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The General Rules also apply to Long Casting of Sea weights

RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS LONG CASTING OF SEA WEIGHTS

1 INTRODUCTION

This FIPS/M discipline came as a result of the need of shore anglers to secure the cast of their traces and baits more and more far to the sea, and this has to evolve to a sport which require a technical skill, muscular strength, hard training, healthy diet, good psychology and an high quality sports equipment, just as sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee. As such, it is useful to anglers, fishing from the shore, but most of all, enables those involved with it to train their bodies and to follow techniques and specific tactics.

Definitions:

- THE RECEPTION AREA corresponding to the defined zone of the area in which the leads must land after the cast, is named in the following text: « ZONE »
- THE CASTING AREA corresponding to a four-sided figure of 3.5 meters in which the caster must stay for carrying out the casts of the leads. (see: [Plan of the Casting Zone](#))

2 WEIGHT CATEGORIES

In all competitions of Long Casting of sea weights according the General Rules there are 4 categories of sea weights, notably for 100, 125, 150 and 175 gr. The leads mould must be approved by the Technical Committee of FIPS-M.

- 2.01 All, competitions must be completed in no less than 4 days of competition (one day of competition for each weight).
- 2.02 A reserve day can be after the end of the competition, if necessary due to bad weather conditions.
- 2.03 It is necessary to have one day in addition for official training always before the competition begins.
- 2.04 Each National Team member must cast all 4 weight categories.
- 2.05 The order of the casts of the leads for each day of competition is define as follows:
 - 1st day 175g
 - 2nd day 150g
 - 3rd day 125g
 - 4th day 100g.
- 2.06 All casters are entitled to 4 trials (casts) minimum for each weight category. The number of trials (casts) is determined in accordance with the number of participants as follows:

- For a number of participants lower or equal to 60, the casters are split in 2 groups of 30 casters, with 6 trials (cast) for each caster.
- For a number of participants between 61 and 75, the casters are split in 3 groups of 25 casters, with 5 trials (cast) each caster.
- For a number of participants between 76 and 100, the casters are split in 4 groups of 25 casters, with 4 trials (cast) each caster.

According to the number of the participant casters we may have groups of 25 casters minimum and 30 casters maximum and if more than 100 casters sign in, the organizer, in consultation and with agreement of the Technical Committee of FIPS-M, is entitled to reduce the number of individual participations.

3 THE CASTING FIELD

The casting field is determined in the plan (see: [Plan of the Casting Zone](#)).

- 3.01 The ground where is that zone must permit an easy and quick rotation in all directions to the reference line of the zone in order to secure the best conditions of cast notably according to the wind blows.
- 3.02 Rotation of the casting field may only be made after all casters of all groups have finished their particular trial (cast).
- 3.03 The zone must have at least 3 flags marking the extremes of the zone (3 on each side) and 3 in the middle, (different color for the flags marking the extremes and the flags marking the middle of the zone) for a total of nine (9) flags.

4 THE RODS

All commercialized rods are authorized.

The length of the rod is unlimited and they must have three rings and a tip ring at least and the line must go through all the rings.

5 THE REELS

All commercialized reels are authorized.

Each participating caster may absolutely use the reel of his choice.

During the world championship there are no categories, nor a specific classification depending of the reel type.

6 LINES AND LEADERS

- 6.01 The main line must be made of monofilament, at least:
 - 25/100 mm for 100 gr weight
 - 28/100 mm for 125 gr weight
 - 31/100 mm for 150 gr weight
 - 35/100 mm for 175 gr weight

- 6.02 The line has to be circular and of a constant diameter.
- 6.03 The leader must be as monofilament
- 6.04 The line must be made, obligatory by fluorescent nylon
- 6.05 The leader size must be:
- 65/100 mm for 100gr and 125gr weights,
 - 75/100 mm for 150gr and 175gr weights,
- 6.06 The leader must be turned at least 8 times on the spool of the reel before test cast and must be made of a continuous length.
- 6.07 The lines of the participants will be check with the official micrometers of the jury, which must be agreed by the FIPS-M technical commission.
- 6.08 All measurements will be made by two (2) micrometers, the official micrometers of the jury, and for all participants.
- 6.09 At least 2 measurements of the lines must be taken as follows:
- 1st measurement before the participant's trial (cast)
 - 2nd measurement anywhere in the casting field.
- This does not exclude the possibility of measuring the line in other points as well if the jury so decides, in which case however the measurement will be made for all participants without exemption.
- 6.10 If the measured diameter is lesser than the reference measure, proceed as follows: Check the diameter in three different points of the line, if just one measurement fit with the reference measure the cast is valid.
- 6.11 If in all three measurements are lesser than the reference measure with a tolerance between 5/000 mm and 1/000 mm the cast is not valid.
- 6.12 If the measures of the line are lesser than 1/1000 mm of the reference measure the competitor will be disqualified only in the concerned category of sea weight class.
- 6.13 If the line has parts of nylon addition of different diameters and is below the reference measure the competitor must be disqualified from the competition.

7 THE LEADS FOR CASTING

- 7.01 The leads will be supplied by the organizer, and the matrices must be certified by the Technical Committee of FIPS-M.
- 7.02 All leads of the competition must have the same weight, per category, and only a margin of 3% is acceptable.

- 7.03 The leads must be handed over to participants just before the start of each day of competition, in respect of the particular weight category.
- 7.04 The leads must be of a fluorescent color, different for each category. In no case the organizer cannot disclose the color of the leads of each category before handing them over to participants.
- 7.05 Each lead must bear the respective number of each participant.
- 7.06 Each participant will receive two leads for each category.
- 7.07 Each participant shall only use the two leads given him by the organizer. In case of crack-off, he must find his lead and only if the competition management considers it necessary, it will he be given a third lead.
- 7.08 The lead is attached to the leader by a line-connector or split supplied by the organizer.

8 THE CASTING AREA

The cast is made from a special area, outlined in the drawing, called the casting area.

- 8.01 The casting area should measure 3.50 long, safely closed in both sides but open at the back. The casting area must form a natural continuation of the court and must be in such good condition as to allow the left-handed and right-handed casters to make an unimpeded cast with any accepted style. It is prohibited to place surfaces on the casting area which do not form a natural continuation of the field.
- 8.02 The casting area is separated from the zone by a beam 3.50 meters long and 10 cm high, of a material which should not entail any risk injury for the caster.
- 8.03 The caster shall make his cast solely from the casting area. If the caster makes his trial outside the casting area for any reason, his trial will be invalidated and will not be measured.
- 8.04 All casts must be made under favorable wind conditions for casters, notably the wind's direction should be at the casters back and towards the outer extremes of the zone.
- 8.05 The Jury shall request that the reference line of the zone change according to the wind's direction, therefore the organizer shall have made arrangements to enable this.
- 8.06 The direction of the zone could be change only after all casters of all groups have finished an equal number of trials (casts). In any case it is not allowed to change the direction of the field if it remains only one final cast. Therefore the last change can be done when there remaining two last casts, after the decision of the majority of the captains. Each nation has only one vote regardless of the number of its participant teams or if the nation participates only in the individual category.

- 8.07 The caster remains in the casting area until his lead lands on the zone. After that he can place his rod in the foreseen area, outlined in the drawing, so as to be ready for the rewinding action without disturbing the other participants before or after him.
- 8.08 Each cast must be made with both hands.
- 8.09 From the moment a caster enters the casting area, he has one (1) minute to make his cast. After this time elapses, the competition management will ask the caster to leave the casting area immediately and will cancel his trial, which shall nonetheless count as a trial.
- 8.10 The time of one minute will count from the entry of the competitor in the casting area and his effective cast.

9 STYLES OF CASTING - VALIDITY

The following styles of casting are acceptable:

- PENDULUM
- OVERHEAD
- BACK-CAST
- OFF THE GROUND. (O.T.G.)

Any other casting style could be accepted only upon reasoned decision of the Technical Committee of FIPS-M, mainly for safety reasons. In any case, only one rotation up to 360 degrees is permitted.

- 9.01 For a cast to be considered valid, the lead must land within the boundary lines of the zone. If the lead lands outside of the boundary lines of the zone, the cast is invalid but will count as a cast.
- 9.02 If the line breaks during the cast, the cast will be declared invalid but will count as a cast.
- 9.03 If the rod is broken during the cast, the cast is valid.
- 9.04 A caster is solely responsible for breaks in his line, either during the cast or during the rewinding action.
- 9.05 If it is proven that a caster intentionally broke another caster's line, the trial (cast) of the caster with the broken line will be valid and the caster who intentionally broke the line of the latter caster will be disqualified for the concerned weight category.
- 9.06 If a casters line is broken by an outside (3rd) party that cast is valid.
- 9.07 If a caster evidently broke a fellow casters line unintentionally he will be considered as a 3rd party and the cast is valid.
- 9.08 Each crack-off incident will be noted by the competition management and the caster who incurred the crack-off shall find the lead with his line. During the rewinding action, the caster who incurred the crack-off will follow the other casters walking OUTSIDE the field and shall look for his lead and line. If this is not possible, he will continue to compete with his reserve lead upon notifying the jury and obtaining permission to do so.

- 9.09 If, during a cast from the casting area, a lead touches the ground outside the zone and the line is not unrolled at all, the caster may repeat the cast.
- 9.10 If the lead touches the ground inside the zone, the cast will be invalid but will count as a cast, even if the line was not unrolled at all.

10 CASTING PROCEDURE

The Jury must inform all the participants before the beginning of the competition, that when a caster is in the casting area and is preparing for his cast, there must be complete silence to enable him to concentrate.

- 10.01 As soon as the competition begins, all participants must wear the number of their order of competing and should take their place in the area specifically outlined by the organizer in consecutive order. Any caster failing to appear in consecutive order on time will be cancelled as to the specific cast, which will nonetheless count as a cast. No change of order is permitted for any reason whatsoever
- 10.02 Any mockery or impoliteness during the trial of a caster, either by the caster himself or by another caster, is prohibited. If mockery is made by the caster himself, his trial will be cancelled but will count as a cast. If mockery is made by a caster, then a warning will be made and shall also be recorded in the official report of the Jury filed with FIP-M.
- 10.03 As soon as a caster places his rod (in order) in the designated area, he must prepare for the rewinding action of the line. For this reason, this area must be at a safe distance from the casting area where the other casters continue with their trials.
- 10.04 At the time when the last caster of each group has completed his trial (cast) he must prepare to begin the rewinding action of the line, action which he begins no later than 3 minutes from the time the last caster in each group has cast

11 MEASUREMENT OF THE CAST

The casts are measured in meters and centimetres.

- 11.01 Casts are measured as follows:
- 11.02 All casters stand forming a straight line holding their rods, ready to start the rewinding action of the line.
- 11.03 Two members of the competition management should stand to the right and left of the casters.
- 11.04 Two other members of the competition management should stand strictly behind the casters line.
- 11.05 Team captains and competition management may help casters with line problems during the rewinding procedure, for example line tangles or in touch in grasses.

- 11.06 If a team captain is also a competing caster in that particular group, he shall be replaced by another caster of his team as decided in captains meeting.
- 11.07 No other person may follow casters in the field during measurement, for which the Competition International Jury shall be responsible.
- 11.08 Casters will start the rewinding action only after they hear the word “ GO ” by the responsible of the competition management, who shall be responsible to call the word as soon as everything is ready and in accordance with the present regulations.
- 11.09 When a caster in reaching his lead, all the length shock leader must be outside of the rod rings and the competitor will stay in place the cast side in reference the lead. Otherwise his cast is not measured so it is not valid but will count as a cast.

12 POWERS OF THE COMPETITION MANAGEMENT DURING THE MEASUREMENT OF THE CAST.

- 12.01 The members to the left and right of the casters line proceed OUTSIDE the boundaries of the zone and place a sign to each lead they find OUTSIDE of the above mentioned boundaries, also noting the weight number IN THE CASTERS PRESENCE.
- 12.02 These two members of the management are also responsible for measuring the thickness of the line at least once during the procedure, as described in a previous article of the present rule.
- 12.03 Competition management members following the casters are responsible for monitoring their general conduct, which must be in accordance to the present rule.
- 12.04 Casters shall follow the indications of the management
- 12.05 Captains merely observe their team’s casters and the others, and are not entitled to intervene in the process of measurement except if they wish to make an objection for inappropriate measurement. They are considered as simple observers.
- 12.06 The taking of the measurement of casts is made ONLY by a special digital electronic device.
- 12.07 At least two persons are responsible for this action, referred to as operators.
- 12.08 As soon as the casters start reeling in their lines, the person handling the device shall place it in the particular place in the casting area, duly marked, where measurements will be taken.
- 12.09 The other persons, who are responsible for sending the measurements to the former, shall place the special instrument precisely where the casters lead is located, placing it in the same hole as the weight STEADILY and without holding it above in his hand.
- 12.10 All operators of the measuring devices must be OBLIGATORY on inter-communication.

- 12.11 Next to the device operator there must be a FIPS-M representative and at least 2 persons recording the measurements, one of them from the organizing country and a second one IMPERATIVELY from another country. These two persons who can be team-captain must be point out during the captains' meeting. In any case, these one could not be a team captain to also be a participant caster in the competition.
- 12.12 If there is no captain who is not also a caster, then the second member shall also be appointed by the organizer, and this will be unreservedly accepted by all captains.
- 12.13 Team captains may also stand at a special area behind the device operator to monitor and record measurements.
- 12.14 Beginning with the measurements' recording, the operator on zone announces loud and clear the number of the caster being measured, and in no case the caster's name or his country.
- 12.15 The operator handling the measuring device repeats the caster's number loud and clear for confirmation. The member appointed by the organizer to record measurements repeats the caster's number (and not his name or country) in the two official languages of FIP-M (English and French).
- 12.16 After that, the operator who receives the measurement announces it loud and clear for EVERYONE to hear.
- 12.17 The organizer's representative records the measurement in a special sheet containing all casters' numbers but not their names or nationalities.
- 12.18 The organizer's representative repeats on intercom the measurement in both FIPS-M official languages, for the caster concerned to hear.
- 12.19 As soon as a caster's cast is measured, he must immediately get outside the zone's boundaries in order to go back to the foreseen waiting area.
- 12.20 The same is valid for all persons entitled to be on the zone.
- 12.21 It is prohibited to anyone to stand next to the caster concerned during the measurement, except from at least one member of the management, the caster concerned and his captain.
- 12.22 All members involved in taking the measurements, including the casters and their captains, shall keep complete silence to enable EVERYONE to hear the measurement clearly, especially the persons responsible for recording the results.
- 12.23 If the observing captains impede the procedure of measurement, they will be expelled from the zone by order of the FIPS-M representative.
- 12.24 As soon as the recording of all measurements is complete, the person responsible for noting the measures in the special sheet, next to the numbers, shall also note the casters'

results in a big-sized chart containing the caster's name, his number, his country and the team he represents or if he is in the individuals category.

- 12.25 This chart must be in outside area (outside of the safety zones) as not to impede the procedure of the competition, enabling team captains to transcribe the results in the same special sheets provided by the organizer, and casters to take notice of their personal performance and the performance of the other casters.

13 PARTICIPATIONS

All FIPS-M member countries may participate in the Long Casting of Sea Weights World Championship.

- 13.01 The total maximum number of participants shall not exceed one hundred (100).
- 13.02 Nations have the absolute priority in participation even if they participate only for the individual category. First of all each country may participate with one (1) National Team with maximum four (4) or minimum three (3) participants.
- 13.03 After that, depending on the number of countries participating and provided that the number of participants is less than one hundred (100), each country may participate with a second team comprised by four (4) or three (3) participants and if the number of participants is still less than one hundred (100) each nation can participate with up to two (2) individual participants for the individual category.
- 13.04 If, after the individuals category has been complete, the number of participants is still below one hundred (100), only then may have guest countries permitted to participate in accordance with the General Rules of FIPS-M, strictly in the individual category.
- 13.05 Each country shall state the total number of participating casters at least 4 months prior to the date scheduled for the World Championship.
- 13.06 The organizer will inform all participating countries about the final number of casters for individual category, who are accepted at the World Championship at least 3 months prior to the date scheduled for the World Championship.
- 13.07 The final number of participants from each country is determined with the consenting opinion of FIPS-M and in accordance with the provisions of the articles above.
- 13.08 Each participating country shall determine in a final way the National Team and the casters in the individual category at least two (2) months prior to the date scheduled for the World Championship.
- 13.09 Casters who are members of National Teams must compete in all weight categories.
- 13.10 Casters participating in the individual category may compete in 1 or other of all the categories.

14 CLASSIFICATION - AWARDS

The Long Casting of Sea Weights World Championship comprises the following classifications:

14.01 CLASSIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS

- The daily team classification per sea weight category is given by addition of the 3 best casts between the 4 members of the National Teams
- The final team classification is given by addition of the daily team place/point
- In case of tie in the daily team classification, the team which has obtained the best individual daily classification comes first.
- In case of tie in the final team classification the team which has obtained the lowest number of invalid casts comes first.
- If there is still a tie then both teams are finally in the same place and in this case the just next place is not given to any other team.
- In case of disqualification of one (1) competitor of the four (4) of a team will not involve the disqualification of the team.
- In case of disqualification of two (2) competitors of the four (4) of a team the entire team will be disqualified for the team classification only (this is also valid for the disqualification of 1 competitor from a team of 3 casters).
- For the Team Classification the medals (gold, silver, bronze) of FIP-M are for the places 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified and the trophies of the organizer are for the 4th, 5th and 6th classified.
- All the members of the team including their captain are awarded with the above medals and trophies (5 casters + 1 captain = 6)

14.02 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION FOR EACH CATEGORY OF SEA WEIGHTS

100g, 125g, 150g, 175 g

- For the final individual classification per categories of Casting Weights a diploma from FIP-M certifying their classification will be attributed to the three first participants. Trophies from the organizer may be attributed to the best casters in these categories.

In case of tie then the second best cast of this caster is taken under consideration etc..

14.03 FINAL INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF SEA WEIGHTS

100g, 125g, 150g, 175 g

- The individual final classification for all four categories of sea weights is given by adding the best performance (in meters) in each category
- In case of tie then the second best cast of the caster is taken under consideration and so on.

- For the individual classification for all four categories, FIPS-M medals (gold, silver, bronze) will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The trophies of the organizer are for the places 4th, 5th and 6th place

15 RECORDS

15.01 The official results during a FIPS-M Championship allow to build a record list for all the categories.

15.02 This list will be made and published for all categories by the General Secretary.

16 DRAW OF LOTS LONG CASTING OF SEA WEIGHTS

- 16.01 The draw, which is different for each of the 4 categories, shall take place one day prior to the start of the 1st day of competition, and for all categories, so that all casters be aware of the group and their order in which they will cast.
- 16.02 The draw can be made manually or electronically.
- 16.03 If the draw is performed manually, the captain draws the order of casting for all his team members, one draw for each weight category. For the individuals the representative of the concerned nation will do the draw.
- 16.04 Procedures for the manual draw.
- First, drawing of the order in which the nations through their captains they will proceed of the drawing of their competitors and also for the individual competitors. In the case that a nation should present two teams, it is necessary to have for this draw a differentiation as per example, Spain 1 and Spain 2.
 - Next in the draw of the nation order, each captain or representative of nation for the individuals will draw one competitor of its team to obtain the number of passing which begin by 1 until X. (X will be the total number of involved competitors)
 - After that all the team captains and representatives for the individuals have drawing a first competitor they proceed in the same way to draw the second competitor and in that way until the end.

EXAMPLE:

There are 10 nations present of 4 competitors, of which one nation with 2 teams Spain and 3 individual competitors.

The organizer prepare 11 boxes of the name of each nation with the indication « Team » and 1 box for the « Individuals » in which will be introduce the references of the competitors of each nation and the individuals that means Name, First Name and Peg Number.

These boxes will be set in the passing order of the nations defined under A.

Example for procedure of draw of lots: The drawing Nations are in the order: Spain1-France-Germany-Italy-Portugal-Ireland-Spain2-Greece-England-Netherlands-Belgium.

- First series. The first competitor of Spain1 draw by his captain will have the n°1 the first competitor of France draw by his captain will have the n°2, and so following until n° 11. Then the first drawing of the individuals will have the n°12.
- Second series. The second competitor of Spain1 draw by his captain will have the n°13, the second competitor of France draw by his captain will have n°14 and so following until n° 23. Then the second drawing of the individuals will have the n° 24
- The following series will be drawing in the same way until the last competitor.

17 PLAN OF THE CASTING ZONE

