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IPC RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

SC5: Proposed Changes

Annex A – delete all reference to this on page ii of Contents.

1.1.1.(2) Changes **from the previous year** to the text of this Section of the Sporting Code are ~~set out in Annex A, which is re-written each time changes have been approved by the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). It contains the year of issue as required by the General Section 10.3.~~ **indicated by a vertical bar in the margin.**

1.1.1.4 Disciplines – VFS. Is VFS a separate discipline? Per Trude Sviggum – No. No change needed.

1.1.2. Add **“PARACHUTIST: A person who makes a parachute jump for recreational or competition purposes “**

Amend PARACHUTE JUMP: a parachute jump is a jump by a person from an **aeroplane, an aircraft or a spacecraft**, made with the intent of using a parachute for the whole or a part of a descent **to the surface of the earth.**

1.1.4 Identity:

The national identity of any person acting as an official at an FCE in any FAI/IPC capacity (Jury Member, Panel of Judges, ~~FAI~~ **IPC** Controller, etc) must not be listed or revealed (either in writing or by country flag) in any **external** communication connected with the FCE (**Web site**, Information Bulletins, Media reports, etc) or on any **clothing worn by or** identification tag/badge supplied to that person.

2.1.4 A NAC may issue National Certificates at a higher **category** level than the four International Certificates.

2.4.6. A NAC may issue National Certificates at a higher **category** level than the four International Certificates.

2.4.8 For purposes of this paragraph, a Formation Skydiving (FS) jump is defined as one in which the participants are **belly-** face-to-earth for the major part of the jump and which involves the participants linking with grips as defined in the Competition Rules.

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3.1.1 (2) Performance Records

- Accuracy Landing Records
- Altitude Records
- Largest Formation Records (FS - **belly-to-earth**, CF, AE ~~Freeflying~~ **VFS** - head down orientation)
- Canopy Piloting Records
- Speed Records

3.1.2.2

b) A performance record, other than an Altitude (3.3.2) and a Speed (3.3.8) Record, must be judged and certified by three judges, two of whom must be FAI Parachuting Judges for the particular discipline. The third judge must have at least a valid National Judge rating in the particular discipline. **FS belly-to-earth record performances must be judged and certified by FS Judges. VFS orientation record performances must be judged and certified by either AE or FS Judges (or a combination of AE and FS Judges), appointed and approved by the organising and/or controlling NAC (General Section 6.4.2).**

For an Altitude and a Speed Record, the certification will be the responsibility of the Official Observers (General Section 4.2.1) appointed and approved by the organising and/or controlling NAC (General Section 6.4.2).

NB. The change to 3.1.1.2 and 3.1.2.2. will NOT affect the validity of any current AE- Head down record.

3.2.7 *Categories of Competition Records*

The categories of Competition Records shall be:

- (1) Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style and Canopy Piloting
General Category - best performance achieved
Female Category - best performance achieved by a woman
- (2) Formation Skydiving
General Category - best performance achieved
Female Category - best performance achieved by a women's team
- (3) Canopy Formation
General Category - best performance achieved
- (4) Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style
Junior Category – best performance achieved by a Junior (see 1.1.2.9)**

3.2.8(2) clarify ambiguity in last line

If a competitor or team achieves a performance during a later round in the same event, which is equal to a new record performance achieved during an earlier round in that event, no recognition will be given to ~~that~~ **the performance in the later round** as being a record performance.

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3.3.5 Categories of Performance Records

The categories of Performance Records shall be:

General Category - best performance achieved

Female Category - best performance achieved by a woman or women's team or group

Accuracy Landing Only;

Junior Category – best performance achieved by a Junior (see 1.1.2.9).

4.1.1.2 Delete list of duties and refer to Controller Handbook. Also change the title to **IPC Controller**

2) The organisation of the FCE shall be controlled by a person appointed by the IPC (~~FAI~~ **IPC Controller**). This person may not be from the Organiser's country. After consultation with the relevant IPC Competition Committee(s), the IPC Bureau will nominate an ~~FAI~~ **IPC Controller** for approval by the IPC Plenary. This approval will be given at the same time the FCE receives approval. The ~~FAI~~ **IPC Controller's** duties, which commence upon appointment, are **listed in detail in the IPC ~~FAI~~ Controller Handbook:**

Amend

- To confirm ~~verify~~ **the attendance of a Jury Member by signing the expense reimbursement** claim form and to assist, if necessary, the Jury Member in submitting it to the IPC Finance Secretary. ~~The FAI Controller will review the expense forms to ensure that all the required information is provided, that the expenses claimed are appropriate and in accordance with IPC policy and will indicate completion of the verification procedure by signature on the expense form.~~ The Jury Member will submit the claim form, with receipts, to the IPC Finance Secretary for approval and payment processing in accordance with the current IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.

4.1.1.3 3) At every International Sporting Event, comprising **three or more** FCEs in ~~three or more disciplines~~ taking place concurrently in the same location, ~~an IPC a Judging Controller for Judging and Scoring (J&S)~~ shall be appointed by the IPC upon recommendation from the Judges Committee. The organiser will provide an Assistant to the **IPC Judging Controller** (~~J&S~~) who will normally be from the country of the organiser unless the IPC decides otherwise.

NB It is proposed that this position be abolished. The Committee Chairs and the Judges' Committee are being asked if this position should be abolished. In any event the list of duties in SC5, 4.1.1.3 should be moved to a separate Judges' Committee document.

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4.1.2.3

(3) The schedule for other competitions is:

- 2012 ~~Mondial or WPCs~~
- 2013 World Cups, World Games,
- 2014 ~~Mondial or WPCs~~
- 2015 World Cups, World Air Games
- 2016 Mondial or WPCs

No World Cup for a particular discipline may take place in the same year that a WPC takes place in that discipline.

Continental Championships may be held in any year, **subject to the following:**

- a) **There may be no Continental Championship for a particular discipline in the same year that a WPC takes place in that discipline**
- b) **There may be only one such Championship per Continental Region for each discipline in any one year.**

4.3.1 In Buenos Aires, the extended Bureau agreed that the relevant Committees should also approve the scoring system. However this never made it into the amendments proposed

4.3.1 Judging Equipment and Identification

- (1) In accordance with the Organiser Agreement, the Organiser must provide and pay for the judging and scoring system(s) necessary to properly evaluate and score all jumps made during the FCE and to properly conduct any course for Judges in Training. The judging equipment and scoring system(s), **both hardware and software**, to be used must receive prior approval from the IPC Judges Committee **and the relevant IPC Competition Committee**. The Organiser must also provide sufficient personnel to put in place and remove all equipment and scoring system(s) and the necessary number of secretaries and scorers for the Panel of Judges.
- (2) Any Automatic Measuring Device, which is used for judging must be acceptable to the Chief Judge and needs the approval of the Jury. The Automatic Measuring Device and/or the ~~Videe~~ **Suitable Media** Recording System must be connected to a constant power source so that there can be no voltage or current fluctuations, which would cause an erroneous reading or recording. The ~~Videe~~ **Suitable Media** Recording System must have a dual station digital dubbing capability and must be approved by the ~~IPC~~ **Judging Controller and the Chief Judge**.
- (4) Each aircraft **used for official training and/or competition jumps for FS, CF and AE** must be equipped with a slate on which must be written information **that is recorded for team identification as directed by the relevant Competition Rules**.

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4.4 PARTICIPATION

Only teams and competitors entered in an FCE as part of the **a National** Delegation may participate in that FCE. **However, in accordance with Sporting Code, General Section 3.2.1, the IPC or the IPC Bureau, but not the FAI Executive Board, may, in exceptional circumstances, allow the participation of competitors or teams, who are unable to represent a NAC, provided that their country of citizenship and/or residence is not already participating with a National Delegation**

4.6.2 Assistant to the Chief Judge

An Assistant to the Chief Judge, **who may be but does not need to be an FAI Parachuting Judge**, will be nominated by the Organiser and will normally be from the country of the Organiser, unless the IPC decides otherwise.

Change section reference in 4.7.2.4(b) to 4.7.2.6 (re report to Bureau)

4.9.1 Completion of the Competition

The competition must be declared finished at the time shown in the ~~IPC Competition Rules~~ **Official Information Bulletin** for the end of competition jumping. Winners may be declared only for those events in which at least the minimum number of rounds, as stated in the IPC Competition Rules, have been completed.

4.9.3 Recording Media

- (1) The Organiser of an FCE must give the Original/Master recording media of the competition, together with the summary score sheets and other pertinent documentation, to the ~~FAI~~ **IPC** Controller at the conclusion of the competition and must ensure that each delegation can purchase copies of the same within 90 days. The ~~FAI~~ **IPC** Controller will deliver the recording media and ~~paperwork~~ **documentation** to the Chair~~man~~ of the IPC Judges' Committee.

4.9.5 Preservation of Documents

- ~~(1) All documents relevant to an FCE must be preserved by the Organiser for a period of at least three years.~~

The Organiser must make available to the Chief Judge and Chair~~man~~ of the Judges' Committee such documents that are necessary for the proper completion of any reports.

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4.10 Minimum Participation

Where less than 4 NACs are entered in an event (see Competition Rules – SC5 4.2) at an FCE, the Sporting Code, General Section 3.5.3.1 permits the IPC to determine whether the event will take place and whether the title of Champion will be awarded.

- (1) Six months before an FCE, the relevant IPC Committee must determine the number of NACs intending to enter ~~ing~~ a team or individuals in an event at the FCE. If the relevant IPC Committee determines that less than 4 NACs have this intention, the event will not take place. The Committee will inform the IPC Bureau of this and the IPC Secretary will send out an information notice within seven days to the FCE Organiser, IPC Delegates and NACs that the particular event will not take place **and will arrange for its publication on the FAI/IPC website.**
- (3) An event will be removed as a valid event from the IPC Competition Rules, if:
 - a. The event does not take place at two successive FCEs by reason of (1) above
 - b. The event has less than 4 NACs participate at two successive FCEs
 - c. The event at one FCE does not take place due to one of the above reasons and does not take place the following year for the other reason.

5.2.2 Order of Jumping

- ~~(1) At a competition with more than one event, the initial jump order will apply to all events.~~
- (2) The jump order will be as prescribed in the Competition Rules.
- (3) The Meet Director may change the jump order for a round if necessitated by rejumps or other important organisational needs, including additional time needed by the competitors arising through no fault of their own, such as a landing out, reserve repacking, effects of excessive time at altitude, aircraft incidents, substantial changes in the order of jumping or similar occurrences.
- (4) Medical treatment does not constitute a reason for a change in the jump order.

6.8.2 The evaluation in Freefall Style, Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Artistic Events will be made using ~~videotapes or other~~ suitable recording media. A summary of the approved assessments and penalties and, if applicable, a copy of the relevant dive pool must be provided with the ~~tapes or other~~ recording media.

6.9.1(15) ~~In accordance with 4.1.4 (3),~~ The Chief Judge will review the travel expense claim forms for the Judges and ~~indicate verification~~ **will confirm attendance of the Judge at the event by signing** ~~ature on~~ the claim form.