



FIPS-Mouche International Sport Fly Fishing Federation

Ceremonies (version August 2026)

Opening

The venue for the opening ceremony should be a public place, open to the general public, allowing for maximum visibility.

Opening parade.

All participants will be formed to a queue in ascending alphabetical order of present countries, host country at the end. Opening march to the place of opening ceremony is to be led by team of FIPS-Mouche and International Supervisors (carrying the flag of FIPS-Mouche). Teams carry their country flag.

Opening Ceremony.

General Instructions.

As a minimum, the speeches should be translated into English. The welcome should include a special welcome to the main sponsors. The International Organiser is responsible for briefing the speakers on the necessity for them to be brief (max 3 minutes), to speak slowly and to pause frequently to allow Interpreters to translate.

Program:

1. Official Welcome.

This should come from the President or International Organizer which issued the invitation to teams to participate. This should be followed by a welcome to the country from a Representative of the National Government, if one is present, or by the local Mayor or equivalent official.

2. Play the CIPS anthem: all stand (download link <https://www.cips-fips.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/CIPS-anthem.mp3>)

3. Presentation of the teams

Call teams to the stage in alphabetical order, play anthem for 30 seconds, standing is not required by the public. The team flag is put in the flag holder.

4. Speeches by national and local authorities:

max 3 minutes per speech (translate to English)

5. Statement of commitment to values

The head sector judge will make a statement on behalf of persons involved in the control regarding their commitment to the values of fair play, integrity, trust ,...

Text:

Dear athletes, team leaders, and colleagues. On behalf of the sector judges in these FIPS-Mouche championships, I would like to briefly outline our responsibilities and the expectations we all share.

Our role is to ensure that the championships are conducted fairly, safely, and in full accordance with the FIPS-Mouche rules. We will provide support within the framework of the regulations to the best of our ability, monitor that all fishing takes place within the permitted boundaries, and ensure that everyone follows the rules concerning safety, sportsmanship, and environmental responsibility.

Our goal is to ensure equal conditions for all competitors and to carry out the most fair and professional control possible. I wish you the best of luck and a successful sporting result.

6. Statement of Olympic ideals.

Should be read by a competitor, possibly the Captain of Host country or by the youngest competitor or a former World Champion. To be decided by consultation between the International Organiser and the senior FIPS-Mouche representative present.

Text:

On behalf of the athletes in the xxth FIPS-Mouche "category", "zone" Fly Fishing Championship we pledge ourselves to uphold the traditions of the Olympic ideal; to foster friendship and understanding among all people throughout the World and to maintain the FIPS-Mouche tradition of fair play and sportsmanship in our sport.

7. Opening of the Championships.

President of FIPS-Mouche, or his representative, thanks the Hosts for their welcome and then declares the Championship officially open.

Closing ceremony

Parade

Same procedure as opening parade.

Closing Ceremony

Site.

A site should be chosen which provides good opportunities for TV and photojournalists. The sun should not be directly facing participants or the cameras. The banners and signage of main sponsors should be arranged to give maximum prominence.

The FIPS-Mouche flag must be prominently visible to all.

National Anthems.

Prior to the Closing Ceremony, the International Organiser must liaise with Team Captains to ensure that the correct National Anthems, or equivalents, of Gold Medal winners are selected and played.

Presentations.

The International Organiser must also consult with the President of FIPS-Mouche, or his representative, on who should present the medals. The FIPS-Mouche President or his Representative awards gold medallist/s (individuals and teams) and Host Country representatives upon discretion of organizers will present all other medals. The assistance handing the medals on a pillow is highly recommended.

Podium.

The Olympic 3 level large size podium is to be used. The winner/s stand/s in the highest level, the silver medallist/s stand/s on the right-hand side of the gold medallist/s and the bronze is on the lowest platform at the left-hand-side of the gold medallist. (looking at podium as spectator the order is 2-1-3)

Program:

- 1. Official Welcome**

This should come from the President or International Organizer, optionally followed by speeches (Max 3 minutes) of the country from a Representative of the National Government, if one is present, or by the local Mayor or equivalent official. Translation to English required

- 2. Medals ceremony**

The International Organiser or Master of Ceremonies calls out Individual winners in reverse order.

Each Medal winner is presented with an appropriate medal, as the National flag is raised and for the Gold Medal holder an appropriate National Anthem is played.

In the WORLD category of a championship the winners receive a silver salver to be engraved with the individual or team name.

Each Individual winner then takes his place on the Podium. The procedure for the presentation of the team Medals is the same as for the Individual winners as above.

3. Conclusion

On conclusion of the presentation of Medals it is customary for a representative of the Host Country to make a few remarks, which again need to be translated.

The Closing Ceremony is concluded by the remarks of the President of FIPS-Mouche or his Representative who officially “CLOSES” the Championship.

4. Time for pictures

Final Banquet

This should be an informal and jolly occasion and provides the opportunity for sponsors to present any additional prizes to competitors or for the exchange of gifts and mementoes.

In case of the Senior World Championship a parchment, which originated in Norway in 1994, is passed on by the International Organiser to a representative of the next following Host country.

Any concluding speeches or activities are decided by the Host country.