**Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Agenda**

**2023** **CSC Meeting – Burgdorf, Switzerland**

1. Current Members

Andrew Baird USA CHAIR

Paolo Oggioni ITA

Gerald Sturzlinger AUT WRL

Uwe Schneider GER WRL

Maury Sullivan USA

Tadas Gegevicius LTU

Hiromori Soejima JPN

Sam Parks USA

David Strasmann GER

Sylvia Meinl GER

Markus Kalousdian BRA

Igor Miklousic CRO

1. Roll call, accounting for absences

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| ***Present*** | ***Excused*** |
| *Andrew Baird* | *Maury Sullivan (apologies)* |
| *Paolo Oggiono* | *Igor Miklousic (apologies)* |
| *Gerald Sturzlinger* | *David Strasmann (other mtg)* |
| *Hirimori Soejima* | *Uwe Schneider (other mtg)* |
| *Sam Parks* |  |
| *Sylvia Meinl* |  |

Observers:

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| *Witold FILUS*  | *POL* |  | *Mike MEINL* | *GER* |
| *Arkadiusz IWANSKI* | *POL* |  | *Katsura ENDO* | *JPN* |
| *David BAREFORD* | *GBR* |  | *Debbie SPAETH* | *USA* |
| *Ricardo ARACIL* | *ESP* |  | *Hiromi FURUKAWA* | *JPN* |
| *Dominic BAREFORD* | *GBR* |  | *Eun YOUNG* | *KOR* |
| *Marc ANDRE* | *SUI* |  | *Christian MICHEL* | *GER* |
| *Igor CHARBONNIEL* | *ITA* |  | *Sanne HAARHUIS* | *NEL* |
| *Maria Chiara CREMONI* | *ITA* |  |  |  |

1. World Ranking List update
	1. List keepers TBD
	2. Update on WRL hosting/updates
	3. Alternative WRL Formulae Discussion

*WRL discussion outcome: investigate other ranking systems, including specifically “ELO“ rating system. WRL working group to investigate and report back during the year.*

1. Discussion and Review of 2022 Events
	1. Jury Reports
	2. Rules
	3. Scoring
	4. Safety
	5. Other

*Jury reports were shared with the committee earlier in the year. None discussed in this meeting.*

1. EDS: Invitation to chairman of EDS to speak to CSC regarding event issues

Members of EDS raised the following topics.

* 1. Discussion of EDS items
		1. First Round Invitation Process

*In 2022 a motion was passed at the Plenary to change the sporting code about first round invitations. The old wording required a MINIMUM of 2 per country in the first round. The Motion removed the word minimum. To recap from last year: pilot surveys clearly show that it is important to (a) have as many countries represented as possible, AND (b) to have as many of the Best pilots from around the world as possible.*

*To achieve this goal, we need to make sure that after the first round, there is a sufficient number of open spots remaining, so that countries can get additional invitations based on previous performance at championships.*

*In response to the vote in 2022, SC1 is proposing a wording change that solves some challenges for smaller events, but does not accomplish the outcome intended by the 2022 motion.*

*SC1 has asked EDS to control the first round invitation process. CSC believes this could work, as long as there is clear written instruction, so that the intention of the 2022 motion is met.*

*A number of methods were discussed, but the simplest solution is to set the equal number of invitation per country in the first round, so that the desired percentage of the total number of invitations remain open for the second round.*

*For example we can see that in recent General World Championships, about 40% of the non-medal invitations were filled in the second round. This is a good guide that accomplishes the goal of the 2022 motion.*

*Using this figure of 40%, we can determine – from the typical number of NACs that respond – what the equal number should be. For example, in an event with 100 invitations plus Medal-holders, the equal number should be two.*

*Therefore, CSC recommends support for the SC1 motion AS LONG AS a written procedure is developed and adopted by EDS to ensure that the goal of the 2022 motion is met. CSC is willing to develop this procedure for adoption by EDS.*

* + 1. Wild card

*In 2022 CSC presented a second motion which was voted and approved by the Plenary. This motion allowed an organizing country to have an additional Wild Card invitation.*

*Members of EDS and SC1 notified CSC that the language they propose changes the wording of the motion. Specifically, the Wild Card invitation could be given to a pilot from another NAC, and, the Wild Card invitation should NOT be included in the calculation of the 10% rule.*

*After discussion, CSC approves these changes to the wording.*

*Additionally, there was a discussion about the timing of the Wild Card invitation announcement. Some organizers might wish to wait until the end of the 2nd round invitation deadline before awarding the Wild Card invitation. In general CSC supports allowing the organizer to wait until the end of the second round to announce who will be awarded the Wild Card invitation, as long as sufficient time is given to that pilot to make arrangements to attend the event.*

1. 2023 CSC Pilot Survey results
	1. Discussion of results and action to be taken

*CSC survey results were discussed at length, and important results are presented in the recommendations and motions section of these minutes.*

*It should be noted that CSC decided NOT to write any motions or recommendations to limit entry fees. Our belief it is better to reject an unacceptable bid, that to prevent bids from being presented that cannot meet the entry fee requirement.*

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1. Competitor / Rule Issues
	1. Logger Handling
	2. Tasks – new vs modification
	3. Entry Fees
	4. Vertical speed / penalties
	5. PZ Penalty Rules
	6. Social Media – pilot/crew involvement

*These issues were discussed in the review of Survey results*

1. Competitor Issues for 2024 / Survey topics

*Based on the survey results from 2023, it is very important to develop a detailed questionnaire about the skills that should be tested in competition. This will be a major focal point for CSC activities in the next year.*

1. Old Business (updates or action needed)
	1. Cat 1 invitation process
	2. Operator of the controls/ release of physical markers
	3. Remote competitions

*Addressed in other sections of this Agenda.*

1. New Business
	1. 2023 Feedback from previous committee/working group online meetings
	2. Any other new business

*No new business was discussed*

1. Summary of CSC-Working Group recommendations and Proposed Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting

MOTIONS: None

RECOMMMENDATIONS:

CSC supports the First Round invitation wording proposed by SC1 as long as it is implemented with a written procedure to ensure that the intent of CSC 2022 motion is met. CSC will develop and provide this procedure to EDS for implementation.

CSC supports the wording change to the Wild Card Invitation wording proposed by SC1 (in response to CSC’s second motion in 2022), regarding removing the 10% rule restriction and allowing the orgnaizer to award the invitation to a different NAC if desired.

CSC recommends that EDS, in working with new bids, to advise organizers that at a MINIMUM, bids should include: Maps and Credentials, Propane, and tickets for pilots and crews to the opening and closing ceremonies. This is in response to an increasing number of bids that do not include propane.

1. CSC Members and Chairperson for 2023/2024
	1. Review of active members, call for new members

Proposed members are as follows:

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Paolo Oggioni ITA

Gerald Sturzlinger AUT WRL

Uwe Schneider GER WRL

Maury Sullivan USA

Hiromori Soejima JPN

Sam Parks USA

David Strasmann GER

Sylvia Meinl GER

Igor Miklousic CRO

Dominic Bareford GBR New Member

*Note: it is the intention of CSC to recruit additonal members after contacting pilots responding to the CSC survey about committee membership.*

1. Adjournment

The meeting was ajourned at 12:50.