



Dear Athlete, Coach, Team Official, and Federation Representative,

In preparation for the upcoming **USAngling–sanctioned event conducted under the authority of CIPS–FIPS Mouche**, and in coordination with applicable **United States Forest Service** land-use requirements, this letter serves as the formal cover letter to the enclosed legal and risk-management documents.

Execution of these documents is **mandatory** and required to ensure compliance with international federation rules, host-country regulations, land-management authority requirements, and USAngling's insurance and risk-management obligations.

Purpose and Need for These Documents

USAngling is required to maintain comprehensive risk-management, insurance, and participant acknowledgment procedures as a condition of:

- Hosting and sanctioning international championships;
- Providing event-level insurance coverage;
- Complying with **CIPS–FIPS Mouche Rules**, including Rule Sections **8.1** and **8.2**; and
- Securing permits and approvals from the **United States Forest Service** and other governmental authorities.

These requirements apply uniformly to all participants, officials, and participating federations.

Medical Access and Insurance Requirements

CIPS–FIPS Mouche Rule Section 8.1

Pursuant to **CIPS–FIPS Mouche Rule Section 8.1**, USAngling defines medical access and insurance coverage as follows:

Medical Access

USAngling defines *medical access* as the reasonable and practical ability for participants to obtain emergency medical assistance during official competition and event activities. This includes:

- Identification of the nearest emergency medical facilities relative to official competition waters and venues;
- Availability of local emergency medical services (EMS) within the host community;



- Event-level emergency communication and response protocols; and
- Clear expectations that athletes are capable of participating in outdoor competition environments that may involve remote or variable access conditions.

USAngling does **not** provide or warrant on-site medical staffing unless expressly stated in event-specific documentation. Participants acknowledge that fly-fishing competitions may occur in environments where immediate medical intervention is limited and emergency response times may vary based on location and conditions.

Insurance Coverage

In accordance with Rule 8.1, USAngling maintains **event-level general liability insurance** covering the organizer, officials, volunteers, and sanctioned activities. This coverage is intended to protect the organizing federation and host entities and **does not replace individual medical, travel, accident, or evacuation insurance**.

Insurance compliance under Rule 8.1 is therefore a **shared responsibility**:

- **Organizer Responsibilities (USAngling):**
 - Maintain appropriate event-level liability insurance;
 - Require signed participant waivers and risk acknowledgements;
 - Implement reasonable risk-management and safety protocols.
- **Participant Responsibilities:**
 - Maintain personal medical insurance valid in the host country;
 - Secure any additional travel, accident, or evacuation insurance as appropriate;
 - Assume responsibility for medical costs arising from illness or injury.

Federation-Level Compliance

CIPS–FIPS Mouche Rule Section 8.2

In accordance with **CIPS–FIPS Mouche Rule Section 8.2**, each participating Member Federation is responsible for ensuring that its athletes:

- Are adequately insured for medical care, accidents, and repatriation as required by FIPS–Mouche rules;



- Understand the medical access limitations inherent in outdoor competition venues; and
- Comply fully with all organizer-mandated insurance, waiver, and risk-acknowledgment requirements.

USAngling relies on each federation's confirmation of compliance with Rule 8.2 as a condition of athlete participation.

Relationship to Waivers and Risk Acknowledgements

The required waivers and acknowledgements:

- Form an integral part of USAngling's compliance with **Rule 8.1**;
- Confirm participant understanding of medical access realities and insurance responsibilities; and
- Are **mandatory prerequisites to participation**, without exception.

Certain competition venues and access points fall under the jurisdiction of the **United States Forest Service**, which requires a signed **Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risk** as a condition of lawful participation on federally managed lands.

Required Documents

The following documents are enclosed and must be reviewed and executed:

1. **USAngling Adult Participant Release & Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**
Addresses assumption of risk, waiver and release of liability, indemnification, and media consent requirements for participation in USAngling activities.
 2. **United States Forest Service Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risk**
Required for activities conducted on U.S. Forest Service lands and outlines environmental and activity-specific risks associated with fly-fishing competition venues.
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Execution and Registration Requirement

Execution of **both documents is mandatory for every competitor**.

All participants must sign both waivers **at the time of registration**, prior to being permitted to compete or access official competition waters.

Failure to execute these documents in full will result in **ineligibility to participate** in the event.



Closing

These requirements are not administrative formalities. They are essential safeguards that protect athletes, federations, organizers, land-management partners, and the long-term integrity of international competition.

USAngling appreciates your cooperation and your commitment to upholding the highest standards of safety, compliance, and professionalism in international angling competition.

Should you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the event organizing committee or USAngling directly.

Respectfully,

United States Angling Confederation (USAngling)



Adult Participant Release & Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND IS LEGALLY BINDING. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE RELEASING U.S. ANGLING CONFEDERATION ("USAngling") FROM ALL LIABILITY AND FOREVER GIVING UP ANY CLAIMS THEREFOR

Assumption of Risk

I acknowledge and agree that any use of any facilities, services, equipment and premises for USAngling activities, programs, and events ("Facilities") and any participation in USAngling programs and activities ("Programs") comes with inherent risks including, but in no way limited to: (1) moderate and severe personal injury, (2) property damage, (3) disability, (4) death, and (5) sickness or disease including, without limitation, COVID-19. I voluntarily accept and assume full responsibility for these risks as well as any and all other risks of the use of Facilities and participation in Programs. I agree that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of all such risks and am not relying on all such risks being described in this document.

Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of the use of Facilities and participation in Programs I, the undersigned, agree that USAngling, its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, insurers and representatives ("Releasees") will not be liable for any personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness or disease incurred by myself, my family members, dependents, or guests, including minors, however occurring including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness or disease sustained from the use of Facilities and participation in Programs.

I further agree, on behalf of myself and any and all legal successors and proxies, to release and **HEREBY DO RELEASE, WAIVE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** Releasees from any causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I and any and all legal successors and proxies may have, now or in the future, against Releasees on account of personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness, diseases or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of Facilities or participation in Programs, whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

In further consideration of the use of Facilities and participation in Programs, I agree to **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, suits, liabilities or costs of any nature whatsoever, including claims of negligence, arising out of or in any way related to the use of Facilities and participation in Programs by myself, my family members, dependents or guests, including any minors.

Media Release

I hereby grant USAngling and its subsidiaries, assignees, and licensees (“USAngling Parties”) permission to use my likeness in any photograph, video, recording, or other digital or print media (“Media”) in any and all of their publications, including, but in no way limited to, advertisements or promotions, print publications, or web-based publications without payment, royalties, or other consideration of any kind. I further understand and agree that all media will become the sole property of the USAngling Parties and will not be returned to me at any time. I hereby irrevocably authorize the USAngling Parties to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute Media for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any and all right to inspect or approve of any Media in which my likeness appears. I further waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of Media. I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the USAngling Parties as well as their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which I and any and all legal successors and proxies may have, now or in the future, by reason of this authorization.

Participant Signature

Participant Name (Print Clearly)

Date

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE VISITOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:

I recognize that there is an element of risk in any adventure, sport, or activity associated with the outdoors. I am fully cognizant of the risks and dangers inherent in a Fly-Fishing Event and have been informed of known special hazards in such activity. A copy of a notice of such hazards is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and I, and the adult members of my family, have read the same. I certify that my family and I, including minor children, are fully capable of participating in the said activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and/or to members of my family, or for loss or damage to my personal property and expenses thereof as a result of my negligence or the negligence of my family participating in said activity except to the extent such damage or injury may be due to the negligence of United States Angling Confederation. I further understand that the United States Angling Confederation reserves the right to refuse any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the World Youth and Ladies Fly Fishing Championships.

Self _____

Spouse _____

Minor Child _____

Minor Child _____

Minor Child _____

Minor Child _____

I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon the parties during the entire period of participation of the said activity.

Self/Parent/Guardian _____

Signature _____ Date _____

List of potential hazards

- Fishing hooks can cause piercing injuries.
- Fishing lines can become tangled, posing a tripping hazard or causing entanglement injuries.
- Falls when hiking, fishing or wading in rivers or in the use of a boat.
- Rods, reels, and other fishing equipment can cause injuries if not handled properly.
- Drowning, particularly when fishing from boats or wading in rivers.
- Rocks, plants or other structures may harm or injure participants.
- Prolonged exposure to the sun can lead to sunburn and heatstroke.
- Not drinking enough water can lead to dehydration.
- Cold water immersion can cause hypothermia.