



45th FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship 2026, USA, Idaho Falls

13/09 to 19/09/2026

RULES MODIFICATIONS

[FIPS-Mouche](#) has appointed USA to be the host country for the 45th FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship to be held in Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA. The headquarters for the championship will be situated in Idaho Falls at the Westbank Center.

These Rule Modifications apply to the [latest published FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules](#).

Article 2 : General Information

The championship program lasts 6 days.

2.2. Add 3 sessions will be held in rivers, bank fishing, wading allowed; and 2 sessions in lakes, boat fishing.

Article 9: Bank Fishing Competitions

9.3. Change: The beats on the river Sec I will be an average of 160-200 m, 200-250 m for Sec III and 200+ m for Sec V. There will be buffer zones of a length about 1-5m on sector I, 1-2 m on Sec III and 5-10+ on Sec V. Extended buffer sections may be included and will be marked as needed.

Warm river will be prepared as the reserve sector in case of a flood. Chesterfield Lake will be prepared as an alternate lake reserve sector.

9.7 Add : Wading is allowed on all the bank sectors and chest waders may be worn.

Article 10: Boat Fishing Competitions

10.9. Change: Fishing will be done from drifting boats equipped with drogues. Sector II boats are equipped with engines/motors and will be steered by Controller at the stern of the boat. Sector IV boats will have no engine/motor, steered by a controller in the center of the boat. Boats will be equipped with life-saving devices, however competitors are allowed to wear their own life vests. Thwart boards may be supplied by anglers, and may be supplied by organizers if there is some inequality in boat construction. Fishing will be in accordance with

Annex B., however the angler in control may determine the side of the boat that the drogue is set on.

Boats are equipped with engines/motors and will be steered by a controller at the stern. In that case for safety reasons the athlete sitting near the controller, may only cast from the far side of the controller – this determines a fishing area for both athletes (see Annex B). The athlete next to the controller must also provide adequate assistance while the athlete from bow will be handing his/her fish in the net for measuring, he/she must even pause fishing if technically necessary.

Article 11: Duration of events, scoring and practice sessions

11.1 Add: Competition time will be the same for each sector (session duration will be 3 hours).

11.4. Add: All practice fishing (prior to the championship) will be catch and release, using barbless hooks only.

Art 23: Care of fish caught

23.2. Change: After confirmation by the controller that the fish was correctly hooked the athlete will remove the hook

23.3. Change: After measuring the athlete will release the fish, the controller must verify the empty net after the return of the fish to the water.

Complete procedure:

- Athlete brings fish to bank with the landing net in the water, athlete may not touch the fish
- Controller verifies if the fish has been hooked correctly, if not the fish is returned without measuring.
- Athlete removes hook from fish in the net
- Controller measures the fish in the net in the measuring gutter
- Controller records fish on score sheet if length and species are correct
- Athlete releases fish to the water
- Athlete confirms correct registering of catch by signing the scorecard
- Controller verifies the landing net is empty
- Athlete may start fishing again

Article 25: Eligible fish

25.1. Add: Following fish species are eligible:

Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
Brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus* sp.)
Cut-bow trout hybrid (*Oncorhynchus clarkii mykiss*)
Mountain whitefish (*Prosopium williamsoni*)
Arctic grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*)

Minimum size 20 cm. Measuring will be done from the tip of the nose to the extremities of the tail squeezed together

Article 29: Competition flies

29.5. Add: A maximum of two flies on Sector II Hebgen Lake is permitted, otherwise standard rule of max. 3 flies applies.

Article 33: Awarding of points

33.1 points per fish: 100.

33.2 points per centimetre of the fish's total length: 20.

Annex A

Rotation Matrix.

Sector I : Snake river - Henry's fork (river)
Sector II : Hebgen lake (boat fishing)
Sector III : Teton river (river)
Sector IV : Sheridan lake (boat fishing)
Sector V : Grey's river (river)

Rotation Matrix between Sectors

Group	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
	14/09	15/09	16/09	17/09	18/09
A	I	II	III	IV	V
B	II	III	IV	V	I
C	III	IV	V	I	II
D	IV	V	I	II	III
E	V	I	II	III	IV

Annex B - Boat Fishing

