



**23<sup>rd</sup> FIPS-Mouche European Fly Fishing Championships  
Arco De Valdevez, 14-21 May 2017**

## **RULE MODIFICATIONS**

[FIPS-Mouche](#) has appointed Portugal to be the host country for the 23<sup>rd</sup> FIPS-Mouche European Fly Fishing Championship to be held in Arco de Valdevez, Portugal. These Rule Modifications apply to the [latest published FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules](#).

### **Article 2 : General Information**

**2.2. Add:** Four sessions will be held in rivers, bank fishing, wading allowed. One session will be held on a lake, bank fishing, wading not allowed;

### **Article 9: Bank Fishing Competitions**

**9.3. Add:** The beats on the river will be an average of 400 (four hundred) meters with buffer zones of 5 (five) meters. The length of the beats on the still water sector will be a minimum of 40 (forty) meters with buffer zones of 3 (three) meters.

**9.7 Add:** Wading is only allowed on the river sectors and chest waders may be worn.

**Add 9.9 :** During the lake fishing there will be 2 rotations with 3 times 60 minutes fishing each with 15 minutes rotation time.

**Change in 29.6:** a maximum of 3 flies is allowed for the lake fishing, 2 flies for the river fishing.

## **Article 11: Duration of events, scoring and practice sessions**

**11.3. Add:** The hours for fishing will be in the program of the championship and vary depending of sectors.

**11.4. Add:** All official practice will be catch and release, the schedule and rotation of practice beats will be in the program of the championships.

**Add** – All official and unofficial practice will be fished with barbless hooks. All sectors will be closed for competitors and members of teams from 10 th April 2017.

### **Article 22:**

**22.2.1 Add:** The controller carries out his work from the bank or from an island. Upon the request of the competitor the controller enters the island. Controller enters island also in case of losing view of competitor.

**22.4 Add New:** Controllers may carry the material on demand of his competitor(provided it is not too heavy or bulky, ex: one extra rod or rod tube, small bag, small backpack), to have it at all times within a safe distance. The responsibility for the material stays with the competitor.

## **Article 24: Eligible fish**

**Add:** Eligible fish species:

During bank fishing River: Brown Trout(*Salmo Trutta*), Seatrout (*Salmo trutta morpha Trutta*) and Rainbow Trout (*Oocorhynchus mykiss*) with minium size of 150 mm

During bank fishing Lake: : Brown Trout(*Salmo Trutta*), Rainbow Trout (*Oocorhynchus mykiss*) with a minimum size of 180 mm

Measuring will be done from the tip of the nose to the extremities of the tail, squeezed together.

### **Annex A Rotation Matrix.**

- Sector I **Lago da Falperra** Lake fishing
- Sector II **Rio Olo** River fishing
- Sector III **Rio Vez I ( lower)** River fishing
- Sector IV **Rio Vez II (upper)** River fishing

**Rotation Matrix between Sectors**

<b>GROUPS</b>	<b>Wednesday AM</b>	<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>Thursday AM</b>	<b>Friday AM</b>	<b>Friday PM</b>
<b>A</b>	I	II	III	IV	V
<b>B</b>	II	III	IV	V	I
<b>C</b>	III	IV	V	I	II
<b>D</b>	IV	V	I	II	III
<b>E</b>	V	I	II	III	IV