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## **ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS re SC5**

Amend

### **4.1.1.2**

The organisation of ~~an~~ the FCE shall be controlled by a person appointed by the IPC (FAI 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 Controller **for an FCE** for approval by the IPC Plenary. This approval will be given at the same time the FCE receives approval.

**The IPC Bureau may nominate more than one FAI Controller for the FCEs that make up a Mondial and, in this case, each nominated FAI Controller will be given responsibility for a particular FCE or several FCEs at the discretion of the IPC Bureau.**

The FAI Controller's duties, which commence upon appointment, are:

## **SAFETY IN SC5**

The provisions in SC5 dealing with the general topic of “Safety” are to be found in 1.3.1, 4.1.1.2, 4.8 and 5.4:

### **1.3 GENERAL SAFETY CONDITIONS**

- (1) Parachutists must practise safe parachuting and obey national or local regulations. For general sport parachuting activities, parachute deployment should be initiated by 600m above ground level or, in special circumstances as specified by a NAC, by a higher altitude set by that NAC. Failure to practice safe parachuting may lead to a warning or grounding or, at a competition, to the disqualification of a competitor or team in one or more events.

### **4.1.1.2 The FAI Controller's duties, which commence upon appointment, are:**

To be responsible for Safety during the competition.

### **4.8 SAFETY**

Any person, including the Judges, may report matters of safety during the running of the competition to the FAI Controller.

### **5.4 PENALTIES**

Except as specifically provided in 5.2.5 and 5.2.8, a competitor or team may be penalised by the Meet Director, with the consent of the Jury, in accordance with the principles set out in the Sporting Code, General Section, 5.2. (see below). The procedure and penalties are as follows:

- (1) The Meet Director will determine whether the infringement is Technical (SC GS 5.2.2.1), Serious (SC GS 5.2.2.2 ) or Unsporting Behaviour ( SC GS 5.2.2.3 ).

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- (2) When the severity of the infringement has been established and confirmed by the Jury, penalties will apply as follows:
- (a) Technical Infringement
- (1) Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style and Canopy Piloting Speed.  
For each technical infringement by a competitor or team, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the maximum score for a jump will be added in determining the actual event score achieved by all the competitors involved.
- (2) Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation, Artistic Events, Canopy Piloting Distance and Zone Accuracy.  
For each technical infringement by a competitor or team, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the highest score of the team, to which the competitor belongs, or of the individual competitor for a competition round up to the time of the infringement will be deducted in determining the aggregate score of the team or the competitor for the event.
- (b) Serious Infringement
- (1) Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style and Canopy Piloting Speed  
  
For each serious infringement by a competitor or team, a penalty equal to 50% (rounded down) of the maximum score for a jump will be added in determining the actual event score achieved by all the competitors involved.
- (2) Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation, Artistic Events, Canopy Piloting Distance and Zone Accuracy  
  
For each serious infringement by a competitor or team, a penalty equal to 50% (rounded down) of the highest score of the team, to which the competitor belongs, or of the individual competitor for a competition round up to the time of the infringement will be deducted in determining the aggregate score of the team or the competitor for the event.
- (c) Unsporting Behaviour  
The competitor or team will be disqualified from participation in any competition activity.

***The following is the extract from Chapter 5 of the Sporting Code, General Section referred to above in 5.4.1:***

## **5.2 PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

**5.2.1** *The Director of a Sporting Event may penalise a competitor as described in the rules for the event. These penalties may be in the form of an operational disadvantage, deduction of points, alteration of placing order, disqualification, or any other penalty designated by the Air Sport Commission concerned.*

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5.2.2 *SEVERITY OF PENALTIES. The severity of the penalties which may be imposed may range from a minimum loss of points to disqualification indicated below, as appropriate to the offence.*

5.2.2.1 *Technical Infringements. Technical infringements of rules or failure to comply with requirements caused by mistake or inadvertence where no advantage has accrued or could have accrued to the competitor concerned should, as a guide, carry penalties leading to a reduction of not less than 2% of the best score or maximum available score for the task.*

5.2.2.2 *Serious Infringements. Serious infringements, including dangerous or hazardous actions or repetitions of lesser infringements should, as a guide, carry minimum penalties leading to a reduction of not less than 5% of the best score or maximum score for the task.*

5.2.2.3 *Unsporting Behaviour. Cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, wilful interference with other competitors, falsification of documents, use of forbidden equipment or prohibited drugs, violations of airspace, or repeated serious infringements of rules should, as a guide, result in disqualification from the sporting event.*

5.2.3 *PUBLICATION. Penalties shall be listed on the score sheet of the day on which the penalty was given.*

#### **Discussion:**

1.3.1- there is no guidance as to what constitutes “safe parachuting” and no guidance as to how or when the prescribed “penalties” are to be applied.

4.1.1.2 – there is no explanation or guidance as to what is meant by being “responsible for safety”

5.4 - gives the Meet Director certain powers, subject to consent of the Jury, which may be interpreted to include the power to take action on safety matters (see GS 5.2.2.2 above). This is however far from clear.

It may be concluded that this whole area of “Safety” is one that lacks any certainty and needs clarification to ensure that in future, when action is taken on a Safety matter, a due process is in place.

It is proposed that this matter be discussed in the Bureau meetings, so that a firm proposal may be presented for Delegate and Plenary consideration.

Buzz Bennett

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