



**23<sup>rd</sup> FIPS-Mouche Youth (U19) Cortland World Fly Fishing Championship 2026**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FIPS-Mouche Youth (U24) World Fly Fishing Championship 2026**

**Ballybofey, Ireland**

**16 to 22 July 2026**

## **RULES MODIFICATIONS**

FIPS-Mouche has appointed Ireland to be the host country for the 2025 FIPS-Mouche Youth World Fly Fishing Championships to be held Ballybofey, Ireland. The headquarters for the championship will be situated in Ballybofey (Jackson 's hotel).

These Rule Modifications apply to the [latest published FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules.\(2025\)](#)

### **Article 2: General Information**

The championship program shows 7 days. The competition will be held in the 5-day format, 1 session per day.

#### **2.2. Add**

Two sessions will be held on rivers, bank fishing and wading is allowed.  
One session will be held on lake, bank fishing, wading is allowed.  
Two sessions will be held on lake, boat fishing.

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

**9.3. Change:** The approximate average length of the beats:

- Sector I Lough Craghy, Dungloe (Boat)
- Sector II River Dennet, Strabane 250 m
- Sector III Lough Anure, Lettercaugh (Boat)
- Sector IV River Quiggery, Omagh 250 m
- Sector V Lough Deele, (Bank) 75 m

Reserve sector: River Dee

**9.4 Add:** Upon instruction by the competitor the controller may follow the angler in the water along the riverbank or even cross the river when required. Controllers, if required, will be equipped with wading equipment to do this.

**9.7 Add:** Wading is allowed on the river sectors and the lake bank session, chest waders may be worn.

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

- Sector I Lough Craghy, Dungloe (Boat)
- Sector III Lough Anure, Lettercaugh (Boat)

10.9 add: boat fishing will be from drifting boats without drogue. No fishing allowed during the moving of the boat to a different part of the lough by motor or by rowing. Fishing is allowed whilst the boatman corrects position of the boat during the drift.

Life jackets (athletes will bring their own) must be worn, mandatory in Ireland. Athletes will wear it on the shore before getting into the boat, during the whole session, until getting back to the shore after the session.

## **Article 11: Duration of events, scoring and practice sessions**

**11.3 Add:** The hours for fishing will be in the program of the championship: from 09:00 to 12:00 hrs for U19 category and from 14:00 to 17:00 for U24 category.

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

## **Art 23: Care of fish caught**

**23.1. Add:** Once a fish is netted, the athlete may not handle it in any way, nor alter the equipment used for capturing this fish before authorization by the controller to unhook the fish.

**23.2. Change:** After confirmation by the controller that the fish was correctly hooked, the athlete removes the hook.

**23.3. Change:** After measuring, the athlete releases the fish, the controller must verify the empty net after the return of the fish into 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 unhooks fish in the net and submits the net to the controller;

- controller measures the fish in the net with the measuring gutter (in case multiple fish are caught, the fish may be taken out of net one by one and measured in the gutter above the net);
- 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:** Eligible fish species with a minimum size of 20 cm:

- Brown Trout (*Salmo Trutta Fario*),
- Sea Trout (*Salmo Trutta Trutta*),

Measuring will be done from the tip of the nose to the extremities of the tail, squeezed together.

## Article 33: Awarding of points

33.1 points per fish: 100.

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

## Article 40: Anti-doping regulations

No anti-doping tests are required for these championships.

### *Annex A*

#### Rotation Matrix.

- Sector I Lough Craghy, Dungloe (Boat)
- Sector II River Dennet, Strabane 250 m
- Sector III Lough Anure, Lettercaugh (Boat)
- Sector IV River Quiggery, Omagh 250 m
- Sector V Lough Deele, (Bank) 75 m

### Rotation Matrix between Sectors

| Group    | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 5 |
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|          | 17/ 07    | 18/07     | 19/07     | 20/07     | 21/07     |
| <b>A</b> | I         | II        | III       | IV        | V         |

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| <b>B</b> | <b>II</b>  | <b>III</b> | <b>IV</b> | <b>V</b>   | <b>I</b>   |
| <b>C</b> | <b>III</b> | <b>IV</b>  | <b>V</b>  | <b>I</b>   | <b>II</b>  |
| <b>D</b> | <b>IV</b>  | <b>V</b>   | <b>I</b>  | <b>II</b>  | <b>III</b> |
| <b>E</b> | <b>V</b>   | <b>I</b>   | <b>II</b> | <b>III</b> | <b>IV</b>  |