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The Mondial in Dubai took place November 29, 2012 through December 8, 2012. The Mondial included two FCE in Formation Skydiving: The World Formation Skydiving Championships and the World Vertical Formation Skydiving Championships.

Both events set records for participation: In Formation Skydiving 4-Way, 38 teams competed which is much more than at the last WC in 2010 (19). The 8-Way competition had 16 teams this year, compared to only 4 at the last WC. 4-Way female had 14 teams, much more than at the last WC which included only 8 teams. Teams for the Vertical Formation event were 9 this year, compared to 5 teams in 2010.

The competition completed all rounds in each event and the weather conditions were perfect. We saw some amazing performances and both Formation Skydiving 4-Way and 8-Way ended with a new all-time high average (27.9 for 4-Way and 22.9 for 8-Way). The fight between USA and Belgium in 4-Way lasted until the last grip of the last round of the meet and was very exciting for the spectators to watch.

I would like to thank the organizers for the excellent work they did to make this a very satisfying and well organized competition.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WC. Changes made to the rules in 2012 were generally well accepted. Everybody – including the judges- seemed very happy with the changes applied to the judging process (reduced speed judging).

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The matter of the cut of teams before the final rounds were raised by several 4-Way teams: They did not quite understand why all teams could not complete all rounds, especially when the competition finished a couple of days before the scheduled last day. They also asked for the possibility to make the jumps and get them judged “outside of the competition” to get their 10-round average. Another issue that was brought up by one of the coaches was the point deduction for infringements; he asked the crowds opinion on whether there should be a two point deduction instead of one for infringements to make the teams skydive “more carefully”. This was not supported for now.

VFS teams asked if the dive-pool could be expanded to be able to make 10 rounds, and they were encouraged to give the FS-committee proposals for new formations.

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