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PROPOSAL TO AMEND SPORTING CODE SECTION 5 - 5.3.1 (1)

CURRENT RULE:

5.3 PROTESTS

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ARGUMENTATION:

This rule change tries to avoid an unfair situation to all those competitors that are not English native speakers or, for economical reasons, cannot bring an interpreter with their delegation. With the current rule a competitor or team do not have enough time to present a protest while the competition is still taking place and they are been called to jump. Even if they have a proper knowledge of the English language it is not enough time and causes an unnecessary amount of unnecessary stress that may lead to a poor performance, from no fault of their own.

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Rule SC5 5.2.5 (3) (a) and (b) state that a team or competitor can be called to a jump as soon as 45 minutes after the previous jump in FS, CF and AE and as soon as 30 minutes after the previous jump in AL FFS, CP, PS and AE. This means that they have 45 or 30 minutes to pack their parachute, prepare for the next jump while preparing a protest.

We must also consider that, according to SC5 4.7 (1) all Jury members must have the ability to communicate in English, so as to properly understand and fully participate in Jury meetings and discussions, while there is no requirement for competitors to know or speak the English language.

While the current rule forces the competitors or teams to meet a tight 2 hour schedule, the Jury has no time limit to reach a decision. Meanwhile the competition jumps may continue without interference so there is no real reason to force the Competitor to protest without enough time to present a proper protest.

The intention of the rule change is to allow the competitors or teams enough time to properly prepare their protest, seeking to remedy an unjust situation, without interfering with their competition jumps.