

FFC COMPETITION RULES

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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 (2019) 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 as well as to the FFC Competition Guideline).

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. 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.**

* 1. Competitions may be organized for competitors of either sex, competing together or separately.
  2. Competitions may take place on running or still water or a combination of both.
  3. Competitions may be organized for different age groups as follows:

1. Category A- Over 18 at any point during the year of the competition – Senior
2. Category B- Aged 14-18 at any point during the year of the competition – Youth
3. Category C- To be established – Masters
   1. The FFC Competition Rules apply equally to all FFC sanctioned competitions including Regional and National Championships, except when otherwise specified within these rules or changed in the FFC Rules Modifications (see Article 6.1).
   2. Each National Championship must include a Conservation Symposium.
   3. 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**

For information on how to apply for FFC-sanctioned championships refer to the most recent version of the FFC National Competition Guide and Ranking Point System.

**ARTICLE 4: COMPETITION RULES AND MODIFICATIONS.**

4.1 These Competition Rules apply in all competitions sanctioned by FFC, except when otherwise specified within these rules or modified to take into account the laws, regulations, practices and particular needs of the Host Region. Any rule modifications need to be submitted to and approved by FFC as part of the competition sanctioning process.

* 1. 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.
  2. The organisers of any FFC-sanctioned competition are responsible for making the FFC Competition Rules and FFC-approved modifications thereof known to all competitors. In the case of National Championships FFC will place the Rules Modifications on its website or send them to the registrants.

**ARTICLE 5: MEDICAL AND INSURANCE COVERAGE**

5.1 The Local Organizer of National Championships must arrange adequate medical assistance and liability insurance coverage during the official competition period.

* 1. Registrants in all FFC-sanctioned competitions are responsible for providing adequate health, travel, and any other insurance.
  2. The organisers of FFC-sanctioned competitions, with the exception of National Championships, may request each competitor to formally declare that he is in good health and that he will personally assume all responsibility concerning any injury or death that he may incur or that may be inflicted on him by others during activities involving the competition,

**ARTICLE 6: BANK FISHING COMPETITIONS.**

* 1. The host must ensure that all competitors have access to the competition area at least one (1) hour prior to the start time. Competition waters must be divided into sectors, identified by name if possible, and by Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV and so forth), and be colour coded.
  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 teams.

* 1. Beats must be established with the prime objective of providing all competitors with equal fishing opportunities; Ideally, they should be a minimum length of two hundred (200) metres on running water and one hundred (100) metres on still waters. Whenever possible, each beat will have a minimum buffer zone of ten (10) metres on each side. On still waters the beats shall be marked with the strips of a warning tape on both sides, that determine also the virtual boundary lines in the water.
  2. 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. A competitor may not fish from, nor use, any form of bridge during a Competition Session. 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 five (5) minutes to bring the fish out of the adjacent beat and into his own beat.
  3. During a championship “bank fishing” session, wading allowed, only the competitor may enter the water within the boundaries of his beat. For safety reasons, if it’s considered necessary by the controller, then the controller may enter the water for rescue. Bank fishing means that there is always contact with the ground, lake bottom or river bottom. Deliberately swimming or floating is forbidden.
  4. The beats shall be selected in the way that will provide conditions for the controllers to maintain continuous visual contact with the competitor. The controllers shall be adequately equipped for this purpose (binoculars, rubber boots or waders, safety equipment if necessary). In case there is an island within the boundaries of a beat, the controller may be directed to perform his duties from the island to ensure a permanent visual contact with his/her competitor. The controller must enter the island not later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the session, making sure the fishing water is not disturbed. The controller remains on the island for the duration of the session.

**ARTICLE 7: BOAT FISHING COMPETITIONS**

* 1. When transportation is provided by the competition organiser, transportation to the competition area must be scheduled to arrive at the destination at least one (1) hour prior to the start time.
  2. In order for competitors to have a full three (3) hours of fishing, the boats must be launched at least

ten (10) minutes before the period starts, to be in position to start fishing.

* 1. There must be the same number of competitors in each boat.
  2. Each competitor has the right to be in command of the boat for an equal amount of time. The decision

as to which competitor is initially in command of the boat will be decided by the toss of a coin or by

mutual agreement.

7.5 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. For example: the competitor in control cannot put the boat so close to the shore that the other competitor has very little water to fish in. If there is a Controller in the boat, 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.

7.6 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.

* 1. While fishing, competitors must remain seated on the fitted boat seats, but may use a cushion with a maximum thickness of ten (10) centimetres.
  2. Netting of fish must be done by the competitor, or the Controller if requested by the competitor.

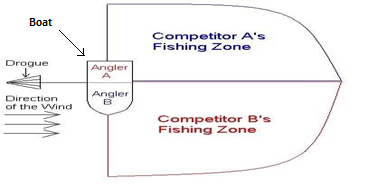
7.9 A competitor may stand only while netting a fish, but if he asks the Controller to net the fish the

competitor must remain seated.

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

7.11 In cases when there is no separate Controller in the boat, each competitor will act as a controller of the other.

7.12 Fishing takes place with the boat drifting sideways with the wind. A drogue may be used if the competitor in charge of the boat wishes to (if allowed by the rule modifications for the competition). The drogue must be attached to the side of the boat behind the anglers’ backs. Boats cannot be anchored. Both competitors must fish in front of the boat from the same (downwind) side and cast their flies in the water on their side of the boat. The flies must not pass behind the boat.



**ARTICLE 8: DURATION OF EVENTS, AND SCORING AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.**

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

All other FFC Championships must provide at least two scoring periods. In all championships,

competitors will have the right to fish an equal number of scoring periods on each type of fishing.

8.2 Each scoring period at FFC National Championships 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 may be allowed. Scoring at other FFC sanctioned Championships should be ideally three (3) hours and when that is not possible a minimum of one and a half (1.5) hours.

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

8.4 At FFC National Championships 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 9: WHO MAY PARTICIPATE.**

* 1. Any FFC paid-up member may participate in FFC championships. Non-FFC members may also participate, however FFC may require an additional registration fee for non-FFC members.

9.2 Participants may be:

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

* 1. An individual

9.3 Youths/minors can only compete with the written permission of their parent or guardian and competition organizers may also require direct supervision.

**ARTICLE 10: OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS.**

10.1 Participants in competitions authorized by FFC must respect the FFC Competition Rules and FFC

Competition Rules Modifications.

10.2 Out of courtesy to the host organization and event sponsors, all registrants are required to attend all

official functions listed in the program.

10.3 It is the responsibility of each competitor to take all appropriate safety measures, including the

wearing of eye protection and life preserving equipment. In case a competitor fails to do so he will be penalised by scoring a blank (maximum penalty points) for the competition session during which the offence is made. A second offence during the same competition will result in the competitor being disqualified from the competition.

* 1. At FFC National Championships each participant must wear a visible identification card or badge, supplied by the host, throughout every competition period and official functions.

10.5 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.

10.6 At FFC National Championships 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.

10.7 During a competition period, any participant who requests advice (except from his Captain) relating to the fishing or accepts any material help relating to the fishing will be disciplined. If anyone involved with a team, other than its Captain communicates with a competitor during a competition period, this will be considered as a case of the competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing.

10.8 Each competitor must observe the principles of the World Anti–Doping Code and all anti-doping regulations set-up for the Championships.

10.9 A competitor is always responsible and accountable for his equipment, and once a session has started, he is the only person to handle it and moving it within the boundaries of the beat during the entire competition

**ARTICLE 11: JURY**

* 1. A Jury must be formed at the first Captains Meeting.

11.2 The Jury will consist of:

1. The senior representative of FFC
2. The Local Organizer
3. One competitor or Team Captain, elected by the meeting

**ARTICLE 12: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE JURY.**

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

1. Review any reports of infractions and take any appropriate action.
2. Receive any formal written protest and take any appropriate action.

12.2 Disciplinary measures are:

1. Warning
2. Censure
3. Disallowing all or part of a competitor’s catch
4. Disqualification of a team or individual

**ARTICLE 13: SECTOR JUDGES.**

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

13.2 The Local Organiser is responsible for ensuring that Sector Judges are knowledgeable, competent

and conversant with these rules and any modifications thereof.

**ARTICLE 14: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECTOR JUDGES.**

14.1 Sector Judges are responsible for the proper conduct of the competition within their sector or group

of competitors.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

14.5 In the event of a formal protest, the Sector Judge involved is required to assist the Jury by gathering

information to resolve the protest.

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

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

**ARTICLE 15: CONTROLLERS.**

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

15.2 Controllers will be responsible for accurately record on the competitor’s score card details of each

eligible fish, including the length to the nearest millimetre and the time of capture (if fish are measured). 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.

15.3 Controllers will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules and

their Modifications appear probable.

15.4 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.

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

**ARTICLE 16: RANDOM DRAW FOR BEATS AND BOATS.**

16.1 All beats must be clearly defined before beats are assigned to competitors and must not be altered

during the competition.

16.2 The beat of each competitor must be determined by a draw. With the understanding that this may not always be technically possible, the competition organiser will make every reasonable effort to ensure that anglers from the same team will not fish any beat in any sector more than once,

16.3 The senior representative of FFC when present, or the Local Organiser must supervise and attest to the accuracy and fairness of the draw.

1. Ideally, at the FFC National Championships 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.
2. The captain of each team or group will draw a number to select the team number.
3. 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.
4. Other methods of completing the random draw are acceptable if authorized by FFC.

16.4 The beat/boat assignment numbers will be announced only upon arrival at the sectors by the Sector Judge or his designated representative. It is the responsibility of the senior representative of FFC when present, or the Local Organiser to keep the draw confidential until arrival at the sectors. For lake sessions, the boat assignment draw may also be done upon arrival at the venue.

**ARTICLE 17: CARE OF FISH CAUGHT.**

7.1 If a competitor wishes a fish to score, he must land it in a net, immediately transport the netted fish submerged (where possible) and pass the fish in the net to the Controller for assessment of eligibility, measurement (if fish are measured) and recording (Article 17.2 refers). Once a fish is netted the competitor may not handle it in any way, unless requested by the controller (see Article 17.3) nor alter the equipment used for capture of this fish.

17.2 The Controller must remove the hook, revive the fish and release it, taking care not to damage the fish. If a fish is hooked in such way that it cannot be easily and safely unhooked, the leader shall be cut as close as is practical to the fish, leaving the hook in the fish. The controller shall then release the fish with the least harm possible.

* 1. When the Controller is not able to release the fish in the normal way e.g. due to their inability to access the water, the Controller may (for the benefit of the fish) authorise the competitor to release the fish in a suitable place as indicated by the Controller.

17.4 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 18: COMPETITON BOATS.**

* 1. Competition boats should be ideally of equal size, design, structure and power for each sector.
  2. The number of occupants in each boat must not exceed the rated boat capacity.

18.3 Local (provincial) safety regulations of the host province shall apply and shall be part of the Rule Modifications as applicable.

18.4 Boats must carry life preservers for each occupant and a means of attracting help in case of emergency. The Local Organiser may at his discretion request that competitors bring their own life preservers and means of attracting help into the boats.

18.5 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 19: ELIGIBLE FISH.**

19.1 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.

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

19.3 A fish hooked during a competition session is eligible if it is landed not more than ten (10) minutes

after the session ends.

19.4 For a fish to be eligible, it must also be properly cared for and unharmed by the Competitor.

**ARTICLE 20: COMPETITION FLY RODS.**

20.1 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.

20.2 Competitors may have spare fly rods with them, but when fishing from a boat these must not be

assembled or the reel attached and the line of leader must not be threaded through the guides. In bank or river fishing competitors may have any number of rods made up.

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

**ARTICLE 21: COMPETITION FLY LINES.**

21.1 Any factory-made floating, sinking or sink-tip lines may be used, except for lead-core lines and detachable shooting heads. A short leader loop, of any material, may be attached to the end of the line. If a braided or monofilament loop is used to connect the leader to the fly line, the maximum overall length of such a connector may not exceed 10 cm. Line markers may also be added to the line. No other modifications are permitted.

* 1. Competition fly lines must be a minimum length of twenty-two (22) metres.
  2. Shooting heads are not allowed.
  3. Neither sinking nor floating devices may be added to fly lines.

21.5 Every fly line used in a FFC sanctioned competition shall have a minimum coated diameter of 0,55 mm (0.22”).

**ARTICLE 22: COMPETITION LEADERS.**

22.1 A single monofilament or poly leader may be used, with a maximum total length of twice the length of the rod used, tippet included.

* 1. Leaders may be knotted or knotless and continuously taper down or level. A single loop of max. 10 cm length may only be used to connect a leader to a fly line. If the leader is knotted, the minimum distance between the knots is 30 cm, hanging freely.

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

22.4 A maximum of 3 micro rings (leader rings) of a maximum outer diameter of 3 mm can be used. A maximum of 3 knots can be joined at a micro ring, they are considered as 1 knot (tbc).

22.5 A dropper is an equal or smaller diameter monofilament side line to the leader used solely to attach a second or third fly other than the point fly. Only droppers may be used to attach flies whenever more than 1 fly is used by the competitor during that competition. Droppers without fly attached are not allowed. Should a fish break off one of the flies (snagging or double take) during playing the fish this should be seen as “within the rules” and the catch should be registered, if eligible.

**ARTICLE 23: COMPETITION FLIES.**

* 1. Competitors may use floating or sinking artificial flies.
  2. Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size unless dictated differently by local rules.
  3. The length of the dressed fly will be at the competitor’s discretion unless dictated differently by local rules.

23.4 Weighted flies are permitted provided the weight is hidden within the dressing and may not exceed the bend or eye of the hook. The maximum length of added weight (w) is the distance from the eye of the hook to the farthest point of the bend in the hook.

23.5 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.

* 1. A maximum of three flies (flies (or such lesser number dictated by local rules and regulations or decided by the Competition Organiser)) 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 directly 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.
  2. All flies must be dressed on single hooks that are barbless, de-barbed, or have the barb squeezed down flat. Tandem flies are not allowed. The fly must be able to pass a “cotton test” to be eligible. At its discretion FFC or the Local Organiser of any competition may decide to make the use of factory made barbless hooks mandatory.
  3. Attractor chemicals and the use of light emitters in flies is forbidden.
  4. Appendages that alter the original concept of an artificial fly or bodies made of moulded/shaped plastic, moulded/shaped silicone or moulded/ shaped rubber are banned (moulded/shaped imitations of worms, eggs, baitfish, maggots, twisters). Rubber or extruded round material, exceeding the bend, shank or eye of the hook is not allowed with exception of maximal diameter 0,53 mm used for leg imitations (diameter checked with measuring gauge with the material unstretched). Articulated flies, for example “snake” flies are not allowed.

**ARTICLE 24: LANDING NETS.**

24.1 The material of the landing net must be rubber/silicon (preferred) or other non-abrasive synthetic or soft cotton material. Nets must be of knotless construction.

24.2 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 25: PROHIBITIONS.**

25.1 The following are prohibited:

1. Lack of sportsmanship toward other competitors, organizers or officials.
2. Any action by competitors, organizers or officials that would produce fraudulent or biased results.
3. 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.
4. The use by a team member, including the Captain, the reserve and any agent of the team of radio or other electronic communication methods during a competition period.
5. During a competition period, a competitor requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone (other than his Captain) or accepting from anyone material help relating to the fishing.

**ARTICLE 26: LOST FISH.**

26.1 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.

26.2 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 27: AWARDING OF POINTS.**

27.1 For conservation purposes, whenever feasible, FFC encourages the use of a scoring system where fish are not measured and every fish caught is given the same score regardless of size. The Competition Organiser must decide if fish shall be measured or not.

* 1. If fish are measured, for each eligible fish caught, a competitor will score one hundred (100) points. 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.

* 1. The Competition Organiser may set a minimum size for fish to be scored.

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

scored.

27.5 The Rule modifications for each competition must specify what scoring method will be used.

**ARTICLE 28: SESSION PLACINGS.**

28.1 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.

28.2 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.

28.3 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.

28.4 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.

28.5 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 29: TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.**

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

1. 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.
2. Individuals: The first position will be awarded to the individual with the lowest cumulative number of placings, and similarly for all other positions.

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

29.3 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 (or, when fish are not measured, the time first fish was caught).

29.4 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 30: POSTING OF RESULTS.**

30.1 At the first Captains Meeting at FFC National Championships, the Local Organizer must announce the location for the posting of results.

30.2 The period results, including individual and team positions, should be posted within three (3) hours of

the end of each period.

30.3 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.

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

the close of the final period.

**ARTICLE 31: POSTED RESULTS AND OBJECTIONS.**

* 1. Period, daily and final results will be considered as provisional for two (2) hours after the team Captains have had the first opportunity to see them.

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

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

31.4 If there are no objections that are subsequently sustained within the provisional period, the posted

results will stand.

* 1. It is the responsibility of Team Captains to notify the senior FFC representative if present, or the Local Organiser,of any discrepancy within the two hour provisional time.

31.6 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 32: FORMAL PROTESTS.**

32.1 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.

32.2 A formal protest must be in writing.

32.3 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.

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

**ARTICLE 33: TITLES AND TROPHIES.**

33.1 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.

33.2 The Canadian National Fly Fishing Team Champion or the Fly Fishing Team Champion will receive

any trophy so designated.

33.3 Members of the teams awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze

medals respectively.

33.4 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.

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

receive any trophy so designated.

33.6 Individual competitors awarded first, second and third positions will receive gold, silver and bronze

medals respectively.

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

**ARTICLE 34: LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT.**

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 35: STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

35.1 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 (2019) were compiled by Ivo Balinov with assistance from the rules committee and approved by the FFC Board on July 13,2019.