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Annual Report of the Chair ST&AL Committee

Committee:

ST & AL Committee Members 2026

- **Chair:** Gerhard Wagner, GER,
- **Deputy Chair:** James Hayhurst, USA,

- **Members:** Pascale Dumarcet, FRA
- Ulf Tingnert, SWE
- Nicolas Bauman, SUI
- Bruna Depaoli, ITA
- Mohammed Yousuf Abdulrahman, UAE
- Libor Jirousek, CZE
- Goran Ratkajec, CRO

I'm pleased to announce that the transition from last year's committee to this year's new committee worked perfectly. All members have been firmly established in the competition scene for many years, whether as competitors, coaches, judges, or organizers.

A big thank you to my c'tee and my supporters Gernot and Freddy. Thanks again for all your help.

The committee was of course decisively involved in all pending decisions regarding competition organization, proposals for BIDs or bulletins, or rule changes.

A big thank you also goes to Goran, who, through hard work, managed to create a ranking list for the ST and AL disciplines, which is now published on the FAI website.

Looking at these rankings, one sees an incredible 724 male and female athletes in AL and 109 male and female athletes in the ST ranking.

This huge number of athletes is also reflected in the various competitions in 2025; some teams had to be turned away, otherwise the competition capacity would have been exceeded. It is great to have so many athletes in the classic disciplines!

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Competitions 2025:

Thanks to the strong relationships between the SWCS organizers and the FAI/ISC/ST&AL Committee, both organizations (SWCS + ISC) can benefit from each other. The SWCS offers many professional and amateur teams a platform to compete against each other.

The FAI offers SWCS organizers the opportunity to register their events as SCEs, thus also benefiting from the advantages of an FAI event. Three SWCS events were FAI SCEs. It is certainly worth mentioning that this SWCS in AL is now the biggest skydiving event of all disciplines worldwide.

The year 2025 was naturally marked by our many competitions on an international level. In total, we had six FCEs or SCEs.

These were:

Porec (CRO), SWCS Klatovy, EC Klatovy (CZE), SWCS Belluno (ITA), SWCS Thalgau (AUT), and of course the World Cup and Asian Championships in Jiang, China.

A big thank you goes to all the organizers for their hard work and dedication, which led to great competitions.

I would like to mention a few special numbers regarding participation in the style discipline, as there are always critical comments about this discipline, not least from some individual persons from the previous committee.

At the European Championships in Klatovy, we had a total of 112 participants in AL and 45 participants in style. Expressed as a percentage, 40.19% (38.75% male, 43.75% female) of all participants competed in the style discipline.

At the World Cup in China, we had a total of 81 participants in AL and 66 participants in style. This equates to 81.48% (77.78% male, 94.44% female) of participants competing in the style discipline.

If you add up the participants in both competitions, this results in a participation rate of 57.51% in the style discipline. An impressive number! I can't remember ever having so many participants in the style discipline. Thank you to all the athletes!

Competitions 2026:

The highlight of 2026 will be of course, the ST&AL World Championships in Slovakia. Preparations are progressing well, and we are in contact with the organizers.

Naturally, the second competitive highlight this year will also be the six events within the SWCS, with three of these World Cups likely to be held as SCE. All of us are looking forward to it.

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Rules changings, proposals:

Based on the experiences of last year's competitions and championships, it has become clear that some rules need to be revised and improved. This is a normal process, as we can only learn from experience.

The goal is to create rules that are understandable, fair, and easy to implement. Most of our rules are very good and have proven their worth. Now we are taking another step to perfect them.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Gerhard Wagner
Chair of ST&AL Committee



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FAI ISC COMPETITION RULES ST&AL – 2025 EDITION

Proposals for 2026:

5.1.3 Wind Speed

5.1.3.1 The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in ~~the accuracy-events~~ **landing** is set by mutual agreement of the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Meet Director at a value no more than 7,5 m/s. This maximum limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing and will remain for the duration of the competition. ~~The wind limit may be lowered for an entire round and will apply to any re-jumps from that round. The limit may be changed after each completed round.~~

CJ, in conjunction with the EJ can change the wind speed limit at any time for an entire round. If a round is interrupted by the change in wind speed limit, a new round must be started with the new limit. For re-jumps, the same wind speed limit applies as was set in the round in which the re-jump was offered. The interrupted round will be continued with the wind limit for this round at the decision of the CJ.

Rationale:

- To clarify when the wind limit can be changed.
- To provide more flexibility.
- To have a clear regulation regarding who is responsible for continuing the aborted round.

6.1.1 Decision on landing point

6.1.1.6 The team captain or team leader or competitor has the right to watch the video together with the EJ **after a verbal challenge and** after a final decision has been made by the EJ. The EJ has the right to call in one additional judge for the evaluation. The EJ is responsible to make a final decision and, if warranted, offer a re-jump.

Rationale:

- A clear statement that the video may only be viewed by the individuals concerned after a verbal challenge.

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7 TITLE OF THE COMPETITION

“The (···th) FAI World/Continental Style and Accuracy Landing Championships” or

“The (...th) FAI World Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing”

Rationale:

- For correct wording add “...World Cup.”
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NEW

7.1.8 When several Events (World Cups, Continental Championships, Junior Championships) are combined, there always only the male and female FCE with all participants is used to determine cuts for semi- and finals. No separate semi- and final for any other competitions or categories inside this FCE.

Rationale:

- Several Events can be combined into one competition. All results are in categories within an FCE.
 - To save time, semi- and final jumps of the highest-ranked FCE are counted for all other competitions and categories
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STYLE

7.2.4.1 After completion of the 2nd round, competitors with an aggregate score of 17 seconds or less for males and 20 seconds or less for females (minimum 10 in each), including penalties, qualify for the 3rd round, plus all male and female juniors with an aggregate score of less than 32 seconds, for the junior classification only. No further cuts will be made after the 3rd and 4th rounds in the junior classification.

Rationale:

- Implementation of a "cut" also in the junior classification after 2 rounds to exclude "freestyle" or "fun jumps".
- A junior must be able to complete at least one style program within the maximum time.

7.2.4.2 After completion of the 3rd round, there will be a cut. ~~and~~ 50 % of competitors (Minimum 10 in each), placed in aggregate score after the 3rd round, plus all male and female juniors according to no. 7.2.4.1 qualify for the 4th round, for the junior classification only.

Rationale:

- Improved adjustment of the cut

7.2.4.3 After completion of the 4th round, there will be a cut. ~~and~~ 50 % of competitors in the male and female category (minimum 8 for male and 5 for female ~~10 and maximum 20~~), placed in aggregate score after the 4th round, plus all male and female juniors according to no. 7.2.4.1 qualify for the ~~final~~ 5th round, for the junior classification only.

Rationale:

- Improved adjustment of the cut without a maximum number of competitors

OVERALL

7.5.3 For the determination of the Overall Champion Nation see below:

7.5.3.1 The Overall World / Continental or World Cup Champion Nation, separate for men and women, is the ~~team nation~~ with the lowest total, calculated as the sum of the four best numerical placings in the individual overall ranking from members of this team. Only teams participating in the Team Accuracy and Style competition with at least 4 competitors will be considered. In events where multiple teams and individuals per nation are permitted, the teams are ranked separately in the results list.

Rationale:

- Adjustment of the overall rule due to rule change in 2025.
- Under the "Nation Overall" designation, a team in competitions where double the number of competitors per team is allowed has a significant advantage over teams that are not.

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7.5.3.2 In ~~the event~~ case of a tie for the first three places in the Nation Overall event, the ~~Nation team~~ with the best ranking ~~in one event will be the winner; if this does not break the tie, then the Nation with the better ranking~~ in Team Accuracy will be the winner, otherwise, they will be declared co-champions.

Rationale:

- Avoid ambiguous use of “event”
- There is no team ranking list in Style.

7.5.5 The timetable for the competition shall be chosen between one of the two options below:

7.5.5.2 Style & Accuracy events sequential:

- Day 1: Arrival of Style competitors (possibility for the 1st Team Manager Meeting)
- Day 2: first Team Manager Meeting (if not already done) and beginning of Style competition
- Day 3 – 4: Style competition
- Day 4: arrival of Accuracy competitors; 2nd TM meeting for AL, and opening ceremony
- Day 5 – ~~7~~ 8: Accuracy competition and Style
- Day 8: ~~Accuracy competition ends~~ End of competition at 5 p.m. latest (to be defined); ~~end of competition and~~ closing ceremony.
- Day 9: departure day

~~Possibility of Style competition on day 4 to 8 only, if weather conditions preclude accuracy competition~~

~~and the minimum rounds for Style have not been completed. To be addressed in the 1st Bid.~~

Rationale:

- To have the opportunity to complete more than just the minimum program in Style even when performing the two disciplines separately.
- Style can also be jumped on competition days 4-8.

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FAI ISC SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5 – 2025 EDITION

5.2.9 Meteorological Conditions

5.2.9.1 Jumping will continue ~~as long as~~ if there is, in the opinion of the MD and the CJ, satisfactory weather conditions for both jumping and judging purposes.

5.2.9.2 No further exits will be made following the interruption of an ~~event~~ round by reason of weather conditions until the conditions are again satisfactory. The performance of jumpers or teams that have already exited the aircraft will, if possible, be evaluated.

5.2.9.3 Competition jumps in the ST&AL disciplines can only take place between the official times of sunrise and sunset at the respective drop zone. For Team AL, the jump time is defined as the exit time of the first jumper.

Rationale:

- New wording (from R&R C'tee regarding "event")
- The disciplines of AL and ST are extremely dependent on visibility conditions. Increasing darkness makes it difficult or even impossible for athletes to demonstrate their skills. Due to the limited capabilities of the human eye, athletes can barely, if at all, to estimate heights and distances.
- In order not to disturb the competitors who have other things to manage. (do we have enough light to see or not to see the dead center, ...). This proposal limits the problem, decision, whether the competitor decides to jump or not
- Fair competition conditions and decisions for athletes and judges.

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Housekeeping

4.2 ORDER OF JUMPING

4.2.2 The Juniors order of jumping in the first round of Accuracy Landing and all Style rounds will be determined by draw by nations. Individual Accuracy Landing competitors will be put into mixed ~~teams~~ **groups** and will jump, with jump order determined by draw. Men and Women shall jump separately. In all other rounds, the jump order will be as all mixed ~~teams~~ **groups** (4.2.1)

Rationale

- For clarity, individuals jump into groups, not teams.

5 RULES SPECIFIC TO THE EVENTS

5.1.7.6 If an AMD is found, by the Event or Chief Judge, to be defective or not reset and the first point of contact has been on it, and ~~(4)~~ **no. 5.1.7.5** above does not apply, the affected competitor(s) must be offered a re-jump

Rationale:

- Old numbering

5.1.8 Scoring Accuracy Landing

~~5.1.8.5 The best four scores of each round shall be the score for the team for that round, unless one or more members of the team were disqualified for that round. See point FAI Sporting Code – Section 5 paragraph 5.4 (penalties and disqualifications).~~

Rationale:

Old §, it's already covered in 5.1.9.1, no matter of FAI Sporting Code – Section 5 paragraph 5.4 (penalties and disqualifications).

5.1.8.6 ~~5~~ If, because of insufficient separation between team members, a competitor lands on the AMD which has not been reset, the score given is 16 cm. Competitors landing off the AMD receive a score of 16 cm.

5.1.9.2 Any national team with less than four competitors will jump in mixed ~~teams~~ **groups**. Members of mixed ~~teams~~ **groups** will be scored as individual contestants only.

Rationale:

Synchronizing of 4.2.1 / 4.2.2 / 5.1.9.2

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6.1.2 Other Responsibilities

6.1.2.2 The wind speed and direction at the anemometer will be observed by an official appointed by the ~~Meet Director and approved by the Event~~ Chief Judge.

Rationale:

Only the Chief Judge must be the responsible person as these wind measurements apply to both disciplines.

7.2 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The World /Continental Championships or World Cups will comprise of the following events:

7.2.1 **Team Accuracy Landing:** ~~The This event~~ skydiving disciplines consists of 8 rounds. The minimum number of rounds for a valid event are 5. A junior male/female competitor may be a part of a national team.

7.2.2 **Individual Accuracy Landing:** ~~The This event~~ skydiving disciplines consists of 8 rounds plus a semi - final and final round. The ~~scores~~ result for the first 8 rounds are those obtained in the Team Accuracy Landing

Rationale:

- For correct wording add “World Cups”
- New wording (from R&R C’tee regarding “event” and “score”)

7.2.3 In ~~the event~~ case of a tie for the first three places in the Team or Individual Accuracy Landing the following rules apply:

Rationale:

- Avoid ambiguous use of “event”

Thank you!