Sporting Code Committee Report for 2022

WE ARE SAD that Ross Macintyre is no longer able to be a member of the committee due to ill health. Ross was a very able chairmen, replacing Tor Johannesson back in 1998. At this time the committee is working collaboratively without a named chairman, though Howard Mills has represented us at recent Plenary meetings.

The committee continues to address discrepancies that arise in the Sporting Code and to close holes of logic or fairness as they become evident. The focus of our effort in 2022 was to continue clarifying the existing body of rules, editorially where possible, and these clarifications are listed on page ii of the Code. The single required addition (SC3-3.1.10) was the approved Year 2 proposal regarding same day record claims.

We recognize that FR technology constantly evolves; however, the digital world is not perfect. Again this year, the committee is in unanimous agreement with GFAC to oppose a proposal to eliminate the need for periodic calibration of the FR pressure sensor. FR altitude data is not error-free and there are serious consequences to the sport for airspace violations, as well as badge and record claims.

Annex C of the Sporting Code has been updated with the only substantive change being to eliminate references to written declarations, which are no longer allowed.

One of our members created a 25-minute training video for Official Observers which is available on the FAI Air Sports Channel (YouTube).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR5FIOFx9nc

The members of the committee are pleased to continue their duties in 2023. They are: Tony Burton (Canada), Beryl Hartley (Australia), Howard Mills (GB/Germany), Judy Ruprecht (USA), and Wojciech Scigala (Poland).

Regards,

Tony Burton, committee member