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39th Men's Shore Angling World Championship and 30th Women's Shore Angling World Championship

from 04th till 11th November 2023 in Catania/Messina - Sicily





My warmest welcome to all athletes, officials, coaches, staff and all accompanying persons who will be attending this important and outstanding sports event.

This Championship, to be held in Sicily, is an event that is bound to remain in the hearts and minds of all participants. Sicily needs no introduction: it has always been an important destination for Surf Casting enthusiasts. Its deep and fish-rich waters – thanks to the currents in the strait – will captivate athletes and all participants in this important event.

The magnificent setting of the Strait of Messina will stand out in your memories and will cause you to want to return to visit this beautiful history- and culture-laden island.

The participating athletes will also be able to appreciate the wine and food specialties and the unique patisserie of this area and will be thrilled by the hospitality and friendliness of the people of this region. This background is crucial to the successful outcome of the event. I am therefore confident that their hospitality will be matched by a loyalty-inspired competitive spirit.

Let me conclude by thanking the Organising Committee, the authorities and all those who will work hard to put on a brilliant show. And “may the best win!”

FIPSAS Shore Angling Vice President - Sea Division

Stefano Sarti



Dear friends, our Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, the land of multiple civilisations, historically a land of ancient traditions and cultures, is due to host the 39th Men’s World Surf Casting Championship and the 30th Women's World Surf Casting Championship. This is the most significant event in the landscape of competitive sea sports fishing federations, hosted for the first time in our land, an absolute challenge for our sports clubs involved and for our local communities.

We are grateful and honoured to stage this great sports event and thank our Italian Sports Fishing and Underwater Activities Federation for placing their trust in us.

The organising committee for this sports championship consists of FIPSAS Provincial Committee of Messina, the Provincial Section of Catania, and the Provincial Section of Caltanissetta. The competitions will be held on different Sicilian competition sites lying between the provinces of Messina and Catania. The setting for the World Championship includes the Strait of Messina, being one of the fishiest seas in the Mediterranean, a paradise for zoologists as well as a key site of countless research endeavours, boasting a long-standing history of marine biology scientists and scholars.

Our commitment to the success of the event is guaranteed. The whole organisation will make every effort to make this competition unique and special for each of you. Our greatest wish is that you will leave the “Land of the Sun” taking home a new and unforgettable experience and that you will someday want to return to visit the friends of FIPSAS Sicily.

We thank the Sicilian Regional Authorities, the Port Authorities of Messina and Catania, and all the municipalities involved for all the help they have provided.

We promise the best our Region can offer you, i.e. unique culinary experiences and unparalleled scenic and natural attractions.

Welcome Athletes!

Chairwoman of the World Championship Organising Committee
Mariateresa Costanzo
FIPSAS Board Member



The FIPSAS Provincial Committee of Messina, which I have the honour to chair, has been entrusted with the organisation of this major Surf Casting World Championship. We are proud of the opportunity granted and therefore extend a warm welcome to Messina to all attending athletes, their chaperones, coaches and all the representatives of the Nations.

The physical conformation of our coast – facing two seas – will provide the best sports opportunities to all participants, making this World Championship a challenging endeavour both from a technical and competitive perspective.

The natural beauty of our area will be the setting hosting this major event.

I would like to thank FIPSAS for awarding this Championship, the municipality of Messina that sponsored the event, the Port Authority of Messina, the State Maritime Administration, the organising committee and all the authorities who will attend.

Special thanks go to the presidents of the Messina clubs whose members will be part of the organising staff.

President of the FIPSAS Provincial Committee of Messina
Alessio Casella



It is with great honour that the Provincial Section of Catania welcomes the National teams participating in this World Surf Casting Championship, to whom we wish a pleasant stay in our beautiful land, where they will be able to appreciate not only the food and wine specialties, but also the historical, artistic and natural heritage:

- Mount Etna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known as one of the “most emblematic and active volcanoes in the world”;
- Our beaches, from San Marco to Plaia, which I am sure will enable the athletes to perform at their best.
- And finally, the beauty of the Catanese Baroque.

I also thank FIPSAS, the State Maritime Administration, the Port Authorities, the Administrations of the municipalities involved, the Board of Directors of the FIPSAS Catania Provincial Section, the coaches, the Catania sports clubs, and all the volunteers who have contributed and will continue to contribute to the successful outcome of this event.

President of Provincial Section of Catania
Santo Leva

The World Fishing Championship Committee, in cooperation with FIPSAS, is pleased to invite your Federation to participate in the 39th Men's Shore Angling World Championship and the 30th Women's Shore Angling World Championship to be held from 4 to 11 November 2023 on the shorelines of Messina and Catania (Sicily, Italy).

Schedule

Saturday, 4 November 2023

12:00-06:00 p.m. Accreditation of athletes and chaperones and accommodation at the Antares Hotel
06:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail by the pool
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the Antares Hotel

Sunday, 5 November 2023

08:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
10:00 a.m. Captains' Meeting
12:30 p.m. Lunch
03:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony in Messina
07:00 p.m. Wine tasting and dinner with local produce

Monday, 6 November 2023

08:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
09:30 a.m. Gathering at the hotel for bait and lunch packet handout
12:00 p.m. Entering the competition site.
01:00 p.m. Official training begins
05:00 p.m. End of official training session
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the hotel
09:30 p.m. Rankings

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

08:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
09:30 a.m. Gathering at the hotel for bait and lunch packet handout
12:00 p.m. Entering the competition site.
01:00p.m. First official competition begins
05:00 p.m. First official competition ends
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the hotel
09:30 p.m. Rankings

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

08:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
09:30a.m. Gathering at the hotel for bait and lunch packet handout
12:00 p.m. Entering the competition site.
01:00 p.m. Second official competition begins
05:00 p.m. Second official competition ends
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the hotel
09:30 p.m. Rankings

Thursday, 9 November 2023

08:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
09:30 a.m. Gathering at the hotel for bait and lunch packet handout
12:00 p.m. Entering the competition site.
01:00p.m. Third official competition begins
05:00 p.m. Third official competition ends
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the hotel
09:30 p.m. Rankings

Friday, 10 November 2023

05:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
06:00 a.m. Gathering at the hotel for bait and lunch packet handout
09:00 p.m. Fourth official competition begins
01:00 p.m. Fourth official competition ends
02:30 p.m. Score conversion at the hotel
04:00 p.m. Display of rankings
06:30 p.m. Official closing ceremony
08:30 p.m. Dinner at the hotel

Saturday, 11 November 2023

Breakfast and departure

Messina

Despite damage from an earthquake in the early 1900s and bombing during World War II, many of the monuments have remained intact, surviving to the present day.

Cathedral of Messina



In the historic centre lies the Cathedral of Messina built in 500 AD and dedicated to St. Mary. Valuable paintings and frescoes are preserved inside the cathedral, but what sets it apart is the peculiar clock on the bell tower with its marvelous gears.



Astronomical Clock of Messina

The Messina clock is the only astronomical clock in Italy and every day at noon offers a unique display, with music and sculptures that come to life reproducing biblical scenes and historical episodes of the city of Messina through complex gears.



Orion Fountain

At the centre of Cathedral Square is the Orion Fountain, created by Giovanni Angelo Montorsoli. The sculptures are arranged in a pyramidal fashion. At the top is a statue of Orion, who according to legend was the founder of the city, with his dog Sirius at his feet. Further down are putties Naiads, and Tritons; finally, at the base is Camaro who supplies water to the fountain and the representation of rivers Ebro, Tiber and Nile.



Taormina

With its beautiful beaches, Isola Bella, Roman theatre, fountains, and Castelmola where you can taste the famous almond wine, Taormina is a major attraction for those coming to Messina.



Catania



Catania is Sicily's second largest city in terms of population, and the whole area has a significant economic spin-off. Therefore, there are many places to visit in and around Catania.

Etna, Mongibello, is the most active volcano on Earth, the gentle giant or simply “A Muntagna” as the people of Catania call it. It is one of the most fascinating tourist attractions in eastern Sicily, which has become almost an emblem of the whole region



Via Etnea

Porta Uzeda leads to the most important street in the city of Catania. Via Etnea is about 3 km long, stretching perpendicularly towards the volcano, which is perfectly visible throughout the walk. Much of Via Etnea is closed for regular vehicular use and is therefore considered the city's living room, with exclusive clubs, restaurants and designer boutiques. Indeed, this street is also known as a shopping area. Several examples of Baroque architecture, as well as the remains of an ancient Roman amphitheatre can be admired as you walk along Via Etnea.



Cathedral of Catania



Travelling along Via Etnea, from south to north, on the first leg of our route we come across Piazza del Duomo, where the Cathedral of Catania, dedicated to St. Agatha, lies. The scenic facade, designed by architect Vaccarini, is an illustrious example of Sicilian Baroque with Spanish influences.

The markets of Catania

The Catania Fish Market is the open-air fish market located in the historic city centre, not far from the city's harbour. In the market you can find fresh catch and immerse yourself in the daily life of the Catanese.



HOW TO REACH LETOJANNI

The Antares Hotel is located in Letojanni, a town equally distant from Messina and Catania.

How to get there by plane

The easiest and fastest way to get to Sicily is to take a direct flight. The nearest landing point to Letojanni is the **international airport** of **Catania Fontanarossa**, which is about 50 km away, while Palermo airport is about 230 km away.

Once you land, you can take one of the regional buses that will take you directly to Letojanni.

How to get there by ferry

Another way to reach Sicily in a direct way is by bus or ship.

If travelling by sea, there are essentially two ports to choose from to reach Letojanni: Catania's and Messina's. The main ship and ferry companies that travel to these ports are **Snav**, **Tirrenia**, **Grandi Navi Veloci**, **Siremar**, **TTTLines**, **Grimaldi Lines** and – to/from Catania only – the **Espresso Ravenna**, which connects the island to the Adriatic ports.

How to get there by car

From the airport it is possible to reach Letojanni in about an hour.

From Messina - Highway A18 ME-CT, exit **Taormina**, go down the ramp and continue along the waterfront, taking **SS 114**. Follow the signs for Messina for a couple of kilometres.

From Catania - Highway A18 CT-ME, exit **Taormina**, go down the ramp and continue along the waterfront, taking **SS 114**. Follow the signs for Messina for a couple of kilometres.

How to get there by train

Taormina-Giardini Naxos railway station stop; from Taormina station, connections by bus are available but it is also possible to continue by train, taking regional trains to Messina that pass through Letojanni.

BUS

From Messina (Railway station terminal square)

From Taormina (Via Pirandello terminal)

From Catania (Railway station terminal square)

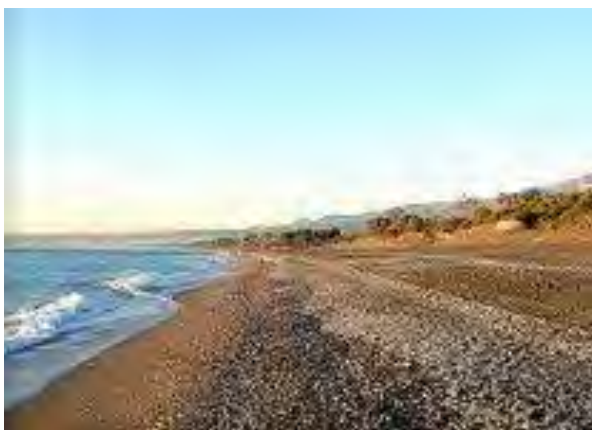
COMPETITION FIELDS

The Plaia of Catania



The Playa of Catania is the city's traditional beach; it is a sandy beach located on the outskirts of Catania and easily reached via the SS114, following the signs leading to the sea. It is a long, wide beach of golden sand washed by a blue sea that slopes gently out to sea.

San Marco beach of Calatabiano



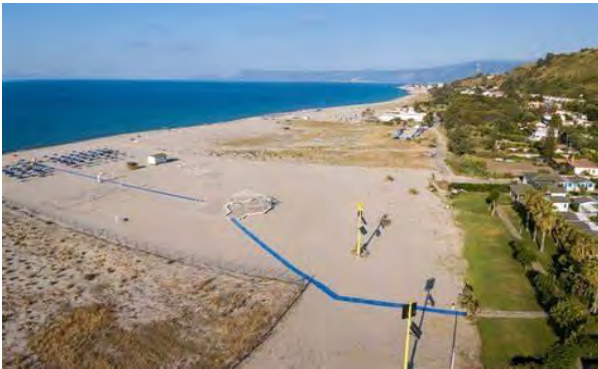
The sandy beach of San Marco di Calatabiano lies in the coastal area south of the mouth of the Alcantara River, nestled in an area of high naturalistic value between the mouths of the Alcantara and Fiumefreddo Rivers. It is well preserved thanks partly to the fact that no coastal road was ever built there. Spanning several kilometres, it is one of the most beautiful sand and pebble beaches in eastern Sicily and a stone's throw from Etna.

Capo Ali Beach of Ali Terme



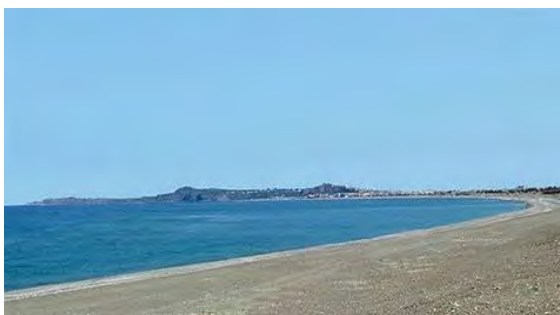
Capo Ali Beach in Ali Terme is a pebble beach located about 25 kilometres from Messina and is almost equidistant from beautiful Taormina. This is one of the most striking beaches on this stretch of coastline, with a long, pebbly shoreline.

Mortelle beach of Messina



Mortelle Beach lies at the north-eastern tip of Sicily, about 14 kilometres north of Messina. It is a beautiful beach of light-coloured sand mixed with gravel and a few pebbles, washed by a beautiful, clear sea with shallow waters sloping towards the open sea.

Well of Gotto Barcelona Beach



The Well of Gotto Barcelona Beach lies at the north-eastern tip of Sicily, about 14 kilometres north of Messina. It is a beautiful beach of light-coloured sand mixed with gravel and a few pebbles, washed by a beautiful, clear sea with shallow waters sloping towards the open sea.

THE ANTARES HOTEL ****

It is located on the hill overlooking the town of Letojanni, a few kilometres from the centre of Taormina. Part of an accommodation complex together with Hotel Olimpo-Le Terrazze, Hotel Antares affords a wonderful view of the bay of Taormina. The hotel, which is located in the lower part of the complex, is perfect for families as it is equipped with all facilities and services to meet the needs of young and old guests alike.





HOTEL ANTARES ****

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antares@parchotels.it<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvY33xECiEk>

RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

If a team wishes to arrive earlier for training or stay after the official competition, the organiser will apply the following rates:

- **From 30 October to 4 November: Full board per person per day in double room €90.00, single room €110.00;**
- **From 30 October to 4 November: Half board per person per day in double room €80.00, single room €100.00;**

CONTACT DETAILS

For general enquiries regarding registration, please contact the Organising Committee by email: **sicili-[surf2023@gmail.com](mailto:sicili-surf2023@gmail.com)**

For specific information regarding the World Championship, please reach out to Santo Leva at 329/8561219 or by email: **sicili-surf2023@gmail.com**

Participation Fees

Official Period 4-11 November 2023

Full team package

€ 800.00 x 5 athletes accommodation in double room
full board, including gala dinner € **4.000.00**

Full package for each athlete

Accommodation in double room
full board, including gala dinner € **800.00**

Full package for captain or reserve

Accommodation in double room
full board, including gala dinner € **700.00**

Accompanying people

Accommodation in double room, full board
including gala dinner € **700.00**

Accompanying people

Accommodation in double room, half board
including gala dinner € **600.00**

5-member team fee (covering registration and organisation expenses)

€ 400.00 x 5 athletes
This fee includes the gala dinner
This fee does not include room and board € **2,000.00**

Athlete fee (covering registration and organisation expenses)

This fee includes the gala dinner
This fee does not include room and board € **400.00**

Captain or reserve fee (covering registration and organisation expenses)

This fee includes the gala dinner
This fee does not include room and board € **350.00**

Cost of lunch or dinner at the hotel not included in package
per person/day € **35.00**

Extra charge for accommodation in single room (€ 30 per day) € **210.00**

Cost of gala dinner € **60.00**

Welcome cocktail cost € **35.00**

PAYMENTS:

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Reason for payment: 3 Fee WC Surf Casting Seniors and Ladies - Catania

pesca.superficie@fipsas.it Phone: +39 0687980521/3

Registration and copy of bank transfer should be sent by 10 September 2023 to:

pesca.superficie@fipsas.it

Delegations must provide the organiser with a flag of their home nation.

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REGISTRATION FORM

FEDERATION _____

NATION _____

ADDRESS _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE _____

SIGN

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION

NATIONAL FEDERATION: _____

COMPETITORS	
Name and Surname	

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

6	Reserve
7	Captain

Registration per 5 Competitors Full Board	(€ 4.000,00)	
Registration per Competitors Full Board	(€ 800 per person)	
Registration per Captain or Reserve Full Board	(€ 700 per person)	
Registration per Captain or Reserve without accommodation but with closing dinner	(€ 350 per person)	
Registration per Competitors without accommodation but with closing dinner	(€ 400 per person)	
Supplement single room	(€ 30 per person/day)	
Lunch or dinner in the hotel without accommodation	(€ 35 per person/day)	
Welcome party	(€ 35 per person)	
	TOTAL AMOUNT	

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR FAMILY AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Name and Surname	Remarks

Full boards for accompanying	(€ 700 per person)	
Half Board for accompanying	(€ 600 per person)	
Closing banquet for accompanying without accommodation	(€ 60 per person)	
Supplement single room	(€ 30 per person/day)	
Lunch or dinner for accompanying without accommodation	(€ 35 per person/day)	
Welcome party	(€ 35 per person)	
TOTAL AMOUNT		

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BAITS

The organisation will provide bait during the competition.

The following types of bait will be provided each day for each athlete: 3 packs of Arenicoles, 2 packs of Koreans, 100g de Gambas.

Arenicoles

Koreans

Gambas



Baits may be booked during training days in the required amounts.

Bait request form for practice days

FEDERATION\NATION: _____

Type	Number of packs On (date) _____	Number of packs On (date) _____	Number of packs On (date) _____	Number of packs On (date) _____
Arenicoles				
Koreans				
Gambas				

Type	Total packs	Price per pack	Total
Arenicoles		€ 7.00	
Koreans		€ 5.00	
Gambas		€ 3.00	
Total			

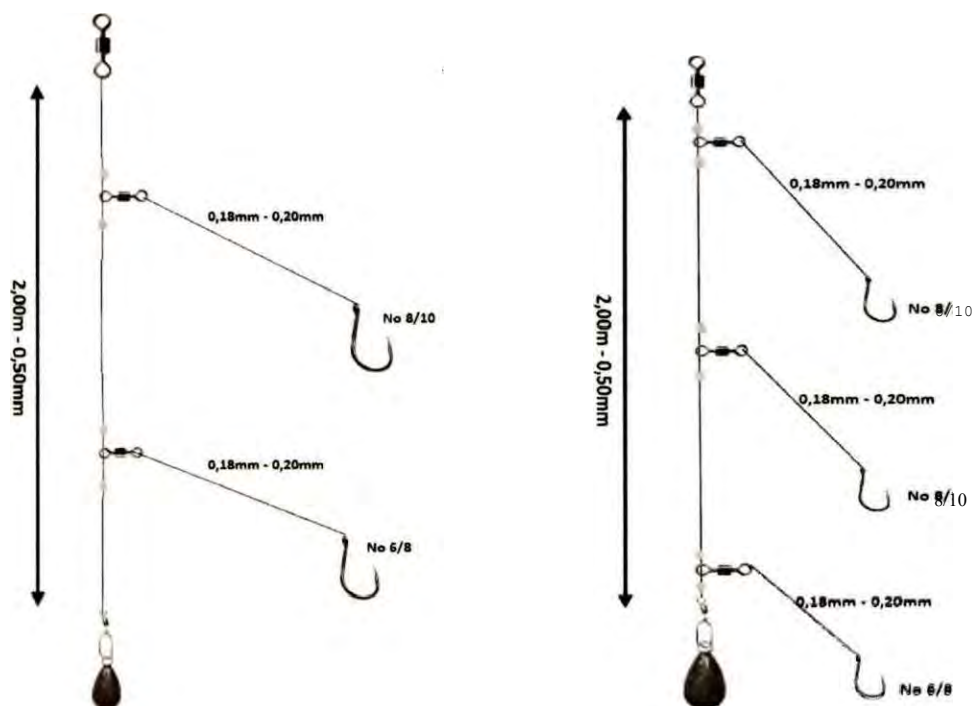
Request and copy of bank transfer should be sent by 10 September 2023 to:

ASD Sezione Provinciale Catania FIPSAS e-mai: catania@fipsas.it

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RECOMMENDED TIPPETS



Recommended materials:

Trace 1: rig body 50mm, fluorocarbon line 0.18mm to 0.20mm from 40cm to 50cm long, hooks with short shank no 6 to 10. Trace2: rig body 50mm, with longer fluorocarbon line 0.18mm to 0.20mm from 60 to 80cm long, hooks with short shank no 6 to 10.

Weight: pyramid 80g to 120g or bomb leads from 50g

Only single hooks of any shape shall be allowed, with an opening (gape) of at least 5mm. Anyone found in possession of hooks of unauthorised size shall be disqualified.



The minimum size for any type of fish is set at twelve (12) cm measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the (closed) tail.

The following shall not be considered valid catch: sardines, shellfish, crustaceans and marine mammals, which, if caught, must be released into the water immediately alive and uninjured.

A fully equipped fishing store will be set up at the hotel a few days before the championship.

FISH AVAILABLE

Garfish



Liche glauque



Mullet



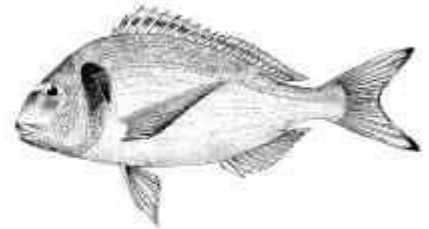
Saddled Bream



Striped Bream



Gilthead



Common pandora



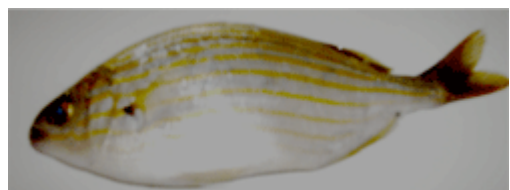
Flounder



Scalops



Goldline



Seabass



White seabrem



Weevers



Mullus Gunard Tubefish



Only judges shall be allowed to remove hooks from poisonous fish. Example: Lesser weever (*Echiichthys vipera*) of the Trachinidae weever family (*Echiichthys vipera*)



Fish will be measured by bank inspectors, and the length and species of fish will be recorded on the athlete's tag.

FIPS-M Regulations shall strictly apply. They may be downloaded at www.fips-m.org

Ranking established using "Catch and Release" conversion table (see attached):

- A score shall be awarded based on the conversion table according to the size and species of the fish;
- 1 point per fish shall be awarded for any fish smaller than 12 cm.

Fishing shop

ETNA FISH Via Alcide de Gasperi 59 Mascalucia (Catania) Phone: +39 095727 8055

FIPS-M Regulations: www.fips-m.org/statutes-rules-gb



ESSENTIAL ANTI-DOPING ADVICE

Athletes are reminded if they take any medication they must check it against the WADA Prohibited Substance & Methods list.

Particular attention must be paid to the use of anti- hypertensive agents, especially diuretics, which are popular in singular preparation and/or in a combination with other normally permitted drugs.

Diuretics are always forbidden.

For these reasons, it is necessary for every athlete or National Federation to check the list for prohibited substances and process a TUE as necessary. The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must be granted before taking a prohibited medication.

An application for a TUE must be requested 30 days before taking part in the championships. The application forms must be filled in carefully with your physician/doctor who must authorise the application. A physician's certificate or prescription on its own does not mean that the athlete has permission to use the prohibited substance or method.

The application should be completed either in English or French and sent directly to the office of the CIPS President.

Email: office@cips-fips.com

Every athlete has a right to clean sport

WORLD ANTI DOPING AGENCY

<https://www.wada-ama.org/>

