



FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA PESCA SPORTIVA E ATTIVITÀ SUBACQUEE
VIALE TIZIANO 70-00196 ROMA – ITALY
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES CHALLENGE 2019

SPECIAL RULES

Art.1 – The Italian Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities Federation has created and launched the "**1st INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE FISHERIES 2019**", which will take place at Lago Borghese, MONSUMMANO TERME (PT) on 9 and 10 November 2019.

Art.2 – ORGANISATION – The event will be organised by the FIPSAS Surface Fishing Sector Committee; it will take place whatever the weather conditions, and will be governed by these Special Rules. For all matters not mentioned here, reference is made to the Official F.I.P.S.e.d. Feeder Rules.

Art.3 – PARTICIPATION – The International Challenge Fisheries 2019 is open to one or more teams per National Federation, whose Athletes must be citizens of the Nation they are representing. Teams shall consist of 4 anglers and one reserve.

Art.4 – ENTRIES – Entry forms shall be sent to the Italian Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities Federation – Surface Fishing Sector (pesca.superficie@fipsas.it- Fax: 0687980089), complete with the receipt of payment of the entry fee of **€2200,00** (including half board accommodation for 6 persons, insurance, 6 invitations for the closing dinner and the relative fishing permits).

Art. 5 – PRACTICE – There will be two days of official practice (Thursday and Friday), to be staged at the official Competition Venue. On the morning of the first practice day the Captains will receive the results of the drawing of "BOXES" for the two days of practice.

Art. 6 – PRELIMINARY TASKS – Preliminary tasks – drawing of lots for competition pegs, allocation of back numbers and provision of all information on the event – will be carried out during the Captains' Meetings, with the following programme:

- **Friday 16:00 – 1st Captain's Meeting** – Drawing of lots for 1st practice sectors;
- **Saturday 07:00 – 2nd Captain's Meeting** – Pairing allocating the competition pegs to anglers;
- **Saturday 16:00 – 3rd Captain's Meeting** – Drawing of lots for 2nd practice sectors;
- **Sunday 07:00 – 4th Captain's Meeting** - Pairing allocating the competition pegs to anglers.

The drawing of lots for sectors will take place using the FIPSAS Drawing Scheme.

Art. 7 – COMPETITION VENUE – The Competition Venue will be divided into single fishing sectors (boxes) demarcated for each angler, having a minimum width of approximately 8 metres.

The competition will be staged over two legs, each having a duration of **five hours**, in sectors consisting of one athlete per nation, or subsectors resulting from the drawing of lots should the number of participating nations exceed 20.

Art. 8 – THE COMPETITION – The competition shall have a duration of **five hours**.

- Each angler has 90 minutes to complete all preparatory tasks.
- Arriving at the competition venue, anglers, bringing their back numbers, must leave their gear in the peg allotted to them by the drawing of lots without being able to enter (this rule must be complied with also by those helping anglers to carry gear). Materials cannot be prepared until a signal is given, giving anglers permission to enter their peg. During the course of subsequent preparatory tasks, anglers may not receive any help. Any material may be given to anglers until the baiting signal, but only by the individual steward. After this signal, no type of material can be provided (e.g. bait, ground baits and equipment) to anglers, with the exception of pieces of broken rods, which may be substituted by means of the individual steward. The latter may also intervene to help the angler assigned to them or to free up the parts of a rod that have become entangled.
- Until the signal to enter the pegs, the ground baits and baits may be prepared by the angler or by a third party outside the ring.
- After the signal for the anglers to enter the respective pegs, ground baits and baits may be given to anglers solely during the time set aside for preparing them. The preparation of ground baits and baits may continue inside the peg, or by a third party outside the zone until the signal indicating the start of the checking of feed and baits. From that moment, baits and feed must be inside the angler's peg, and no changes or additions will be allowed until the control. Ground baits must be presented for checks ready to for use. They may not be presented in sealed bags. After the control anglers may not receive any further baits or ground baits.
- Small containers containing liquid or solid additives to be used for the dipping of hooking baits are allowed.
- Should an angler use a shorter fish net than that allowed (3.5 metres), he will be given a yellow card, even if the fish net is used on both competition days. If the same angler is found to have a fish net that is too short in another championship, he will be disqualified from that event.
- The length of the fish net and of rods will be measured after the checking of baits and ground baits and prior to heavy ground baiting; one angler per sector will be drawn by lots for the control.
- Anglers may arrive at the competition venue using their own means of transport.

Art. 9 – FISHING TACKLE

- the feeder speciality is practised solely using rods equipped with a reel;
- the length of the rod may not exceed 4.00 metres (13');;
- only lines not supported by a float, with in-line or off-line sinker and having the end fishhook are allowed;
- the maximum size of the feeder is 5cm in diameter and 7cm in length, considering only the basket suitable for loading baits and ground baits;
- any element or material that slows down its descent to the bottom cannot be added to the feeder;
- all types of feeder can be used; it may not be attached permanently to the main line; the (single) hook hanging onto the line end must be placed below it;
- the sinker, having a minimum weight of 15g, may be lead, or any type of feeder ("block end", "open end", "pellet feeder", "method feeder" and "Banjo Feeder");
- the angler may use a small protective mat to unhook caught fish;

- the bait presented away from the hook, using a “hair rig”, is allowed.

Regardless of the quantity of fish caught or catchable, in order to avoid overcrowding the angler is required to use two fish nets at the same time for storing the catch during fishing action.

YOU MAY NOT

- use the feeder as end line;
- use the elasticised feeder;
- use any type of multi-fibres in the reel and as a terminal;
- use nibble-warning acoustic devices;
- use the feeder without lead or with the addition of floating substances;
- use barbed hooks;
- use silicone baits.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty consisting of the removal of 20% of the day's catch in weight.

WHEN FISHING THE ANGLER MUST CAST AND PULL IN THE LINE USING THE REEL. THE FEEDER ROD MAY NOT BE USED AS A FIXED ROD. TOUCH FISHING, SUPPORTING THE LEAD FROM THE BOTTOM, IS FORBIDDEN.

In order to guarantee fair fishing conditions for all anglers, the organisers will specify minimum and maximum casting distances to limit fishing action.

Art. 10 – CONTROLS – Ground baits must be presented for checks in graduated buckets, with live bait kept in ad hoc “official-size” boxes.

A quantity of bait and/or ground bait exceeding that allowed may not be presented; pellets, earth and ground baits shall be presented ready for use. Other baits or ground baits, even those still to be prepared, exceeding the permitted limits cannot be kept in one's box.

Baits must be presented whole at the check (e.g. earthworms and/or maggots cannot be presented cut up, blended or crushed prior to the check).



The sieving, wetting and mixing of ground baits is prohibited after the checks are completed. Use of the sprayer will be allowed between the checks and heavy ground baiting only to prepare the baits.

ART 11 – BAITS AND GROUND BAITS

1. The quantity of ground bait to be presented ready for use (wetted and sieved), including corn maize, hempseed, etc., and any other additive not toxic for the water environment and relative fauna, and ground bait pellets (**measuring from 2-4mm**) must not exceed **8 litres**.
2. The quantity of permitted live baits must not exceed **2 litres**, of which a maximum of **0.5 litres** must be worms, **which must be presented whole (not cut up)**. Baits such as Pellets, Boilies and similar in all states, shapes and colours, may be presented outside the official sizes, in unlimited quantities, in their original boxes. They may not be used under any circumstances for ground baiting.

Ground baiting may be carried out using only the feeder attached to the line.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty consisting of the removal of 20% of the day's catch in weight.

Art 12 – PERMITTED BAITS

Only the following baits are permitted:

- Earthworms;
- Maggots (in all states and shapes: squatt, pinkie, caster, etc.);
- Gadfly larvae (silkworm, caster);
- Corn maize;
- Hempseed;
- Boilies (up to 10 mm);
- Pellets and similar (up to 11 mm).

Baits may always be treated with liquid/gel or powder-based additives; the additive may be put into the feeder. The use of meat, bread, pastes, fouillis and bloodworms is forbidden.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty consisting of the removal of 20% of the day's catch in weight.

Art 13 – SIGNALS

- 1st Signal – Access to assigned box/peg
- 2nd Signal – 5 minutes to bait and ground bait checks
- 3rd Signal – Bait and ground bait checks
- 4th Signal – Start of Heavy ground baiting
- 5th Signal – Start of fishing
- 6th Signal – 5 minutes to end of fishing
- 7th Signal – End of fishing.

Art. 14 – WEIGHING – Weighing operations will be carried out by Teams made available by the Organisers, who will begin to weigh the catch as soon as the End-of-fishing signal is sounded.

Art. 15 - RANKINGS

Sector Ranking – The ranking by sector or subsector will be according to weight of fish (1 point per gramme) caught by each angler. The angler recording the highest weight will be assigned 1 penalty point, and so on.

Team Ranking for the day – The ranking will be determined by adding up the penalty points of the 4 Team members.

The Team posting the lowest number of penalty points will be ranked first, and so on. In the event of a tie the Teams will be ranked according to the following results:

1. greater total weight posted by members of the same Team;
2. greater total weight posted by single Team member;
3. fewest penalty points obtained by one of the Team members

General Team Ranking – Total sum of the penalties posted by the Team in the two legs; the Team with the lowest number of penalty points will be ranked first. In the event of a tie the Teams will be ranked according to the following results:

1. greater total weight posted in the two legs;
2. greater total weight obtained by a Team in one of the two legs;
3. fewest penalty points obtained by the Team in one of the two legs.

Individual Ranking for the Day – Anglers will be ranked according to the penalty points received in their sector/subsector. In the event of a tie between two or more anglers, they will be ranked according to:

1. the greater weight recorded;
2. the largest number drawn.

General Individual Ranking – Total sum of the penalties posted in the two legs; the angler receiving the fewest number of penalty points will be ranked first, and so on. In the event of the same number of penalty points, they will be ranked according to:

1. the greater weight recorded in the two legs;
2. the greater weight recorded in one of the two legs;
3. the total sum of numbers drawn (pegs) for the two legs. The highest total will win.

Art. 16 – PRIZE-GIVING

Teams –	1st ranked – Trophy + 7 medals
	2nd ranked – Trophy + 7 medals
	3rd ranked – Trophy + 7 medals

Individual -	1st ranked – Trophy + medal
	2nd ranked – Trophy + medal
	3rd ranked – Trophy + medal