



## **Guidelines of the International Federation of Fresh Water Sport Fishing (FIPSeD) for the reduction of Sars COV-2 infection risk and the management and dealing of the event scheduled in the official calendar 2021**

### **PREMISES**

With these **Guidelines**, we want to draw the attention to the provisions provided by the International Federation of Fresh Waters Sport Fishing (FIPSeD) and by the National Federation organizing the Championship for the protection of Delegates', Athletes', Captains', Guests' and the Staff's health who in various ways will be present at the Championship.

This protocol increases the existing version of FIPSeD Competition Rules and Rule Modifications and is to be applied as a minimum or as an extension to the existing national/local or regional safety rules of the host country, which shall take precedence.

#### **Basic definitions**

Social distance - safety distance of 2 metres

Face covering - a surgical mask or FFP2 mask (a textile covers such as scarf, buff is not acceptable)

PPE - personal protective equipment

#### **Basic requirements**

- Permission from the Government or other official body of the host Nation for the International Organiser/Committee to hold the Championship.
- Permission to travel to and from the host country for participating teams. Some countries may still have a travel ban in place.
- Generation of risk self-assessments and an anti COVID-19 strategy which is approved by all concerned parties. This would be circulated well before the Championship.
- Provision of suitably trained anti COVID-19 medical support throughout the course of the Championship. Contingency planning in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 during the Championship including immediate termination of the competition and a containment strategy, which may include significant medical intervention.
- Acceptance by all participants that quarantine restrictions may be imposed by the host country on entry and in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Ensure that participants understood to be in higher risk groups (e.g., with underlying medical conditions and 65+ years) are aware of the increased risk of severe disease. Data information rules may apply. Vaccination of at-risk participants useful in the mitigation of severe disease (particularly relevant to World Masters, Veterans and Disabled Championships).
- Host federation must provide details of all national, regional and local safety rules for all participants.
- Acceptance by all participants of the national, regional and local safety rules.
- All teams to have their own face coverings (including spare ones), hand disinfectants and to form a "safety bubble" for entire event.

- All used face coverings, other PPE and disinfecting materials must be disposed of in a secure and safe manner.

## 1. REGISTRATION

Registration must be carried out in a dedicated registration room. The organizer must provide disinfectants (e.g. hand sanitizer fluid) at the entrance to the room. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the registration process. Only one dedicated person per team (ideally captain/manager) can register the team. All participants (competitors and officials) must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test within 72 hours prior to the registration (organizers to provide advice on rules). Prior to registration teams are obliged to send to the organizers:

- application forms (by the deadline provided);
- signed team commitment to follow anti-COVID-19 guidelines (attached to the application and published also in the FIPSeD web-site);
- fill in and sign the **self-certification** (attached to the application and published also in the FIPSeD web-site) that will be acquired by the FIPSeD delegates and achieved for the **14 days after the championship**; after that period, in compliance with the privacy regulation, it will be FIPSeD responsibility to dispose them;
- correct names of team members + official reserve (the forms with the names will be delivered to all teams at the registration and the correct forms shall be delivered to all the teams at the Captains' meeting);
- all official documents regarding COVID-19 tests and vaccinations (if required by the organizer).

## 2. COVID MANAGER

The organizing Committees of National Federations hosting FIPSeD events must appoint a COVID Manager. The task of the COVID MANAGER is to coordinate and verify compliance of the provisions implemented in the protocol and the supplementary ones, referring to the venue within which the competition takes place. Contact information of the COVID Manager shall be provided in the competition program.

## 3. CONTINGENCY PLAN

**All participants should be tested for COVID-19 (PCR), preferably under medical supervision before Registration.** Any positive cases to be immediately isolated and excluded from further participation. In the event of any team member/official testing positive then all contacts of that individual would have to self-isolate for 7+ days. If a positive case is detected within a team during the championship, then the team bubble is immediately put into a quarantine (this effectively disqualifies the entire team from competition). In addition, all team members must be PCR tested and a contact tracing procedure is to be applied.

### DURING EVENT:

- The COVID Manager will take care of identifying a place in the venue dedicated to the isolation of those who present symptoms attributable to COVID-19 during the event and implement all procedures to ensure rapid health intervention.
- Any person who measures over 37.5°C should immediately avoid close contact with others and report the situation. The on-site health personnel shall take over the positive or suspected case.

- a) If the symptoms allow, the subject is asked to go to his home and contact the doctor or health authorities.
- b) If the symptoms do not allow the removal independently, he will be transferred to the emergency room at the relevant local hospital.

**The costs related to the extension of the stay due to quarantine measures as well as any costs for health care are entirely borne by the subjects involved.**

**POST-EVENT:**

- Within 14 days after returning home from the event, if any event participant shows COVID symptoms, and/or receives a positive test result:
  - a) They should follow their local health authority's rules in force at the time (for example, going into self-isolation).
  - b) Additionally, they should immediately inform the event Organising Committee, by emailing the specific email address provided.
  - c) The participant who has tested positive will be asked to provide details of their movements and close contact with other people during their time at the event.

#### **4. HOTEL**

Recommendation to all teams both to those who will lodge at the official hotel and to those who will lodge at other facilities. The organizer/hotel must provide all necessary disinfecting materials in the hotel. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the entire stay in common areas and restaurants except for the consumption of food and drink. Communal meals and drinks must be served and consumed at the table (**no** self-service buffet). Each team must have its own dedicated table for the entire duration of the event. Full compliance with the safety rules provided for restaurants, bars and hotels must be strictly followed. Team members must stay at the table for duration of meal in the restaurant. Packed lunches for competition days are to be provided only for the Championship where this service is previewed. Only one dedicated person (ideally captain/manager) will come to collect the packed lunches in boxes for his/her whole team.

#### **5. CAPTAINS' MEETINGS**

A large room with chairs at a social distance from other must be provided. At the entrance to the meeting room each participant must disinfect his/her hands using the provided fluid. Only one team representative can take part at the Captains' meeting.

Inside the meeting room, staggered seats and staggered rows must be provided, with special signs on the prohibited seats to ensure social distancing. The number of seats must be adequate for the number of participants and no one can participate in the event while standing in the hall. The distance between one speaker and another on the chairman's table is 2 m.

The use of hand-held/mobile microphones is not allowed. In order to reduce meeting time, the captains of each team must have previously checked and signed off the list of their competitors' data and have declared their reserve (at registration). The results of the draw and rankings will be made available to participants only via the Internet (to avoid any concentration of people, there will **no** information board available). To minimize movement within a room, the FIPSeD Representatives will carry out the manual draw instead of the captains. A virtual captains' meeting is an option and will be at the discretion of International Organizer and FIPSeD Representatives.

## **6. CEREMONIES**

The opening ceremony must be done outdoors, in a large place, taking care the respect of the necessary distance between all participants and to keep the mask for the duration of the event, which must be as short as possible. The formal declaration of opening of the championship made by the FIPSeD Delegate and the speech of local Authorities is the minimum request.

During the closing ceremony, whether it takes place outdoors or indoors, it will be mandatory to wear face covering and maintain a social distance.

Medals and the trophies will be placed on a table near the podium and each competitor, called, will take his/her medal and trophy before going to the podium. The disinfection of hands and exposed surfaces beforehand is strongly recommended. The use of hand-held/mobile microphones is not allowed. Only static/fixed microphones are permitted and must be thoroughly disinfected before their use by individual speakers.

## **7. COMPETITION – BANK FISHING**

Host country officials and stewards to be adequately briefed on COVID-19 Protocol and supplied with appropriate PPE and disinfection materials. Stewards, competitors and organizing staff must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing during all pre- and post-competition activity.

The scoring card after recording of a fish or the weight will be shown visibly to the competitor and will be signed off by the steward after a gesture of approval by the competitor. At the end of the session, the competitor is advised to take a digital picture of the scoring sheet. The competitor is not required to wear face covering during the competition session. The steward/official must use face covering during any close contact and/or in conversation with the competitor.

## **8. COMPETITION BY THE BOAT**

All above instructions for the bank fishing apply. All boats must be disinfected before each session. In order to maintain a social distance for the entire session. The steward is to wear a face covering during the entire session.

## **9. SPECTATORS**

All spectators must comply with host country COVID-19 regulations.