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REPORT ON IPC WORLD PARACHUTING RANKING LISTS

At the 2012 Plenary in Buenos Aires it was decided to implement ranking lists for parachuting disciplines. Following this decision a big effort has been directed into calculating the initial ranking and writing and publishing the first set of ranking lists. This huge task involved collecting results from all FCE's in the last four years and has been carried out voluntarily by Susan Dixon. On behalf of IPC I would like to thank Susan Dixon for undertaking this task for which we are grateful.

I am writing this report before the World Parachuting Championships, Mondial 2012, in Dubai, have concluded. The consequences for the present rankings are not known. But the massive representation of countries at the Mondial will give most NAC's a representation on the ranking lists for several years to come. This is very positive.

Current ranking can be found on IPCs website here <http://www.fai.org/ipc-events/ipc-rankings>

The present rankings are still primarily based on the results of FCEs from before the ranking lists were introduced. It still remains to be seen if the possibility to get ranking will increase attendance at FCEs as was the intention. But one thing is certain. You only earn points towards ranking by attending a FCE!

One issue was raised during the year, when the result of the European Championships and World Cups in FS and AE were published. Since attendance in some events was below four NAC's it could be argued that the results should not count towards the rankings lists. The counter-argument could be that the intention when introducing the ranking lists was to encourage participation and we should reward the competitors who show up. I encourage a debate on this.

When establishing the ranking lists we wanted to encourage NACs to organise more regional championships. This would give jumpers outside Europe the possibility to compete and countries to be ranked without having to travel overseas.

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An Asian championship/World Cup or a South American Championship/World Cup could be the first logical step towards this and could encourage a trend of competitors attending more competitions. I encourage the NAC's to consider bidding for championships for regions outside Europe.

Subjects for debate at the open meeting

What are the possibilities for countries or individual teams and athletes for using the ranking lists to promote interest by the public, sponsors etc.? Please present you input.

Increase the numbers of FCEs. Are there considerations for continental championships in South America and Asia?

How should FCEs with low attendance be treated? Should the result of FCEs with less than four countries count towards ranking?



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