Jury meeting 3rd Ladies WFFC

Date : 22 May 2024 at 20:00 hrs

<u>Present</u> : as defined at captains meeting .

Preliminary remark

As captains from USA and RSA are involved parties , they will not take part in the jury decision phase of the meeting.

Introduction

The jury meeting was convened by FIPS-board members present after a formal protest from the RSA captain (Mattew Rich) concerning a braking of rule in article 15.3 of the 2023 Competition Rules by the USA team captain (Norman Maktima).

The text of the protest is shown in Annex A .

A deposit of 200 euro was received as per Art 38.5 of the CR

Goal of the meeting

Ascertain the correctness of the alleged infraction of rule 15.3 by the USA team.

Comment on the event by Norman Maktima :

- Norman admits that he crossed the water to the island to coach his competitor. As the beat controller did not make remark he thought it was ok to do so. He had already given some instruction to his competitor from the bank and told her again to fish a certain technique. The resulted very quickly in her catching a fish.
- The crossing to the islands happened around mid-session, around 16.30

Comment by IO , Milan Hladik:

- IO got information from involved beat controller. The controller confirmed that USA team captain crossed to the island.
- The sector judge was not a witness of the event as he was not at that beat at the time.
- The RM states that competitor may ask controller to go to island. In the spirit of this rule the captain should also be allowed to do so.

Comment by Board & Peter Brooks

- Art 15.3 of the CR clearly state that the captain may not enter the water
- There is no rule modification for this article.

Jury discussion

- The jury appreciates the honesty of the USA team captain in his open communication regarding the incident.
- Captain should know the competition rules and it's modifications, he should not act upon the reaction of the beat controller.

• We must follow strictly the rules and it's modifications. There is no room for interpretation as this would lead to unmanageable situations. We appreciate the position of the IO that the event happened in the spirit of the RM

Jury decision

- By a 3 to 1 (Milan Hladik) majority vote was decided that the rule in Art 13.5 of the CR was broken by the USA team captain.
- Penalty (Art 17.2 of the CR) :
 - Official warning to the team captain , Norman Maktima.
 - 1 fish penalty for the USA competitor, first fish after halfway session (16.30). This catch will be removed from the anglers score sheet. Shown in Annex B
- The 200 Euro deposit will be returned to the RSA team captain.

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Milan Hladik

Edoardo Ferrero

Stefan Allacker

Annex A

21 May 2024 Jouth Africa Ladies vs USA Ladies Term: Ashley Wilmont. It has been brought to me II (1) Captain: Norm Wakitma. It has been brought to my attention that on the 21st May 2024, during session 2, on Upper Vlatava, Sector 2 of the ladies World Championships, the American Captain crossed the river to the Island to help his competitor. This help resulted in additional fish being caught from the advice given. My competitor heard the verbal exchange and whitnessed fish being caught inmediatly after. Rule 15.3 states a Captain may not enter the water. There was no other way to get to the Island without externy the water. As a result of the Captain entering the water, the competitor was unduly advantaged and a minimum of I (one) fish should be deducted from the competitors score. fegorids Received 21 May 2024 Matt Rich at 22.30 Hr. Captain : SA Ladies Team . S. ALLACATER \$

Annex B



COMPETITOR

3rd FIPS-Mouche Ladies World Fly Fishing Championship 19 - 25 May 2024 Vissy Brod CZE

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