

# World Underwater Federation



## **UNDERWATER FISHING** (Spear fishing)

### **INTERNATIONAL RULES**

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## 1 DEFINITION

- 1.1 Competitive underwater fishing is defined as the search for and the catching of fish under water while holding one's breath, using means that depend entirely on the physical capabilities of the competitor.

## 2 ADMINISTRATIVE GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2.1 Administration

- 2.1.1 Only CMAS has the right to organise official competitions for World and Continental Championships for Underwater Fishing.
- a) The words "World, Continental" and "CMAS" cannot be associated to any Competition of Underwater Fishing, without the agreement of CMAS.
- 2.1.2 The Competitions under the Responsibility of CMAS are:
- a) **The World, Continental and Zone Championships.**
- b) A championship by teams (Clubs).
- c) International competitions.
- 2.1.3 CMAS Championships will be by an agreed calendar.
- 2.1.4 CMAS Championships for teams (Clubs), for continental organisation, but can be declared open to World participation.
- 2.1.5 International competitions are organized under the exclusive control of CMAS and all the rights resulting from them are and remain the property of CMAS.
- 2.1.6 The right to organize a CMAS Championship will be granted to the Federations or candidate Organizations, only after receiving by the CMAS, all the documents necessary, as stipulated in the procedures for the organization of a CMAS Championship, in particular and moreover the following documents must be received.
- a) The Official CMAS Form of Request duly completed including its appendices and signed.
- b) This Form must be sent to the secretariat of the CMAS, at the latest by the 30 April of the second year preceding the competition.
- c) Methods of movement of the competitors, during the competition:
- 1-Either by boat
- 2-Or by Fin swimming
- d) A chart showing the boundaries of the zones in which the competition Will take place (Scale 1\50.000 and 1\150.000)
- e) The definition of the "non valid" fish with their scientific name.
- f)The organisers will have to justify their decision with regard to the requirement of the maximum and minimum weight of fish including for the "non valid" catches, also a well defined system and method of calculation for the different points awarded.
- g) Penalties for certain catches can be specified in the Rules.
- h) Copy of the licences of the local Maritime Authorities, and/or, necessary documents for the competition, in agreement with the law of the host country for the Championships, also the guaranty that the area of the competition will be protected during the competitions of any other activity that can obstruct the course of the competition.
- i)Copies of the agreements for the use of the boats in service for each country
- j)Copies of the agreements for the use of the boats in service for all the competitors, if the movement of competitors is to be made by boat.
- k) Budget Proposal:
- 1-The cost requested per person, for the period of the competition, including lodging at full board including any extras. This price will not rise more than 10% maximum.
- 2-The cost of the total administrative expenses per person if a participating Federation prefers to choose a hotel other than the one proposed by the N.F..
- 3-The contract duly completed and signed by the President of the candidate Federation. By this signature the candidate Federation will accept and honour the charges and proposed conditions.

The CMAS Commission of Underwater Fishing has the "Power of Jurisdiction" on all the questions that are not covered with in the rules, according to the Rules of the Judges. It has the capacity to defer the competition and to give instructions for the good running of the championship.

### 2.2 Particular Rules

- 2.2.1 The Federation or the organizing Club of any competition must send the particular Rules approved by the Commission, to all the National Federations involved with the competition and affiliated to the CMAS Sports Committee, at the latest 7 months before the beginning of the competition.
- 2.2.2 The Particular Rules will have to specify:
- a) The date, the place and the type of the competition
- b) The program in chronological order of the events includes the Protocol of Ceremonies.
- c) All information relating to:
- 1-Date of arrival and departure
- 2-The places for accommodation and meals
- 3-Expenses of participation

## 3 RULES FOR COMPETITORS

### 3.1 Participation

- 3.1.1 All Federations affiliated to the CMAS Sports Committee and with voting rights to the discipline concerned are allowed to take part. The Zone Championships, because of the worldwide involvement of the sport of underwater fishing. Zones will be in 3 groups, as follows:

- a) Group I: Europe - Africa
  - b) Groups I: Americas
  - c) Groups III: Rest of the world
- 3.1.2** All members of a team must have the Nationality of the country for which they represent.
- 3.1.3** The minimum age required at the date of the opening of the championship cannot be lower than 18 years.
- 3.1.4** Three (3) athletes per Country are allowed.
- 3.1.5** Each athlete will have to be in possession of a CMAS "Sports Licence", valid for the current year. As well the Individual Membership Inscription sent by the Federation and signed by the Federation President. This will be the guarantee that all the members of the team have the same qualification in free diving (apnoea).
- 3.1.6** The CMAS Delegate will verify all the documents the day preceding the competition.
- 3.1.7** Athletes who do not have the correct documentation will not be allowed to participate in the competition.
- 3.1.8** The competitors will be expected.
- a) To know the General Rules for Underwater Fishing Competitions, as well as the Particular Rules of the competition in which they take part.
  - b) Scrupulously to comply with the safety requirements during the training and the competition.
  - c) To follow all the recommendations made by the organizer and the college of the judges.
  - d) Personally take care that, their equipment is in conformity with the Rules;
  - e) To address their self to the persons in charge of the organisation or to the college of the judges, only via their team captain.
- 3.1.9** Each team taking part in the Competition must have a Team Captain.
- 3.1.10** The captain of team is:
- a) The person in charge for the discipline of the members of his team,
  - b) The intermediary between the organizer, the college of the judges and the participants.
  - c) He will be able to act as Substitute or Competitor.
- 3.1.11** In the absence of the Team Captain, the Coach can fulfil this function.
- 3.2 Applications to Participate in CMAS Championships**
- 3.2.1** Applications to participate in CMAS Competitions must be completed using the special forms according to the Rules
- a) Each Federation must confirm its participation with the CMAS (appendix A) at least 4 months before the beginning of the championship, accompanied by its CMAS certification together with the required championship fees, with copies to the organizing federation.
  - b) The form (appendix B), stating the team and officials names, must arrive at the CMAS (with a copy to the organising Federation), 30 days (closing date) before the beginning of the competition.
  - c) Each National Representation can consist of:
    - Competitors: three (3) maximum
    - 1 (one) Substitute
    - 1 (one) Team Captain
    - 1 (one) Doctor
    - Other Component officially indicated
- 3.3 Participations in the World Championships**
- 3.3.1** Only countries allowed to participate in the World Championship are the countries that have participated in the Championship of their Group that has taken place in the previous year. The Countries can choose the group where they want to take part.
- 3.3.2** Countries authorized by group to take part in the World Championships (Formula)
- a) If A = Number of countries which the organizing federation is able to accommodate (minimum 20)
  - b) If B = Number of countries having participated in the championship of each group in the previous year
  - c) If C = Total number of the countries having participated in the championships of the previous year.
- 3.3.3** The number of countries of each group authorized to take part in the World Championship is given by the formula:  
 $A \cdot B / C$   
 Example:  
 If A = 20 (a maximum number)  
 If the number of countries having participate in their group championship =
- |             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Group I =   | 25 |
| Group II =  | 10 |
| Group III = | 15 |
| C =         | 50 |
- The total number of countries of each group authorized to take part in the World Championship per group will be:
- |             |                    |   |            |   |              |
|-------------|--------------------|---|------------|---|--------------|
| Group I =   | $20 \cdot 25 / 50$ | = | $500 / 50$ | = | 10 Countries |
| Group II =  | $20 \cdot 10 / 50$ | = | $200 / 50$ | = | 4 countries  |
| Group III = | $20 \cdot 15 / 50$ | = | $300 / 50$ | = | 6 countries  |
- The result by decimal will be rounded with the lower or higher unit (up to 0,5 with the lower unit).
- 3.4 Selection of the countries authorized to participate in the World Championship**
- 3.4.1** The selection will be done according to the classification of each country at the time of the Championship of their group: According to example above would be:

- a) The 10 first of group I
  - b) The 04 first of group II
  - c) The 06 first of group III
- 3.4.2** The organizing countries will be the first of its group (even if it did not take part in the championship of its group) and will be reducing the number of countries of the group qualified to take part.
- 3.4.3** Procedure should a qualified country not wish to take part in a championship.
- a) Should a country not wish to take part in a championship it will be replaced by the first country classified in the qualified order and so on until the last until complete.
  - b) If the procedure above is exhausted and the number of qualified countries are not of sufficient number it will be the Fishing Commission and not the organising country, to choose, if necessary, the countries from the same group to take part, preference being given to the countries who show enthusiasm to the activity with regards to underwater fishing, also the organising of national championships and whose official results have been sent to the CMAS.
- 3.5 Disqualifications**
- 3.5.1** When a competitor, who took part in a competition, is disqualified, (for example following a positive test, (anti doping) after confirming the test, his name will be withdrawn from the result list and all the competitors will be advanced a position in the results list.
- 3.5.2** The rewards and medals will be withdrawn and returned to the CMAS and presented to the successful competitor, following the procedure as in article 3.5.1
- 3.6 Technical Meeting before the beginning of Championship.**
- 3.6.1** This meeting will be organized at the latest 24 hours before the beginning of competition, with presence of:
- The Responsibility for the Organisation,
  - The Judge Referee
  - The Team Captains
  - The Official Doctor of the Organization
  - The CMAS Delegate
- 3.6.2** The purpose of this meeting is:
- a) To communicate all information concerning:
    - technical questions
    - the schedules and the means of transport
    - the official times fixed by the head of CMAS Judges
    - the directives for the protocol ceremonies
    - the safety measures
    - Control anti doping
  - b) The assignment of the boats and the boat Judges will be made by the drawing of lots. The assignment of the boats and the judges will be made by nations and not by athlete.
    - For all the boats, the Judges will be appointed by the Judge CMAS and they will always be from another nationality to the country appointed.
    - A second drawing of lots for the second day will take place if the judge referee considers it necessary.
    - This drawing of lots will be carried out under the control of the Judge Referee and CMAS Delegate.
    - A number will be allotted to each competitor also to each substitute.  
This number will identify them for the duration of the competition.  
The number will consist of 3 letters for the indication of the country (symbols CMA) and the number 1 or 2 or 3 and 4 (for the substitute).  
The number must have a minimal height of 15 centimetres and will be placed in a visible position on the support boat, the buoy or the fishing board as well as the bag or any other means used to carry the catches to the weighing place.
    - The Captain's boat will carry a number composed of 3 letters of the Country plus the letter C (as Captain).
- 3.6.3** The International Jury will decide the zone for the competition for each day.
- 3.7 International jury**
- 3.7.1** It's an individual Body, composed by one only member, the Judge Referee, nominated by the CMAS and proposed by the S.F. Commission.
- 3.7.2** The mission of the jury is to examine all received complaints and to rule on those with in the hour that follows the complaint procedure.
- 3.7.3** If a member of the international jury is of the same nationality as one of the points in question, the member will be replaced by one of the substitute members.
- 3.7.4** The decisions of the International Jury are without appeal, except if the jury is informed of a new element.
- 3.7.5** The decisions must be communicated in writing to the person concerned immediately after the closure of the meeting.
- 3.7.6** The CMAS delegate will act as secretary of the meeting without voting rights.
- 3.7.7** The International CMAS Judge acting as International Jury will be assisted upon request by a Competition Committee, composed by the Director of Competition, and three (3) team captains non competitors designed by the International CMAS Judge among those participating in Technical Meeting.

**3.7.8** Functions and responsibility of Competition Committee are exclusively to provide experienced advise to International CMAS Judge upon his/her request, without any freedom to take decisions, with the only exception of disability of CMAS Judge, in wich circumstance the Competition Committee will ensure the minimum decisions to guarantee completion of competition or, if required for any circumstance as adverse metheorology, suspension of competition / day comp

### 3.8 Complaints

**3.8.1** Each participating team has the right to place any complaint to the jury.

**3.8.2** Only the captain of the team will present a complaint.

**3.8.3** Any complaint will have to be accompanied by a guarantee; the amount is fixed by CMAS.

**3.8.4** A complaint must be presented in writing, in French, English or Spanish to the Judge Referee:

- Before the weighing for those regarding the competition.
- During the weighing for those regarding the weighing and concerning the weighing itself
- With regard to an error in the classification, the presentation for a complaint must be made with the Judge referee with in 15 minutes following the publication of the classification and accompanied by the payment of the necessary financial guarantee. (This procedure will cause immediate delay in the protocol ceremony for the presentation of the medals).

**3.8.5** The time to prepare and present a complaint. The plaintiff will have a 60 minutes deadline to write and present his report to the International Judge. Failure to meet the deadline the complaint will be regarded as not valid with the loss of the guarantee.

**3.8.6** The complaint will be declared inadmissible if these conditions are not met

**3.8.7** If the complaint is successful the guarantee in cash will be returned. If unsuccessful the guarantee in cash remains with the CMAS.

### 3.9 Protocol

**3.9.1** For each competition, the College of Judges must draw up a Protocol.

**3.9.2** The organizer must give, after the competition, two copies of the protocol to each participating team and two copies must be sent to CMAS and two copies to the CMAS Spear Fishing Commission.

**3.9.3** The protocol must contain:

- a) The heading of the competition, the place, the date, the name of the organizer, the description of the place of the competition
- b) The composition of the College of Judges (list with names and functions) **and Competition Committee.**
- c) The list of the participating teams (for the world and continental championships should show: the name, first name, and year of birth for each athlete).
- d) The type of the competitions and the results
- e) Disqualifications.
- f) Particular incidents
- g) Signatures of the International Judge and the head of the office of the performances or the principal secretary.

**3.9.4** The place and the date of the competition as well the CMAS logo that must appear at the top or bottom of each page of the protocol.

## 4 TECHNICAL GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4.1 Material used by Competitor

**4.1.1** One or more spear guns, working with elastic cord or compressed-air, loading only by the muscular force of the competitor, no other means of unspecified methods are acceptable.

**4.1.2** Fins, Face masks, gloves, under water glasses, snorkel, weight belt, spear guns, hooks, knives, protective clothing, watches, depths gauge, buoys, fishing board equipped with a compass, under water lamps, **deep sounder and GPS**, etc.

**4.1.3** The use of an official buoy of 10 litres minimum volume is compulsory.

### 4.2 Logistic support

**4.2.1** All the competitions must be provided with the support of:

- A boat for the Director of the Competition
- A boat for the International Judge
- Boats for the official doctors nominated for the competition
- Boats placed for the Press disposal

### 4.3 Zone of competition

**4.3.1** For any CMAS Championship, 2 zones for the competition and 1 zone as a reserve.

**4.3.2** The zones must be selected by taking account of the geographical configuration, the basic type and the number of competitors with a maximum length of 15 (fifteen) kilometres for the World Championship and 10 (ten) kilometres for all the other competitions.

**4.3.3** Each one of these zones will have to be designated with precision and their limits will have to be determined by a precise alignment between two clearly marked points in order to be able to determine an alignment

**4.3.4** Decisive geographical markers or easily locatable constructions, able to be defined by all will designate the zone limits.

**4.3.5** In the event of difficulty, it will be acceptable that this alignment is defined by using one or two buoys.

**4.3.6** Once defined, no change will be made to the limits of the zones.

## 5 COLLEGE OF JUDGES

### 5.1 Decisions

- 5.1.1 The officials must make their decisions in an autonomous way and unless otherwise specified in the Rules, independently from and to each other.
- 5.2 Composition of the college of Judges**
- 5.2.1 The Organizer sets up the College of Judges. It is entirely responsible for the preparation and the course of the Competitions.
- 5.2.2 It is composed of:
- a) The International Judge
  - b) A Technical and Safety Judge
  - c) The General Secretary
  - d) Medical assistance
  - e) The Judge for the Protocol Ceremonies (opening-enclosure-presenting of the medals)
  - f) The Commissioners Boat
- 5.3 The international Judge**
- 5.3.1 For CMAS Championships the International Judge is nominated by the Spear Fishing Commission and ratified by the CMAS A.C. He has full control and authority over all the officials. He must approve their assignments and give them instructions with regard to the Particular Rules relating to the competitions.
- 5.3.2 His mission is:
- a) The inspection of the installations being used for the competition
  - b) The examination of the individual files of the participants and the booking cards.
  - c) The assignment, by drawing of lots, for the commissioners as well as their boats.
  - d) To sign the final classifications before the publication of the results.
- 5.3.3 He must make to apply the Rules and the decisions of CMAS and solve all the questions concerning the effective organization that is not referred to in the Specific Competition Rules.
- 5.3.4 He must make sure that all the Officials necessary for the good work of the competition are at their respective stations. He can nominate substitutes to replace the absent ones including those who are not in a fit state to fill their tasks or those who are inefficient. He can also nominate additional officials if he considers it necessary.
- 5.3.5 He authorises the responsibility to give the starting signal after having been ensured that all the members of the College of Judges are in place and ready.
- 5.3.6 The Judge Referee has the right to cancel or suspend the competition, even without the opinion of the International Jury, in the event of unfavourable weather conditions or if the place of competition or the installations do not fulfil the requirements of the Rules.
- 5.4 The Technical and Safety Judge**
- 5.4.1 He is responsible for the observation of the safety regulations in use and the technical problems of the competition.
- 5.4.2 He is placed, at the beginning of the competition, under the authority of the International Judge.
- 5.4.3 He deals with the provisions, at the appropriate time, of the material and the apparatuses necessary for the course of the competition.
- 5.4.4 He is responsible for the installation of the course according to the plans published in the Particular Rules. The use of the boats, the installation of the safety divers and the means of radio communication, are also part of his responsibilities.
- 5.4.5 The Organising Committee must place at his disposal a sufficient number of assistants so that he can fulfil his mission without difficulty.
- 5.5 The Head of the Office Performances**
- 5.5.1 He is responsible for the control of the results to be recorded in the computer, as well as the classifications in each competition, after receiving them from the Judge Referee.
- 5.5.2 He takes care that the decisions of the College of Judges and the International Judge are carried out according to the protocol.
- 5.5.3 He controls the conditions of the protocol; he signs and transmits it for signature to the international judge.
- 5.5.4 He transmits to the Press Judge the results concerning the presentations.
- 5.5.5 The results and the protocol should be passed to the secretariat, for distribution, only after the agreement of the Judge Referee.
- 5.6 The Boat Commissaries**
- 5.6.1 The Commissioner has the role of knowing the General or Particular Rules of the Competition, as well as the provisions possibly adopted by the jury. He will inform the Director of the Competition of any act that he believes has infringed the Rules.
- 5.7 The General Secretary**
- 5.7.1 He prepares all the material of secretariat as well as all documentation necessary for the competition.
- 5.7.2 He appoints the assistant secretaries and directs their work.
- 5.7.3 He supervises the drafting of the meeting of the International Jury.
- 5.7.4 He prepares the final report of the Competitions.
- 5.7.5 When there is not a particular Press Office and under the authorization of the Judge Referee, he transmits all information concerning the Competition.
- 5.8 The Medical Assistance**
- 5.8.1 The medical assistance will have to guarantee the agency of help to any accident, giving the necessary assistance, from the very beginning of the accident, until the re-establishment of the conditions of health in local medical structures.
- 5.8.2 A Doctor specialist, in reanimation, responsible to the person in charge for the organisation, must always be in the zone of the competition. An individual boat will be provided to him and his staff;

- 5.8.3 An ambulance reserved for the zone of competition, with a doctor, to be located, on the shore, close to the Health Centre.
  - 5.8.4 An official hospital must be easily accessible by ambulance.
  - 5.8.5 A Hyperbaric Centre, previously alerted for the competition, will be in stand by for any help.
  - 5.8.6 The availability of assistance by a helicopter is recommended.
  - 5.8.7 All the doctors registered with the participant teams will automatically make part of the Medical Assistance group. All the doctors will have to be easily recognizable.
  - 5.8.8 All the boats of assistance must:
    - a) To be easily recognizable.
    - b) Provided with means of communication (VHF – Mobil Phones etc.)
    - c) To have the list of the channels and the Mobil Phone Nrs. of all the boats.
    - d) To have the list of the procedures in the case of requests for help.
    - e) The boat of a competitor in difficulty must hoist a red flag and emit an agreed sounding signal.
- 5.9 **Judge for the Protocol Ceremonies**
- 5.9.1 Must take care of the good course of the ceremonies – opening and closure, presentation of the medals (see Procedures and Obligations).
  - 5.9.2 To keep those not involved, out of the space reserved for ceremonies
  - 5.9.3 To carry out a rehearsal of the official presentation of medals ceremony, from the beginning to the end, under the control of the CMAS Official, the day before of the competition and at the place of the event. All things being obligatorily and in the right places (podium, carrying the medals, flags, official speaker, music, international hymns of CMAS, etc.)

## 6 COMPETITIONS

### 6.1 Development

- 6.1.1 The Competition Zones and the Reserve Zone will be officially revealed, 7 months before the competition, to all the interested parties.
- 6.1.2 The members of the teams can visit the zones two weeks before the championship, but it is forbidden the use of spear guns, **scuba diving equipment and underwater scooters**, with in the zones.
- 6.1.3 The Competition Zones will be closed for the competitors, the captains and any underwater diver, the day before the championship.
- 6.1.4 **Championships will have the duration of two (2) days.**
- 6.1.5 The Championships will have duration of 4, 5 or 6 hours consecutive per day. The duration will be specified in the Particular Rules for each competition.
- 6.1.6 The beginning and the end of the competition will be marked by sounding signals of great intensity also by visual means as stated with in the Particular Rules (flag or rocket for example).
- 6.1.7 One hour before the commencement of the competition the Head of the Judges, the person in charge for the Organization and the CMAS Delegate, must make the roll-call of the captains, who will present a document with the signature of the competitors. At the end of the competition the competitors on their return must sign on the same paper. This operation must be carried out for each day of competition.
- 6.1.8 Only the International Judge and the director of the competition can decide by mutual agreement, the Change of the Competition Zone, due to bad weather or for any other case of absolute necessity. In the event of disagreement, the Head of the Judges imposes his decision.
- 6.1.9 The Competition Zones and the Reserve Zone can be used only one time.
- 6.1.10 In the case of one-day cancellation the Championship will be validated.
- 6.1.11 If the Competition has to be stopped due to bad weather or for any other situation of absolute necessity, could be considered valid, if the time passed since the beginning, is at least two thirds (2/3) of the duration planned for that day of Competition.
- 6.1.12 Only the International Judge and the Director of the Competition can decide by mutual agreement, on the interruption or the cancellation of the Competition. In the event of disagreement, the International Judge imposes his decision.
- 6.1.13 If the visibility of water is lower than 4 meters, it is insistent with the competitors to dive to less than 10 meters of distance between one and the other.
- 6.1.14 During the course of the Competition, only the official boats and those duly authorized by the International Judge, on proposal of the Organization, can be present in the Competition Zone.
- 6.1.15 The photographic and cinematographic operators will not be authorized to take under water pictures of a competitor unless they receive authorization by the Competition Management, the written authorization of the captain of the interested team and the written authorization of the competitor in action.

### 6.2 Weighing of the Fish

- 6.2.1 The order of weighing of the fish from all the Competitors will be, for the first day, identical to that of the drawing of lots for the support boats held during the technical meeting.
- 6.2.2 For the second day the weighing will be in reverse order to the first day.
- 6.2.3 The boat Commissioners must be present during the weighing.
- 6.2.4 The organizers must state in the Particular Rules the precise methods of the collection of fish in preparation for the weighing.

### 6.3 Classification

- 6.3.1 The points will be allotted in the following way:
  - a) A point per gram for each valid catch. The maximum weight taken into account will be defined by the Particular Rules without being able to exceed the maximum weight of 12,5 kilos.

- b) Also, for each valid catch, an allowance equal to the minimum weight of validity of the catch as described with in the Particular Rules, this weight will not be lower than 500 grams.
  - c) For the Conger and Moray, if these fish are included, a specified minimum weight must be determined; this weight will not be lower than 2 kilos.
  - d) Penalties will be applied to the catch for a weight lower then a third (1/3) of the minimum weight of the valid catch, fixed by the Particular Rules. This penalty is equal to the number of the points allotted to a catch with the minimum weight.
- 6.3.2 The classification of each day of competition will be made. The score of each competitor will be then transformed to a percentage, by calculating in percent, the score of each competitor, compared to the score obtained by the winner.
- 6.3.3 The competitor, who will have obtained the best score, will be allotted 100 points. The following competitors scores will be calculated to a percentage of the winner to the third decimal point
- 6.3.4 Formula: **Score of the day X 100 / Score of first (competitor)**
- 6.3.5 The individual final classification will be given by adding the scores, expressed as a percentage, for the two days.
- 6.3.6 **The nation final classification will be given by adding the scores, expressed as a percentage, for the two days of all the Athlete participants of each country.**
- 6.4 **Competition Discipline.**
- 6.4.1 All members of the registered teams are obliged to know and respect the rules of the Competition.
- 6.4.2 At all times the judges have the authority to intervene should the rules not be respected.
- 6.4.3 The judges can implement sanctions with:
- a) Warning
  - b) Exclusion
- 6.4.4 Two warnings, in the same competition, can be immediate disqualification.
- 6.4.5 The Judge must inform the competitor of the infringement once it is official.
- 6.4.6 Once the action taken the Judge must inform the International Judge.
- 6.4.7 If the competitor who receives the warning has already received another warning the International Judge will order his immediate disqualification.
- 6.4.8 The disqualified competitor loses all rights to the classification in the Competition.
- 6.5 **Infringements punishable with warning**
- 6.5.1 To arrive late at the control points planned by the Organization.
- 6.5.2 For incorrect behaviour towards other competitors or the Judges.
- 6.5.3 To move away more than 25 meters from his official buoy.
- 6.5.4 To load or to maintain his spear gun in load position on ground or on the support boat.
- 6.5.5 To have a means of signal indication not in conformity with the Rules.
- 6.5.6 Do not declare to have caught the total number allowed for a certain species of fish, as stated with in the Particular Rules.
- 6.5.7 To fish out of the permitted area.
- 6.5.8 To have obtained help to recover the buoy or the mobile ballast.
- 6.5.9 If the number of fish under the lower of weight, added to the number of fish classified as prohibited species, is equal or higher than the number of valid catches
- 6.6 **Punishable Infringement with disqualification**
- 6.6.1 Aggression towards other Competitors, the Judges or the Members of the Organization.
- 6.6.2 To fish species prohibited by the National Legislation defined by the Organizing Country.
- 6.6.3 Replacement of the catches of the regulated species.
- 6.6.4 To be in the Competition Zone, before the Official start date and time.
- 6.6.5 To use any type of scuba diving or breathing apparatus.
- 6.6.6 To return after the finish time for the end of the competition.
- 6.6.7 All those who committed offences before the beginning of the competition will not be allowed to take part in the competition.

## 7 COMPETITION

### 7.1 General Information

- 7.1.1 Once the Competition starts, the replacement of the athletes is forbidden.
- 7.1.2 If an athlete withdraws himself, before the end of the competition the boat commissary will have to inform, as soon as possible, the Head of the Judges.
- 7.1.3 If an athlete cannot participate in the competition for the second day, the captain will have to inform, in writing and under his signature, the International Judge, at the latest one hour before the start of the second day competition.
- 7.1.4 The athletes cannot move away more than 25 meters from their official buoy.
- 7.1.5 In the event of a swell and if the athlete goes into the surf, it will be allowed that he can leave his buoy anchored behind the line of the braking waves.
- 7.1.6 After the signal for the end of the competition, the competitors will be allowed to recover the material which would have possibly remained on the Seabed
- 7.1.7 Fish brought to the surface after the end of the competition will not be considered valid for the weighing.

### 7.2 Competition with the use of boats

- 7.2.1 A support boat will be given to each competitor and to each captain. **Four (4) boats for Country will be attributed of preference, but if the organizer Country found difficulties in the attribution of this quantity of boats, it will be able to reduce to 3, eliminating the one attributed to the Captains, being them able to move itself, during the Competition, in the boat of any of its Athletes.**

- 7.2.2 The boats will be as similar as possible in type and in motor power.
- 7.2.3 The boats will have to circulate at a low speed during the competitions and to approach the competitors with the engine idling, at a maximum range of thirty meters (except in the case of absolute necessity).
- 7.2.4 On each support boat, only the competitor, the captain, the boat commissary, the pilot and if possible, a passenger having his national licence, will be allowed at the request of the competitor or the captain.  
**For safety reasons it is allowed the use of radio and mobile phones on the boats.**
- 7.2.5 On the captain's boat the team's registered doctor will be allowed.
- 7.2.6 If a competitor calls for a boat, whatever it is, it will have to answer in priority with this call.
- 7.3 Competition without the use of the boats - with swimming fins**
- 7.3.1 Each competitor will have to be provided with a fishing board of distinctive colour (yellow, orange or red), provided by the organization.
- 7.3.2 The competitor can use his personal fishing board if it meets the official standards, described below.  
Length: 70 to 120 cm overall  
Width: 40 to 60 cm  
Thickness: 7 to 30 cm  
Propulsion: swimming fins only.
- 7.3.3 The fishing board must be provided with a suitable rope line for anchoring. One mast in front with 40 centimetres in height and 12 to 18 millimetres in diameter, being used to receive the flag provided by the organization.
- The flag carrying the number of the competitor will have to be placed on the mast in order to be readable.
  - The fish holder will have to be fixed to the buoy or the official fishing board. They will be provided by the competitors. It is strictly forbidden to have a fish holder fixed to the belt, not even the point to kill or to thread a fish to the holder.
  - The official fishing board is used as support for the fish holder and the materials for replacement. No fish holder or material for replacement should be placed on board the support boat except for the masks, fins and snorkels.
  - All the spears fixed on the official fishing board will have to be provided with protections for the points.
  - The installation of a rope to the back of the official fishing board is authorized on the condition that it does not exceed twenty meters in length.
  - The fishing boards will not have to be provided with fabric covers or bags.
  - No loaded spear guns will be fixed to the fishing board.
- 7.3.4 Each competitor will have to carry on him, during the competition, a knife or a scraping-knife of diving.
- 7.3.5 The Organization must guarantee the provision of the boats for assistance, in a ratio of 1 per 5 athletes.
- 7.3.6 Each nation will be provided with a boat. In this boat, only those authorised will be allowed the athletes, the captain, the commissary and the registered team doctor. **The Athletes can change the zone a maximum of 3 times with their Nation boat, after the first hour of Competition.**
- 7.3.7 The athletes must comply with all the safety requirements.
- 7.3.8 The captains of each team have the duty to ensure the monitoring of their athletes for which they have the responsibility to control.
- 7.3.9 The athletes are allowed to start the Competition, only after the teams have gathered, close to the primary starting base.
- 7.3.10 The start to enter in the water will be done from a precise point.
- 7.3.11 The start to enter in the water will take place in the middle of the zone, either starting from a point on the coast or starting from the flagship. GPS points in the Particular Rules will specify this starting point.
- 7.3.12 The Director of the Competition will give the start in 2 stages
- To enter in the water, the competitors will be with in 10 meters of the starting point.
  - At the precise hour, the Director will give the start signal with a suitable agreed means.
- 7.3.13 The athletes will leave after the signal to start the competition to a point chosen by them inside the Official Zone.
- 7.3.14 Once in the water the athletes will not be able to carry out any relocation with a boat.
- 7.3.15 During his relocation the athlete will use his fishing board with a rope connected for this purpose with the maximum length that enables him to reach the seabed. He can also move laid on his fishing board.
- 7.3.16 Relocation on the land is not allowed during the competition.
- 7.3.17 If a competitor needs to go to the boat assigned to his nation, he must leave his fishing board in the water and use its anchor. The captain of team must anchor his boat for the duration the competitor is in his boat the non-observance of this rule will be an official penalty for the competitor and the captain.
- 7.3.18 If an athlete calls upon a support boat he must anchor his fishing board and his return to the water will be carried at the place where he anchored his fishing board.
- 7.3.19 The recovery of the fishing board of an athlete indicates, to the boat of the Nation, the end of the competition for that competitor.
- 7.3.20 At the end of the Competition each athlete must stay in place with his fishing board, discharged spear gun removed mask, while he is waiting to be recovered from the sea, by an official boat.
- 7.3.21 At the end of the competition, the boats provided to the captains of team will have to be on the meeting point as decided by the Head of the Judges. The primary starting base.
- 7.3.22 Any boats arriving late will be disqualified.
- 7.3.23 The athletes will have to trust their own timing methods.

**7.3.24** However, the support boats can inform the competitors during the competition the official time to finish provided by the Director of the Competition.

## **8 RESPONSIBILITY**

**8.1** The World Confederation of Underwater Activities (CMAS), and the Organizers, as well their Representatives and Collaborators, the Director of the Competition and the Judges, cannot be held responsible for the damage which could be caused with the materials and with the goods for the participants, nor for the accidents which could occur with the competitors and other participants, as result of their inscription in the Sports Competition and particularly in the Underwater Competitions.