

Jury meeting 43rd WFFC

Date : 25 June 2024 at 20:00 hrs

Present : as defined at captains meeting, Tino Groentjes was missing. Byron Shepherd (CAN) attended as he brought forward the issue

Introduction

The jury meeting was convened by FIPS-board members present after receiving information about possible misconduct and not knowing the boundaries of his beat by the beat controller. The concerned beat was on Sec V (Aude river) at beat 20 in the second part of the session.

Goal of the meeting

Get information from the CAN team captain and the organiser regarding the issue. Try and find a solution for the issue.

Information by team CAN captain

Upon arriving on beat 20 for the second part of the session the controller could not indicate the boundaries of the beat to the CAN competitor. Also, the CAN competitor could not find them. The angler started fishing but was stopped at a certain point although there was no boundary marker at this position. Furthermore, an acquaintance of the beat controller was at this beat with his dog and was throwing a stick into the water for the dog to fetch.

He asks the jury for some kind of compensation in number of fish scored for his angler.

Information by the organiser

The organiser confirms the facts as stated by team CAN captain and is very sorry that this event happened. He adds that for all subsequent sessions this controller will be accompanied by a second controller. The first controller can not simply be replaced by someone else as he is a volunteer from an official ACPMA.

Jury discussion

All jury members agree that there is no good solution to this problem.

Simply compensating the score would set a precedent that FIPS-Mouche does not want to create.

The jury looked at the possibility of the angler fishing later during the competition. Because all sectors are very distant from each other and because the concerned competitor still must fish the two lake sectors fishing Sec V beat 20 at a later date is not possible.

Jury decision

There will be no compensation in the score of the CAN competitor. There is no possibility for the competitor to fish the beat for another 2 hours at a later date.

A formal written apology will be made by the organiser towards the CAN angler and team.

FIPS-Mouche will forward this apology to the Canadian federation.

Meeting closed at 20:45.