.2. As a minimum the application must contain proposals on the following points:

(a) Year, approximate date within the year, venue, championship waters and eligible species.
(b) Justification for the approximate date, venue and championship waters, including comments on the quality of the fishing.
(c) Fishing styles to be included (e.g. river, dry fly; small stillwater, bank fishing, etc.)
(d) Duration of the championship
(e) Estimated participation costs for competitors and guests.

3.3 As a minimum, each FFC National Championships must have the following elements in its title: sequential number of the Championship; FFC; category (if not senior); National Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium (e.g. 1st FFC National Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium).

3.4 As a minimum, each FFC Regional Championships must have the following elements in its title: Sequential number of the Championship; FFC; category (if not senior); geographic area, if applicable; Fly Fishing Championships; and Conservation Symposium, if applicable (e.g. 1st FFC Ontario Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium).

3.5 A senior member of FFC is required to visit the venue and competition waters on the following schedule, in order to verify that they meet all the necessary conditions for an FFC Championship:

- Before application approval
- Two months after approval
- During the Championship

ARTICLE 4: CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOL

4.1 All FFC authorized championships will be conducted in accordance with the Olympic ideal.

4.2 The provincial flags of the participants must be flown throughout the championship.

4.3 All FFC National Fly Fishing Championships (but not necessarily other championships) must have an opening ceremony with civic participation, at which the participants of each province will be introduced, a statement made on the Olympic ideals, and a declaration made of the official opening of the games.

4.4 All FFC National Championships (but not necessarily other championships) must also have a closing ceremony with civic participation, which will feature the presentation of gold, silver and bronze medals to both the team and individual champions, followed by declaration of the official closing of the games.

4.5 The provincial anthems of the medal winners must be played during each presentation.

4.6 When appointed to organize a national or regional competition, all hosts must present a declaration to FFC that shall state FFC Competition Rules will be applied.

ARTICLE 5: ORGANIZATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 The host organization is responsible for the following:

(a) Submit the provisional budget for the event on the occasion of the visit of a senior member of FFC.
(b) Provide to FFC details of the venue, Championship waters, dates, eligible fish species, fishing methods, and all other relevant information along with a formal invitation to participate in the Championship.
(c) Appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Local Organizer to organize and manage the Championship.
(d) Select and train Sector Judges and Controllers who will uphold the Olympic ideal of fair and honourable sportsmanship.
(e) If required, produce computer-based programs for the random draw for beats and/or boats and for the daily and final results.
(f) Submit an up-to-date budget for the event to the Executive Director of FFC at the time of the first announcement of the participation cost for a championship.
(g) Submit a full account of the event to the Executive Director of FFC, at the latest three months after the conclusion of a championship.

ARTICLE 6: COMPETITION RULES AND MODIFICATIONS.

6.1 These Competition Rules apply in all championships authorized by FFC , except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in the FFC Competition Rules Modifications, to take into account the laws, regulations, practices and particular needs of the Host Region.

6.2 Any changes arising from the application of Article 6.1 must be included in the FFC Competition Rules Modifications.

6.3 In preparing the Modifications for National Championships, allowance must be made for the conditions and type of fishing that Team Canada will encounter in the following World Championship.

6.4 A draft of the Rules Modifications must be prepared during the second visit of the senior representative of FFC (Article 3.5 refers) and finalized 30 days prior to the start of the event.

6.5 The Executive Director must review and modify any proposed modification and submit it to the Board of Directors for approval.

6.6 FFC will place the Rules Modifications on its website or send them to the registrants.

ARTICLE 7: MEDICAL AND INSURANCE COVERAGE

7.1 The Local Organizer must arrange adequate medical assistance and liability insurance coverage during the official competition period.

7.2 Registrants are responsible for providing adequate health, travel, and any other insurance.

ARTICLE 8: BANK FISHING COMPETITIONS.

8.1 The host must schedule transportation to the competition area for competitors to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the start time. Competition waters must be divided into five sectors, identified by name if possible, and by Roman numerals I, II, III, IV and V, and be colour coded.

8.2 The beats within sectors must be numbered consecutively, starting from the upstream boundary in running waters. On still waters, the beats must be numbered clockwise. There must be the same number of beats within each sector as the number of participating groups.

8.3 Beats must be established with the prime objective of providing all competitors with equal fishing opportunities; further, they should be a minimum length of two hundred (200) metres on running water and one hundred (100) metres on still waters. Each beat will have a minimum buffer zone of twenty (20) metres on each side.

8.4 A competitor may only cast or fish his flies within the marked boundaries of his beat, and he must remain within the boundaries of the beat during the entire competition period.

8.5 If a hooked fish swims into a buffer zone, the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If a hooked fish swims into the adjacent beat and the angler in that beat does not object, then the competitor may play the fish from inside his own beat and it must also be landed within his beat. If the angler in the adjacent beat does object, the competitor has a maximum of one minute to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat and into his own beat. If the same fish is allowed to enter an adjacent beat a second time, the fish must be immediately released and the fish will not be scored.

ARTICLE 9: BOAT FISHING COMPETITIONS

9.1 The host must schedule transportation to the competition area at least one (1) hour prior to the start time.

9.2 In order for competitors to have a full three (3) hours of fishing, the boats must be launched at least fifteen (15) minutes before the period starts, to be in position to start fishing.

9.3 There must be the same number of competitors in each boat.

9.4 Each competitor has the right to be in command of the boat for an equal amount of time. The decision a s to which competitor is initially in command of the boat will be decided by the toss of a coin or by mutual agreement.

9.5 The competitor in command of the boat may make all tactical decisions, including on which seat in the boat each competitor sits; where the boat should be positioned; whether a drogue is used or not. The competitor in command of the boat may not position the boat in a way that unfairly disadvantages the other competitor. The Controller may at his discretion override any such decision for reasons of safety or of fairness to the competitor(s) in his or in other boats. The seating in the boat may not be changed until the other competitor commands the boat.

9.6 No boat may approach within fifty (50) metres of another boat from which a competitor is fishing except for reasons of safety or of necessity.

9.7 While fishing, competitors must remain seated on the fitted boat seats, but may use a cushion with a maximum thickness of ten (10) centimetres.

9.8 Netting of fish must be done by the competitor, or the Controller if requested by the competitor.

9.9 A competitor may stand only while netting a fish, but if he asks the Controller to net the fish the competitor must remain seated.

9.10 No fishing is permitted while the boat is under power either from either a motor or oars. Oars must be out of the water while fishing.

9.11 Only the Controller may man the oars and motor.

ARTICLE 10: DURATION OF EVENTS, AND SCORING AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.

10.1 Each FFC National Fly Fishing Championships must provide at least five different scoring periods.

All other FFC Championships must provide at least three scoring periods. In all championships, competitors will have the right to fish an equal number of scoring periods on each type of fishing.

10.2 Each scoring period must comprise at least three hours of fishing. If, for reasons beyond the control of the competitor, the period is less than three (3) hours, compensatory time must be allowed.

10.3 The hours for competition will be set by the host organization.

10.4 The host organization is required to make available a minimum of three (3) hours practice for each type of fishing in the competition, on similar waters, for each competitor.

ARTICLE 11: WHO MAY PARTICIPATE.

11.1 Any FFC paid-up member may participate in FFC championships.

11.2 Participants may be:

(a) A team comprising a minimum of five competitors plus optionally one reserve and/or one captain and/or one manager..

(a) An individual

ARTICLE 12: OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS.

12.1 Participants in competitions authorized by FFC must respect the FFC Competition Rules and FFC Competition Rules Modifications.

12.2 Out of courtesy to the host organization and event sponsors, all registrants are required to attend all official functions listed in the program.

12.3 It is the responsibility of each competitor to take all appropriate safety measures, including the wearing of eye protection and life preserving equipment.

12.4 Each participant must wear a visible identification card or badge, supplied by the host, throughout every competition period and official functions.

12.5 Each participant is responsible for checking the accuracy of his scorecard, ensuring that the controller has crossed out the unused part of the scorecard and confirming this by signing it at the end of each period.

12.6 Each participant must travel to and from all official events during the competition by official transport unless permission of the senior FFC representative has been obtained.

12.7 During a competition period, any participant who requests advice relating to the fishing or accepts any material help relating to the fishing will be disciplined. If anyone communicates with a competitor during a competition period, this will be considered as a case of the competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing.

ARTICLE 13: JURY

13.1 A Jury must be formed at the first Captains Meeting.

13.2 The Jury will consist of :

(a) The senior representative of FFC
(b) The Local Organizer

(c) One competitor or Team Captain, elected by the meeting

ARTICLE 14: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE JURY.

14.1 It will be the duty and responsibility of the Jury to:

(a) Review any reports of infractions and take any appropriate action.
(b) Receive any formal written protest, accompanied by two hundred dollars ($200.00), and take any appropriate action.

14.2 Disciplinary measures are:

(a) Warning
(b) Censure
(c) Disallowing all or part of a competitor's catch
(d) Disqualification of a team or individual

ARTICLE 15: SECTOR JUDGES.

15.1 In all competitions there must be a Sector Judge for each of the sectors or group of competitors.

15.2 A representative of FFC is responsible for ensuring that Sector Judges are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with these rules and any modifications thereof.

ARTICLE 16: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECTOR JUDGES.

16.1 Sector Judges are responsible for the proper conduct of the competition within their sector or group of competitors.

16.2 Sector Judges are responsible for supervising the training of all Controllers in their sector and accepting only those who are properly qualified.

16.3 Sector Judges are responsible for the supervision of the Controllers to ensure that they keep accurate records and enforce observance of the Competition Rules and their Modifications.

16.4 Sector Judges are responsible for assisting Controllers in rule interpretation if there is any doubt about a possible infraction of the Competition Rules or Rules Modifications.

16.5 Sector Judges are responsible for supervising the recording of suspected infractions of the Competition Rules or Competition Rules Modifications and reporting them to the Local Organizer and the FFC representative.

16.6 In the event of a formal protest, the Sector Judge involved is required to assist the Jury by gathering information to resolve the protest.

16.7 Sector Judges are responsible for ensuring that no person has access to competitors during competition periods. All observers should be kept well away so that they do not interfere or communicate with competitors.

16.8 Sector Judges may have other duties assigned to them by the Local Organizer.

ARTICLE 17: CONTROLLERS.

17.1 Controllers will be responsible for no more than two competitors at any one time.

17.2 Controllers will be responsible for accurately recording on the competitor's score card details of each eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture. All unused portions of the scoring section of the card must be crossed out by the Controller at the end of the period. If it is feasible to have self-copying paper, the original of the scoring card will be given to the Sector Judge, and the duplicate will be given to the competitor.

17.3 Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules and their Modifications appear probable.

17.4 Controllers must record any infraction of the Competition Rules or their Modifications and report this information to the Sector Judge or to the Local Organizer.

17.5 Controllers may have other duties assigned to them by the Local Organizer or by the Sector Judge.

ARTICLE 18: RANDOM DRAW FOR BEATS AND BOATS.

18.1 All beats must be clearly defined before beats are assigned to competitors and must not be altered during the competition.

18.2 The beat of each competitor must be determined by a draw. Ideally, the draw should ensure that anglers from the same team will not fish any beat in any sector more than once.

18.3 The senior representative of FFC must supervise and attest to the accuracy and fairness of the draw.

(a) Ideally, the draw for beats or boats should be done by a pre-planned computer program to generate the allocation of competitors to beats or boats. Teams will be represented by numbers, and team members by the letters A, B, C, D and E.
(b) The captain of each team or group will draw a number to select the team number.
(c) Each captain will then draw a letter A to E to assign each of the team members to a group, which will then compete in each period for placings.
(d) Other methods of completing the random draw are acceptable if authorized by the senior representative of FFC.

18.4 The allocation of boatmen to boats must be decided either by a computer-based draw, which must minimize the frequency, ideally to nil, of the same boatman acting for the same team during the championship, or by a public draw immediately before the session.

ARTICLE 19: CARE OF FISH CAUGHT.

19.1 If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the Controller for measurement and recording (Article 17.2 refers).

19.2 The Controller must remove the hook, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish.

19.3 If a competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he is not required to net it but must release it in the water, taking care not to cause it any damage, and ideally without touching it.

19.4 If a Controller or any other competition official determines that a competitor has negligently injured a fish, that fish will not be scored and the competitor will be penalized the number of points attributable to a fish of minimum valid length. The incident must be reported to the Jury for consideration of further action.

ARTICLE 20: COMPETITON BOATS.

20.1 Competition boats should be of equal size, design, structure and power for each sector.

20.2 The number of occupants in each boat must not exceed the rated boat capacity.

20.3 Boats must carry life preservers for each occupant and a means of attracting help in case of emergency.

20.4 When the use of drogues is allowed in the Rule Modifications, the host organization must provide identical drogues for each boat. Should a drogue be lost or become unserviceable, a competitor's drogue may be substituted if it matches in size to provided drogues or is smaller.

ARTICLE 21: ELIGIBLE FISH.

21.1.1 Eligible fish species and size limits must be specified in the Rule Modifications. Only salmonoid species are normally eligible, but other species may be included with the agreement of FFC For measuring purposes the length will be from the tip of the nose to the tip of the longest part of the tail. The tail MUST NOT be squeezed together.

21.2 Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible.

21.3 A fish hooked during a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than five (5) minutes after the session ends.

ARTICLE 22: COMPETITION FLY RODS.

22.1 One fly rod not longer than twelve feet/three hundred and sixty-six centimetres (12 ft/366 cm) in length may be used at one time.

22.2 Competitors may have spare fly rods with them, but when fishing from a boat these must not be assembled or the reel attached. In bank or river fishing competitors may have any number of rods made up.

22.3 Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their own equipment.

ARTICLE 23: COMPETITION FLY LINES.

23.1.1 Any factory-made floating, sinking or sink-tip lines may be used, except for lead-core lines. A short leader loop, of any material, may be attached to the end of the line. Line markers may also be added to the line. No other modifications are permitted.

23.2 Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two (22) metres.

23.3 Shooting heads are not allowed.

23.4 Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines.

ARTICLE 24: COMPETITION LEADERS.

24.1 A single monofilament leader may be used, of any length.

24.1.1 Leaders may be knotted or knotless and continuously taper down or level. A single loop may only be used to connect a leader to the fly line.

24.2 Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to the leader.

ARTICLE 25: COMPETITION FLIES.

25.1 Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.

25.2 Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size.

25.3 The length of the dressed fly will be at the competitor's discretion.

25.4 Weighted flies are permitted provided the weight is hidden within the dressing. A single visible bead, not more than 4 mm in its maximum dimension, is also permitted. Painting alone does not constitute dressing. Note: Exposed metal wire may be used as a rib in the dressing off a fly provided the wire is fine and does not add significant weight.

25.5 A maximum of three flies is permitted, which must not be closer to each other than fifty (50) cm, measured eye to eye, hanging freely. All flies must be attached to the leader in such a way that they do not move or slide. Note: Attaching a fly with a loop knot is not permitted.

25.6 All flies must be dressed on hooks that are barbless, de-barbed, or have the barb squeezed down flat. The fly must be able to pass a "cotton test" to be eligible.

ARTICLE 26: LANDING NETS.

26.1 The material of the landing net must be soft cotton or other non-abrasive material and preferably of knotless construction.

26.2 Landing nets must not exceed forty-eight inches/one hundred and twenty-two cm (48 in/22 cm) in overall length when fully extended.

ARTICLE 27: PROHIBITIONS.

27.1 The following are prohibited:

(a) Fishing in competition sectors by competitors or their agents during a period of sixty (60)days prior to the official start of the event.
(b) Lack of sportsmanship toward other competitors, organizers or officials.
(c) Any action by competitors, organizers or officials that would produce fraudulent or biased results.
(d) The use of still or video cameras to film beats and/or the competitors of other teams to provide information for a team, during the entire Championship.
(e) The use by a team member of radio or other electronic communication methods during a competition period.
(f) During a competition period, a competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone, or accepting from anyone material help relating to the fishing.

ARTICLE 28: LOST FISH.

28.1 In the event that a fish is lost by a Controller before it is measured, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish taken in that sector during that session and the fish will be counted.

28.2 If a Controller is netting a fish at the competitor's request and it is lost, no points will be awarded for the lost fish.

ARTICLE 29: AWARDING OF POINTS.

29.1 For each eligible fish caught, a competitor will score one hundred (100) points.

29.2 Competitors will also receive twenty (20) points per centimetre of length of each eligible fish; the recorded length will be rounded up to the next complete centimetre for scoring purposes.

29.3 The length of a fish that is under the eligible size will not be rounded up, so such a fish will not be scored.

ARTICLE 30: SESSION PLACINGS.

30.1 All competitors will receive a placing in their group according to the points they obtain in each sector and for each period of a championship.

30.2 Any competitor who fails to make a valid catch in any period will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors on the sector for that period. The same placing will be awarded to any competitor who fails to participate for any reason.

30.3 Any competitor who is forced to retire for any reason from a period of a championship shall have his catch up to that time included in his results.

30.4 Any incomplete team will be awarded a placing equal to the number of competitors in a sector for each period for which a team member is absent.

30.5 If there is a tie between competitors in the same sector and period in the number of points received, the tiebreaker will be the largest number of valid fish caught. If the tie persists, the competitors will receive equal placings and the immediately following placing(s) will be left blank.

ARTICLE 31: TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.

31.1 The positions of teams and individuals will be determined as follows:

(a) Teams: The first position will be awarded to the team with the lowest cumulative number of placings of all its team members, and similarly for all other positions.

(b) Individuals: The first position will be awarded to the individual with the lowest cumulative number of placings, and similarly for all other positions.

31.2 A reserve competitor is not allowed to fish the same venue more than once.

31.3 If there is a tie for positions between teams or individuals, the first tie breaker will be the largest number of points received, the second will be the largest number of valid fish caught, and the third will be the largest fish..

31.4 If the tie persists, the tied teams or individuals will be awarded equal positions and the immediately following position(s) will be left blank.

ARTICLE 32: POSTING OF RESULTS.

32.1 At the first Captains Meeting, the Local Organizer must announce the location for the posting of results.

32.2 The period results, including individual and team positions, should be posted within three (3) hours of the end of each period.

32.3 The daily and cumulative results for both individuals and teams should be posted within three (3) hours of the end of the last period of each day.

32.4 The final results, including the individual and team positions, should be posted within three (3) hours of
the close of the final period.

ARTICLE 33: POSTED RESULTS AND OBJECTIONS.

33.1 Period, daily and final results will be considered as provisional for two (2) hours after the official posting of the results of the final session of the day involved.

33.2 The time of posting must be clearly marked on the result sheets.

33.3 It is the responsibility of Team Captains to inspect the posted results.

33.4 If there are no objections that are subsequently sustained within the provisional period, the posted results will stand.

33.5 It is the responsibility of Team Captains to notify the senior FFC representative of any discrepancy as soon as possible.

33.6 Only those objections made during the provisional period will be considered by the Jury in rectifying the results. After adjustments, if any, the official results must be signed by the senior FFC representative and the Local Organizer and then posted.

ARTICLE 34: FORMAL PROTESTS.

34.1 A formal protest may be made by a competition official, a team, or an FFC representative regarding violations of the Competition Rules, the Rule Modifications, unethical or unsportsmanlike conduct, or fraud.

34.2 A formal protest must be in writing.

34.3 A formal protest must be made to the senior FFC representative within two (2) hours after the official posting of the results of the final session on the day involved.

34.4 A formal protest on behalf of a team must be made by the Team Captain.

34.5 A formal protest from a team must be accompanied by a deposit of two hundred dollars ($200.00). If the protest is upheld, the deposit will returned; otherwise it is forfeited to FFC Conservation fund..

ARTICLE 35: TITLES AND TROPHIES.

35.1 The team awarded the first position will be designated the Canadian National Fly Fishing Team Champion, or the Fly Fishing Team Champion if it is not a national championship.

35.2 The Canadian National Fly Fishing Team Champion or the Fly Fishing Team Champion will receive any trophy so designated.

35.3 Members of the teams awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

35.4 The individual competitor awarded the first position will be designated the Canadian National Individual Fly Fishing Champion or the Individual Fly Fishing Champion if it is not a national championship.

35.5 The Canadian National Individual Fly Fishing Champion or Individual Fly Fishing Champion will

receive any trophy so designated.

35.6 Individual competitors awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

35.7 There will be no monetary or substantial material prizes in any FFC authorized competition.

ARTICLE 36: LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT.

36.1 The language of the original text of these rules is English.

36.2 The Competition Rules should be available in both official languages.

36.3 Any clarifications or misunderstandings are to be resolved by reference to the original text.

ARTICLE 37: STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

37.1 The original FFC Competition Rules were approved at the time of the 1st FFC National Fly Fishing Championship and Conservation Symposium held in the Manitoba Parkland, 6 to 12 September 2003. These revised and restated FFC Competition Rules (2010) were approved October 11, 2010.