

# CIPC REGULATIONS FOR PIPE SMOKING COMPETITIONS

## 1 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1 International championships in longtime pipe smoking are held every year under the CIPC supervision. There are two types of International championships:
  - The World Championship
  - The World Cup
- 1.2 World Championship
  - 1.2.1 The World Championship is a competition for individuals.
  - 1.2.2 In addition to individuals, one (1) team from each country can participate in the competition (National Team).
  - 1.2.3 Each National team will be composed of members affiliated to the National Association that nominated them. Teams can be of mixed genders. Teams can also be of mixed nationalities (but they need approval from the presidents of the National Association).
  - 1.2.4 The names of the National Team members will be notified by the president of the National Association.
  - 1.2.5 The World Championship is held every 2 years.
  - 1.2.6 Both Individuals and National teams are evaluated at the competition.
  - 1.2.7 The individual winner of the World Championship is entitled to be called "World Champion".
  - 1.2.8 The team-winning country of the World Championship is authorized to use the title "The Best National Team of the World".
- 1.3 World Cup
  - 1.3.1 The World Cup is a competition for teams.
  - 1.3.2 Each registered individual competitor must be registered as a club team member, except for the cases according to the art. 1.3.4, 1.3.5 and 1.3.6.
  - 1.3.3 Club teams can be of mixed genders. Club teams can be of mixed nationalities as long as they are members of the club.
  - 1.3.4 If the total number of participants from one club is lower than the minimum number required to create a team (refer to art. 3.1), they can form or complete a mixed team with another club from the same country or may enter as individual competitors – see art. 1.3.6.
  - 1.3.5 If the total number of participants from one country is lower than the minimum number required to create a team (refer to art. 3.1), they can form or complete a mixed team with team from another country or may enter as individual competitors – see art. 1.3.6.
  - 1.3.6 Individual competitors who are not included in the team no later than ten (10) days before the date of the championship, will be assigned to a mixed team or added to the existing team at the discretion of the organizers. They will be informed about inclusion in the team by the organizers during the registration at the competition venue.
  - 1.3.7 The number of teams for each club or country is not limited.
  - 1.3.8 The names of the team members will be notified by a members of local clubs affiliated to a National Association belonging to the CIPC.
  - 1.3.9 The World Cup is held every 2 years in between World Championships.
  - 1.3.10 Both teams and individuals are evaluated at the competition.
  - 1.3.11 The winning team of the World Cup is entitled to be called "World Cup Team Champions".

1.3.12 The individual winner of the World Cup is entitled to be called "The Best Individual World Cup pipe smoker".

1.4 The International Championships must be conducted in accordance with these rules.

## **2 OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS**

2.1 Other championships and competitions:

- National Championships
- Regional Competitions
- Other competitions

2.2 It is up to the organizer to decide whether individuals and/or teams will compete in the competition.

2.3 Other championships and competitions may be held in full or partial compliance with these rules.

## **3 TEAM**

3.1 The team is a group of individual participants. Each team must consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) smokers

3.2 The team's final smoking time is calculated as the sum of the three (3) best times of its members.

## **4 PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION**

4.1 The purpose of the competition is to have participants or teams, to smoke a pipe for the longest possible time without relighting it and to determine who does this the longest. Each participant or team will have to use the same amount of tobacco, in the same brand and type of pipe and the same type of tamper.

## **5 PARTICIPATION**

5.1 Only persons over the age of 18 and members of pipe smoking clubs affiliated to the National Association (which must be a member of the CIPC), can take part in the competition.

5.2 The organizer has the right to limit the number of participants. However, the limit must be stated when the association is appointed to organize the competition.

5.3 The participant is obliged to check the correctness of his/her entered data during registration at the competition venue. After closing the registration, the organizer is not obliged to correct incorrect or incomplete data.

## **6 ENTRY FEE**

6.1 The organizers will lay down the entry fee for the competition; each participant will pay the fee (non-refundable) until the registration deadline fixed by the organizers.

6.2 Last minute entry or replacement may be accepted or rejected by the organizers.

6.3 In addition to the entry fee, each participant who requests last minute/late entry or replacement (see art. 6.2) may be liable to pay for any incurred cost (non-refundable).

## **7 TOBACCO**

7.1 Participants will only use the tobacco selected by the organizers of the competition.

- 7.2 The quantity of tobacco to be used will be three (3) grams (+\ 0.1 grams).
- 7.3 The organizers will make the name of the selected tobacco (which must be an easily obtainable tobacco internationally) known, together with the full programme of the event, at least two (2) months before the competition.

## **8 PIPE, TAMPER, MATCHES**

- 8.1 The organizers will provide all participants with the pipe, tamper and two matches in the box to be used at the beginning of the competition.
- 8.2 The pipes will be made of briar, straight and classical in shape, with or without a removable filter or reducer/adaptor and will be able to hold at least three (3) grams of tobacco.
- 8.3 The organizers will announce the exact dimensions of the pipe to be used for the competition at least two (2) months in advance following the provisions of art. 8.2 above.
- 8.4 The organizers will send a sample pipe to any club on request, against payment. However, the organizers can limit the total number of pipe samples sent in this way.
- 8.5 Should the pipe supplied by the organizer come with a filter or reducer/adaptor, the participants may remove it if they want to. The participants are not allowed to add or put their own filter or reducer/adaptor (refer to art. 10.4).
- 8.6 The wooden tamper must be between fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) mm in diameter and one hundred (100) mm long (+\ 5 mm), without painting or other surface treatment. Engraved or burned logos and/or competition names are allowed. Cut edges should not be sanded, edges have to be sharp.
- 8.7 The two (2) matches provided will be stored in a box - their length must be between forty-five (45) and sixty (60) mm.

## **9 JURY**

- 9.1 The jury has full binding power and shall be composed of at least three (3) persons and a maximum of five (5) persons as follows:
  - 9.1.1 the president of the CIPC or his/her nominee
  - 9.1.2 a competition-leader, from the organizing pipe club, whose duty is to appoint the stewards, announce the decisions and results, and if necessary, the intermediate times of the competition
  - 9.1.3 at least two (2) of the jury-members, being the presidents of National Association or their nominees, nominated at the CIPC General Assembly meeting on the day preceding the competition
- 9.2 Each group of ten (10) participants will be attended by at least one (1) steward. The stewards will be appointed by the competition-leader. They will control the competition, constantly supervising the participants and use the time-registration card placed in front of the participant to register the time achieved by each participant. It is recommended to write down the achieved time also on a separate sheet of paper as a backup. The stewards will distribute pipes and other items stipulated below in art. 10.3, 10.7 and 10.17.5. They will seek instructions from the jury whenever the need arises by raising a red card. The jury is allowed to replace a steward during the competition if found inefficient.

## 10 COMPETITION PROCESS

- 10.1 Each participant will receive a numbered time-registration card, an A4 sized sheet of white office paper (plain or with a watermark, for example the name or logo of the competition) and an optional name plate which is to be made visible. Each participant will then sit at their respectively numbered table/seat.
- 10.2 Water is not placed on the table. It will be distributed later by the steward (refer to art.10.17.5).
- 10.3 When the competition-leader gives the signal, the steward will supply each participant with one (1) pipe, one (1) tamper and two (2) matches in a box as described in art. 8; after examining the pipe, it shall be placed in front of each participant. Any defective pipe may be replaced.
- 10.4 The participants are not allowed to add or put any extraneous matter such as chalk, filter or reducer/adaptor (refer to art. 8.5), or similar materials into the pipe. The use of special hand creams or fingertip additives are not permitted.
- 10.5 The participants will only be allowed to use a wooden tamper as supplied by the organizers.
- 10.6 The participants are not allowed to modify the tamper in any way by roughening the surface, creating grooves, moistening, etc. Marking the depth of the pipe bowl by circling the tamper or using a pen is allowed.
- 10.7 When the competition-leader gives the signal, each steward will place one (1) packet of tobacco in front of each participant. The participants are not allowed to touch the tobacco until the starting signal is given.
- 10.8 The steward will ensure that only the following items are in front of each participant:
  - 10.8.1 the pipe
  - 10.8.2 the wooden tamper
  - 10.8.3 two (2) matches in a box
  - 10.8.4 the packet of tobacco
  - 10.8.5 an A4 sized sheet of white office paper
  - 10.8.6 a time-registration card
- 10.9 No other items (tools, lights, mirrors, special glasses etc) are allowed. Smartphones and personal devices must remain on the competitor's person. Smartphones must be switched to silent mode.
- 10.10 When the competition-leader gives the starting signal, the participants will open the packet of tobacco and will have five (5) minutes to fill the pipe.
- 10.11 The tobacco may be shredded only within this preparation period.
- 10.12 The participants are not allowed to humidify the tobacco in any way.
- 10.13 After the allowed five (5) minutes, the steward will remove the remaining tobacco and its bags.
- 10.14 When the competition-leader gives the signal, the participants must light their pipes, and time will be counted from then on.
- 10.15 The participants shall have one (1) minute to light the pipe by using one (1) or both matches. Any match which breaks or does not light will be replaced by the steward.
- 10.16 After one (1) minute, the steward will remove the remaining matches and boxes.
- 10.17 Each participant must note that:
  - 10.17.1 the tamper may only be used when the pipe is in the mouth

- 10.17.2 participants must NOT knock or shake the pipe in any way. It is allowed to invert the pipe to tip out ash with a slight tap in an ashtray; however, any lost tobacco cannot be returned to the pipe
  - 10.17.3 participants may remove the mouthpiece from the pipe for a few seconds during the competition to get any liquid out of it by knocking it on the sheet of white office paper or by blowing through it
  - 10.17.4 the sheet of white office paper can be used by participants to wipe the tamper during the competition
  - 10.17.5 participants are allowed to drink water after the first ten (10) minutes of the competition. The steward will put water on the table, as directed, 10 minutes after the start. Each competitor has a glass or his own bottled water available on the table. On the basis of a doctor's prescription, the competitor can, in addition to water, take medicines in solid or liquid form.
  - 10.17.6 it is not allowed to keep the pipe alight by blowing in the bowl of the pipe through either the mouth or the nose. These are grounds for disqualification
  - 10.17.7 silence during the competition is essential - the participants must not make unnecessary noise
- 10.18 If the competitor has to leave the competition table for a short time (nausea, toilet, etc.), he will notify the steward. The steward asks him to exhale the smoke from his pipe. If the pipe is alight, steward will record the current time the contestant left the table. If the pipe is extinguished, the steward proceeds according to art.10.20. The pipe must remain on the table in front of the contestant's place. When the contestant returns to the table, the steward asks him to exhale smoke from his pipe. If the pipe is alight, the competitor continues the competition. If the pipe is extinguished, the steward records the current time when the competitor left the table in the competitor's time-registration card.
- 10.19 A participant whose pipe is extinguished, signals this fact to the steward without delay and hands his/her time-registration card to the steward to record the time achieved. The participant confirms the correctness of the recorded time with his/her signature and leaves the table/competition room as quickly and quietly as possible.
- 10.20 Should the steward suspect that a pipe is extinguished, he/she will be allowed to ask the participant to exhale smoke. If the pipe is totally extinguished and the participant has not signalled it in due time as stated in art. 10.19, the steward will request the jury to disqualify the participant for lack of fair play.
- 10.21 The disqualified participant must give up his/her time-registration card to the steward.
- 10.22 Should any pipe burn, the jury will disqualify the participant.

## **11 ADVERTISEMENT**

- 11.1 No advertisement or trade name is permitted on the clothes of the members of the jury or participants (only club pins etc). Club apparel with club name and/or club logo is allowed.

## **12 FINAL RESULTS**

- 12.1 The jury will draw up the final list of the winners. The jury's decision is final and binding.

### **13 THE WINNER**

- 13.1 The winner shall be the individual or team that achieves the longest smoking time, provided that the pipe is not burned, and the participant did not break any of the regulations. The jury will inspect the pipes smoked by the top ten (10) smokers to determine whether the pipes have not been burnt.
- 13.2 The organizers may offer special awards and may draw up a special list of winners for the ladies.

### **14 COMPLAINTS**

- 14.1 The participants are allowed to appeal against the decision of a steward or timekeeper by lodging a complaint with the jury up to ten (10) minutes after the competition ends.
- 14.2 No complaints will be accepted after the above-mentioned time.
- 14.3 The organizers decline any liability for any damage or injury caused by things or persons, whether they are participants or not.
- 14.4 By entering the competition, participants implicitly agree to abide by these CIPC Regulations.

### **15 AGREEMENTS AMONG NATIONAL CLUBS**

- 15.1 Clubs belonging to the CIPC accept these regulations as the only ones applicable for the awarding of the titles according to art. 1.2.7, 1.2.8, 1.3.11 and 1.3.12.
- 15.2 These articles can be used by a National Association for the organization of a national championship. The title of National Winner (winner of the clubs) is granted in accordance with art. 1.2.7, 1.3.11 and 1.3.12.
- 15.3 The CIPC Board reserves the right to decide any cases which may arise. During competitions the jury will decide any cases.