



# *Best Practice for Host Controllers*

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*FIPS-Mouche International Sport Fly Fishing*

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This document should be considered as a general guideline that should be put into practice by international organiser for all FIPS-Mouche competitions. We strongly advise member to also use them for all other national competitions.

The goal is that the control, measuring and registration of fish is done insuring the least stress and harm to the fish.

## **Knowledge of FIPS-Mouche rules and rules modifications**

This concerns particularly the technical part of the rules : barbless hooks, number of flies allowed, leader length max twice the length of the rod, distance between knots on leader, use of max 3 micro rings, loops, max 4 mm bead, only one visible bead, buffer zone is strictly neutral, no outside material help during the competition time, only team captain is allowed to communicate with the competitor, eligible species, ... etc. All controllers should be instructed on how to use the measuring gauge for nymphs.

## **Equipment for controllers**

In order to insure quick and correct controlling of fish caught all controllers should have following equipment :

- Technical : measuring gutter, tape measure, score card, A4 writing pad, pen, gauge, tweezers
- Personal : water, sunglasses, boots or waders, cap / hat, sunscreen, ...etc

## **Organisation**

- Fill in correctly the scoring card identifying session, sector, beat, name of competitor and controller
- Make sure the angler gets at least 30 min preparation time ( time of arrival at the beat to start of session)
- Allow angler fishing time as specied in RM
- Contact sector judge in case of doubt or problem
- No carrying of competitors equipment during the session

## **Control of fishing, handling and measuring of fish : IMPORTANT !!!**

In order to minimize harm to the fish the controllers should :

- Stay as close as possible to the angler along the bank and maintain visual contact
- Wait for angler to bring his catch in his net without handling it.

- Check if fish is correctly hooked (in front of gill plates) , observe the angler closely during the drill of the fish as this an indication if the fish is foul hooked
- Remove hook from the fish in the net. Request assistance from the angler in case of difficulty in removing the hook quickly
- Put water into the measuring gutter to avoid fish skin contact with a dry surface.
- Measure the fish in the net as this avoids losing fish and minimised injury to fish. Measure the fish in mm, it's however only important to determine if the minimal size is reached and if the next full cm has been reached. The FIPS-Mouche program rounds all recorded fish up to the next full cm (i.e. 250 to 250, 251 to 260 and 259 to 260)
- Return fish as quickly as possible to the deep water, request help from angler is required
- Note the specie, size, time on the scorecard and ask competitor to sign of his/her fish

FIPS-Mouche wishes you happy controlling times and lots of fish to measure !!!