



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PÊCHE SPORTIVE EN EAU DOUCE

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To All Federations affiliated

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Dear Presidents of the FIP Sed member federations, Dear anglers,

as is unfortunately well known to all of you, this pandemic that is affecting the whole world is still not yet coming to an end and, despite the fact that in some countries today we are beginning to see slight progress, the situation continues to be very serious and the contagion is still in an expansionary phase. In fact, even if, for now, in some countries the Covid19 has fortunately affected in a not so devastating way as it has happened in Italy, France, Spain, England and the USA, the possibility of travelling by plane or by land to cross their national borders is still almost nothing. It is enough to remember that the majority of flights have been cancelled and that almost all governments have put in place restrictions on the entry of foreign citizens into their countries, so much so that many governments have decided to make a period of quarantine obligatory for all those who enter their country forcing them to stay locked in a hotel for at least 15 days, before being allowed to move freely.

In view of the above and following the many waivers received from the organizers of the various Championships, it is with great regret that the Steering Committee of FIP Sed has **DECIDED TO CLOSE THE SPORT SEASON 2020 AND TO POSTPONE TO NEXT YEAR (2021) ALL THE CHAMPIONSHIPS EXPECTED FOR THIS YEAR**, including the Feeder for Clubs World Championship, which had been postponed to October 24 and 25, and the Veterans, Masters and Disabled World Championships, which had been postponed to October 16 and 17.

The cancellation of all the Championships scheduled for the year 2020 and their postponement to 2021 will have, as a logical consequence, the confirmation, also for next year, of the same organizers to whom the 2020 Championships had been assigned, also keeping the same calendar, and that all the 2021 Championships, also already assigned to the various Federations, will sled to 2022 (see attached calendar). In this regard, the Secretariat will send a letter to all the Federations planned as organizers of the 2020 and 2021 championships asking them to confirm their willingness to organize in 2021 and 2022.

The FIP Sed Steering Committee also considered the issue of age limits for young people. In fact, it may be that a young angler who has been selected to participate in a World Championship (U15 - U20 or U25) in 2020 no longer fulfills the age conditions in 2021. It is obvious that for this young angler it will be a great disappointment to no longer be able to participate in his team. **For these**

**reasons, in 2021 Youth (U15 - U20 - U25) World Championships, anglers who fulfilled the age conditions in 2020 will be accepted.**

**The same criterion adopted for young people will also be adopted for those who will participate in the World Masters and Veterans Championship. For these reasons, in 2021 Masters and Veterans World Championships, anglers who fulfilled the age conditions in 2020 will be accepted.**

The Steering Committee has also decided to assign, in the 2021, the next Ice Fishing World Championship to the Lithuanian Federation, which could not organize it this year due to lack of Ice. It's means that the Estonian Federation will organize the Ice Fishing World Championship in 2022.

We are sure that you can understand the reasons that led us to this unpleasant but obligatory decision dictated not only by the already mentioned problems of health and safety of the athletes, but also by the fact that the dispute of possible World or European Championships would have been obligatory with the presence of a small number of countries due to the often insurmountable difficulties in reaching the place where the championships were held and the reduced economic possibilities of many of the participants.

Trusting to see you again as soon as possible on some competition field, I wish all of you and your families a lot of health and every happiness.

Best regards.

Prof. Ugo Claudio Matteoli  
FIPSeD President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ugo Claudio Matteoli', written in a cursive style.