

Sporting Code Committee Report for 2021

WE ARE SADDENED at the recent loss of Tor Johannesson, a very long time member of the IGC, and to the Sporting Code Committee in particular.

The committee continues to address discrepancies that arise in the Sporting Code and to close holes of logic or fairness as they become evident. The focus of our effort in 2021 was to clarify the existing body of rules, editorially where possible, or by presenting proposals to the Plenary where rule changes are deemed to be advantageous.

We recognize that FR technology constantly evolves; however, the digital world is not perfect. There was much discussion in the committee with unanimous agreement to oppose a proposal to eliminate the need for periodic FR calibration. FR altitude data is not error-free and there are serious consequences to the sport for airspace violations, let alone to record claims. The committee has a detailed report to the IGC on this matter.

In another example, the committee sees that the need for written approval from an NAC to act as an OO for a record is a legacy from the past that can be deleted. The OO actions before start and after landing are no different for records than they are for badge claims, and SC3-3.0b ensures that the work of the pilot, OO and Data Analyst is correct. Our Y1 proposal to remove this requirement is before the 2022 Plenary.

We previously identified a flaw in the fairness and awarding of concurrent (same day) record claims. Our proposal to the Plenary on same day claims is now a Y2.

The members of the committee are pleased to continue their duties in 2022. They are: Tony Burton (Canada), Beryl Hartley (Australia), Ross Macintyre (UK), Howard Mills (Germany), Judy Ruprecht (USA), and Wojciech Scigala (Poland).

Regards,

Tony Burton, committee member