



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION - CIA

CIA Jury Board Report to the 2025 CIA Plenary

1. 2024 -2025 CIA Jury Board members:

Chairman	JC Weber (LUX)
Member	John Grubbström (SWE)
Member	Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Member	Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Member	Debbie Spaeth (USA)

2. Event Juries (Motion #7)

2025 Events

23rd European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Wieselburg (Austria) 16-21 August 2025

The following jurors have been approved by the 2024 CIA Plenary:

Claude Weber (LUX)	President
Cheri White (USA)	Member
Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)	Member

68th Gordon Bennett 2025 / Metz (France)

The following jurors are proposed for approval by the CIA Plenary:

Luc Van Geyte (BEL)	President on-site
Maury Sullivan (USA)	Member off-site
Jean Claude Weber (LUX)	Member off-site

2026 Events

2026 AX Worlds / Poland

The following jurors are proposed for approval by the CIA Plenary:

Paolo OGGIONI (ITA)	President
Sylvia MEINL (GER)	Member
László MÉSZÁROS (HUN)	Member

3. Training Webinar

The JB decided to organize a training webinar for Jurors and interested parties. Debbie Spaeth in charge. Topics proposed and organisational details are presented to the CIA Plenary with **Motion #8**.

4. On-site vs. Off-site Jurors

The proposal to be integrated into the CIA JURY MEMBERS HANDBOOK version 23/2025 is presented to the CIA Plenary for adoption with **Motion #1**.

5. New Juror & upgrading applications and testing.

The following applicants are proposed to be approved by the Plenary (**Motion #5**):

1.	Patricia Cramer	Entry level
2.	David Strassmann	Entry level
3.	Christoph Fraisl	Entry level
4.	Tomas Hora	Entry level
5.	Goran Grgic	Entry Level
6.	Uwe Schneider	Entry level
7.	Tadas Gegevicus	Entry level
8.	Christian Michel	Intermediate Level
9.	Branko Ambrozic	Intermediate Level
10.	David Gleed	Intermediate Level

The question of future testing was raised if ChatGPT was more widely used to answer the test questions. How are we to test future candidates and make sure that replies are based on proper knowledge and not on ChatGPT answers. After a short discussion JB members concluded that presently there is no way to control how testing is being performed. This could become a major concern in the future, but it cannot be prevented. It is suggested that potential Juror applicants should be encouraged to stick to the classic way of studying the rules and to not use any artificial intelligence devices to perform the tests.

6. Jury reports - 2024 events

- 25th World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2024, Szeged (Hungary) 08-14 September 2024
Pres.: Lindsay Muir (GBR)
 - NAC Italy complaint to NAC Hungary concerning late entry and stand-by list.
This issue was settled, and minor SC amendments will be proposed by the S1WG to the Plenary.
- 67th Gordon Bennett, Germany 2024, Münster (Germany) 12-21 September 2024
Pres.: Moniek Vande Velde (BEL)
 - Late protest.
The proposed rule changes re. *Time Limits* have been considered and adopted by the CIA AA WGs.
The question of who is entitled to present a protest, only the P1 or also P2, will have to be settled by the AA WG.

2024 Jury Reports, edited for anonymization, have been published and provided to all CIA SCs and WGs.
([Documents](#) | [World Air Sports Federation](#)) under Jury / Jury Reports.

7. Jury Handbook update & implementation of CIA JB decisions

The amendment as presented in **Motion #2** is proposed to be adopted and to be integrated into the CIA JURY MEMBERS HANDBOOK Version 23/2025 becoming effective on March 15, 2025

8. Update of CIA Jurors lists & statistics.

- Updated CIA Jurors to be published on the CIA Documents webpage after the CIA Plenary
- Update of Jury Statistics / Names & Events file. This document is not published but is available on request from the Jury Board.

9. Implementation of JB decision re. detailed verification of results

See **Motion #3**. The recommendations in this report to be integrated into the CIA JURY MEMBERS HANDBOOK version 23/2025.

10. JHB requirements re. PERFORMANCE BOND

In order to account for the only FAI Organiser Agreement provision regarding the Performance Bond refund conditions

“that Conditions and dates by which a return of deposits/performance bonds must be initiated are to be shared in writing by the Air Sport Commission providing the recipient’s name and bank details with finance@fai.org”,
the JB propose to the CIA Plenary a Motion to amend the Jury Handbook provisions as presented in **Motion #4**.

11. JB folder Access on the CIA cloud limited to JB members and FAI IT manager only

In order to implement the 2024 Plenary decision to limit the access of JB folder to JB members and FAI IT manager only, it is proposed to present a Motion to the CIA Plenary to amend the CIA policy document **CIA Cloud Guideline (Motion #6)**

12. Motions to the 2025 CIA Plenary

See separate Motions in the *CIA JB Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting* document attached (Attachment #1).

Motion #1 : JHB amendment - Regular Jury and Remote Jury
Motion #2 : JHB amendment - Jury Handbook Introduction wording
Motion #3 : JHB amendment - Detailed Verification of Results
Motion #4 : JHB amendment - Requirements re. Performance Bond
Motion #5 : New and upgraded CIA Jurors
Motion #6 : CIA Cloud Access
Motion #7 : Approved Jurors at 2025 & 2026 Events
Motion #8 : CIA Training Webinar

13. Next meeting.

No date defined.

14. Suggested JB members 2025:

Chairman :	Jean Claude Weber (LUX)	Reports
Members:	Debbie Spaeth (USA)	Statistics & History: Juries & Events
	Hiromori Soejima (JPN)	Communication: Jurors & CIA
	Garry Lockyer (CAN)	Jurors Testing
	John Grubbstrom (SWE)	Jury Handbook editor & Rules

Attachment #1: Motions

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March 12, 2025