



39<sup>th</sup> FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship  
Tasmania Australia 30<sup>th</sup> November -8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## **RULE MODIFICATIONS (Updated October 2019 )**

FIPS-Mouche has appointed Australia to be the host country for the 39th FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship to be held in Launceston, Tasmania. These rule modifications apply to the latest published FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules "Competition Rules 2019 "

### **Article 2 General Information**

**2.2 Add** The Championship will be conducted over five sessions with one session being held each day. Three sessions will be conducted in lakes to be fished from drifting boats powered by motors. Two sessions will be conducted in rivers, bank fishing with wading allowed. The Rotation of Groups is shown in Annexure A.

### **Article 9 Bank Fishing Competitions**

**9.3 Add.** The beats on the Meander River will be an average of 200 metres in length with a buffer zone of 5 metres on each side. The beats on the Mersey River will be an average of 500 metres in length with a buffer zone of 5-10 metres at each side

**9.9 Add.** Wading in rivers is allowed and chest waders may be worn. Those parts of Meander River and Mersey River to be used for the competition are closed to all competitors and their agents from 1 October 2019 until the start of the official competition (i.e. 2 December 2019). Competitors are only permitted to practise fishing on these rivers in the areas as specified below.:

. The Mersey River upstream of Olivers Road Bridge (on C138) and downstream of Hoggs Bridge (on C153)

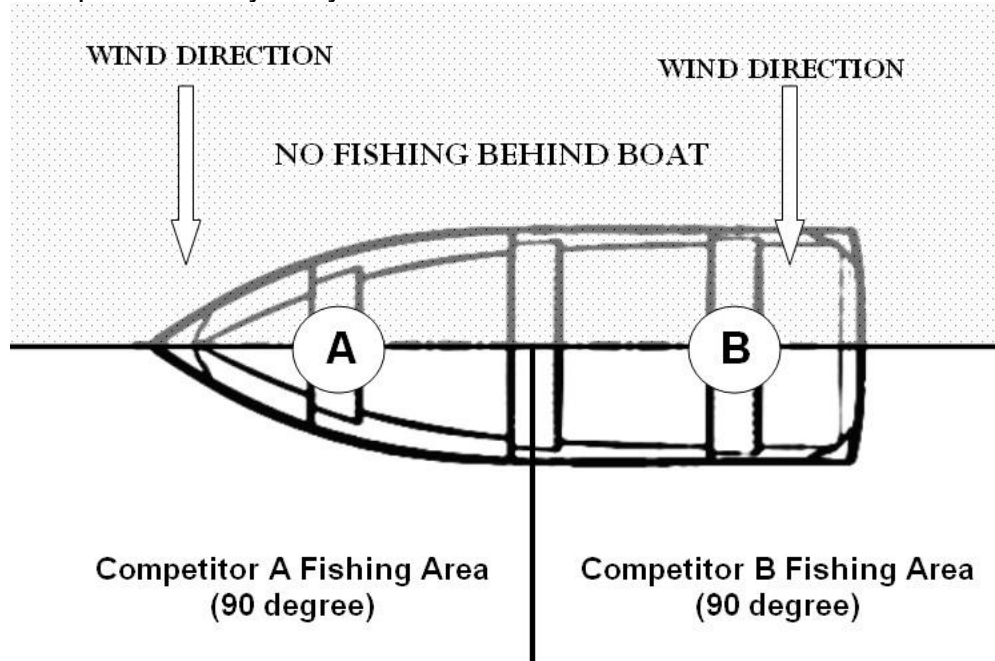
. Meander river downstream of Barretts Bridge, Longridge Road (on C166) all the way to the confluence with the South Esk River.

An agent means a person who fishes a venue at the specific request of a team to gather information for the benefit of the team.

### **Article 10 Boat Fishing Competitions**

**10.9 Add.** The lakes (Little Pine Lagoon, Penstock Lagoon and Woods Lake) are closed to all competitors and their agents from 1 October 2019 until the start of the official competition (i.e. 2 December 2019). An agent means a person who fishes a venue at the specific request of a team to gather information for the benefit of the team. There will be two competitors in each boat. competitors may only fish while the boat is naturally drifting and not while the boat is under power or drifting as a result of the application of power. Boats may drift with the bow to the right. Drogues may be

used and will be supplied by the organisers. The competitors will be supplied with life vests and these must be worn by competitors at all times when they are in the boat. Competitors may only cast into the area allocated to them as shown below.



#### **Article 11 Duration of Events, Scoring and Practice Sessions**

**11.3 Add.** Sessions on the rivers will each be of three hours in duration starting at 1300 hours and finishing at 1600 hours. Boat fishing sessions will each be of four hours' duration starting at 1200 hours and finishing at 1600 hours.

**11.4 Add.** There will be no official practice sessions organised by the host organisation. There are numerous lakes and rivers available for unofficial practice all covered by the one annual fishing licence.

#### **Article 24 Competition Boats**

**24.1 Add.** Competition boats will be of similar size and design at each sector. Boat motor size may vary however boat controllers will adhere to the speed limit on the lakes (5 knots on Little Pine Lagoon and Penstock Lagoon) and to a speed limit of 10 knots on Woods Lake. Drogue size may vary slightly to match the size of the boat.

#### **Article 25 Eligible Fish**

**25.1 Add** Eligible fish species are brown trout and rainbow trout with a minimum size of 200mm. Fish will be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail with the tail not being squeezed.

#### **Article 29 Competition Flies**

**29.5 Add.** A maximum of three flies is allowed on all sectors.

**29.7** All flies must be dressed on a barbless single hook, tandem flies are not allowed.

#### **Article 30 Landing Nets**

Landing nets must not exceed sixty inches/one hundred and fifty-two centimetres in overall length when fully extended.

**Article 33 Awarding of points.**

**33.1** For each eligible fish a competitor will score 100 points.

**33.2** Competitors will also receive twenty points per centimetre length of each eligible fish above the defined eligible size. The recorded length ( in millimetres ) of each eligible fish will be rounded up for scoring purposes.

**Article 40 Anti-Doping**

**40.2 Add** A random drug test will be undertaken with urine samples being requested from two competitors on day one of the competition and two at random from the top twenty placed anglers on day two of the competition. These samples will be submitted to Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority for testing.