



Minutes

Scoring Working Group FAI CIA Commission

ZOOM,
05 February 2021

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1 ATTENDIES

Marc Andre (SUI) – Co-Chair
Erwin Pellegrom (NED) – Co-Chair
Bengt Stener (SWE) – Member
David Bareford (GBR) – Member
Claude Weber (LUX)
Uwe Schneider (GER)
Sylvia Meini (GER)
Christian Michel (GER)
Ilona Gizatullina (RUS)
Lynn Sullivan (USA)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
Guillaume Kuntz (FRA)
Andrew Robertson (AUS)

2 APPOLOGIES

Steve Ireland (AUS)
Aline Kalousdian (BRA)

3 REVIEW

3.1 REVIEW 2019/2020 SCORING WORKING GROUP MINUTES
No comments.

3.2 REVIEW 2019/2020 CIA PLENARY MINUTES AND SWG ACTIONS
No actions referred.

4 REFFERALS

ITEMS REFERRED TO THE SWG FROM EVENT DIRECTOR'S AND JURY
PRESIDENT'S REPORTS, FROM OTHER SCS OR WGS BEFORE OR DURING
THE CIA MEETING OR DISCUSSIONS OF ITEMS CURRENTLY PUBLISHED ON
THE CIA-SWG FORUM

4.1 HOW TO HANDLE OBSTRUCTION AT TAKEOFF (BENGT)
What do we do with balloons obstructing other balloons at take-off, should we set penalties?
We don't have launchmaster anymore. There are still officials at the launchfield but how would
they give a fair penalty? A recommendation is not possible as it should be expected that for
common sense the obstructed pilot first seeks to talk to the other pilot and/or to officials.
Bengt offered to look into this in the Safety Sc as well.
The group has decided not to create a recommendation.

4.2 FEEDBACK DAVID BAREFORD, ED EUROPEANS MALLORCA
During the debriefing at the Europeans in Mallorca there were some remarks about scoring.
Discussed was that all pilots were given their own GPS-position for the launchfield, this
worked well especially for the morning flights. These positions were not used for scoring
positions. A remark about this can be added to the COH in the updated version.

4.3 REVIEW TIME LIMITS (7.7.) AGAIN AFTER DISCUSSION WITH LES PURFIELD
Last year we worked on this section for the COH, but it is was not put in because of comments
by Les Purfield.
The text was reviewed and slightly updated. The group strongly believes that a request for
assistance doesn't change the dead-line for complaints or protests.
The group will submit the following change to the rules Sc for review:

7.7	TIME LIMITS
7.7.1	Asking for assistance doesn't stop the clock. Assistance is intended to get information from appointed officials about how a score was achieved. If the score isn't changed before the end of the complaint period, the pilot must submit a complaint within the period.
7.7.2	It is up to the director to define if he accepts requests for assistance via non-personal contact such as telephone, email, or text. Any text or email received from the competitor should be considered a request for assistance unless clearly stated as complaint or protest.
7.7.3	Outside the rest period and especially towards the end of deadlines the pilot must have the possibility to hand-in his complaint or protest within the timeline. This should be done by having an official in the competition centre who has permission to receive the complaint in person or by any other means. In case of use of electronical transmission such as email, the risk of emails not being received or being delayed must be considered. Also, a procedure to confirm the identity of the sender should be in place. Receiving, timestamping, and signing the complaint or protest by an official doesn't mean its acceptance but only means that it was handed in at a specific date and time. It is up to the director to define the acceptance.
7.7.4	It is the duty of the pilot to observe the results and to complain or protest within the timeline.

There was also some thought about the increasing number of requests via email, etc. The concern is that the pilot should be able to get a receipt that the complaint/protest was filed. We need to work on a system to handle these (WatchMeFly might give a solution).

- 4.4 **COH FEEDBACK FROM RUSSIA (VLADIMIR, ILONA, YURI)**
Ilona Gizatullina sent an email with discrepancies in the COH. These will be corrected. Most of them are of cosmetic nature.
Adjusted penalty guide 15.1, 9.9 and 9.21 to match the AXMER.
- 4.5 **ANY NEW REFFERALS**
No new referrals

5 COMPETITION OPERATIONS HANDBOOK (COH)

- 5.1 **REVIEW REWORKED VERSION**
Steve Ireland indicated he will not be able to do the work originally assigned to him, being "Procedures for Target Teams, Scoring, Debriefing etc". Question is how we will go forward with this? Can we find people to do this work? If we don't find people by the plenary we skip this process and only try to make the COH shorter.
All members and observers are asked to try to help find volunteers that are willing to take chapters to finish this rework. Please contact Marc before the plenary.
- 5.2 **PROPOSAL FOR FINALIZE REWORK IN 2021**
See 5.1
- 5.3 **DECISION ON INTERMEDIATE COH UPDATE**
March 2021:¶
 - → Added new chapter 7.7 on time limits¶
 - → Penalty guide 15.1: Updated penalty points for late declarations to match AXMER¶
 - → Penalty guide 9.9: Updated penalty points for late launch to match AXMER¶
 - → Penalty guide 9.21: Cleaned-up recommendation¶
 - → Several cosmetic updates based on feedback from Ilona G.¶
- 5.4 **SUGGESTION FROM NED ON EASA SPECIFIC CONTENT**
Decided that this doesn't fit into the COH because the COH is competition focused.

6 INPUT & REQUIREMENT FOR POTENTIAL NEW SCORING SOFTWARE

We have various scoring software. These programs all have their pro's and con's. We now have the Balloon Live app. Maybe this is a good moment to think about quicker/safer/completer scoring software for the whole world. Everybody agrees the software should be cloud based. The software has two blocks, one for getting/calculating scores. The other one is to calculate scores and totals, for start as a single competition. Task oriented instead of pilot oriented is another suggestion. Other things being brainstormed were

- Start for smaller competitions
- Simple, efficient
- Cloud based
- Scoring part (single competition as a start)
- Very simple/quick to enter data -> Spread sheet type
- Task oriented instead of pilot oriented
- Quality control / traceability / transparent
- Automated scoring for provisional
- Official results manual involvement
- Preference for a single scoring software for everyone world-wide
- Software source code must be accessible if developer can't continue. CIA to own the software
- Excel/CSV import
- Results view on website and printable/PDF
- Dashboard for each pilot with details on how result was achieved
- Pilots can see the analysis online
- Visualization on map (ideally on Competition map)
- Consistent coordinate conversions (with BLS / BLM)
- BFA scoring: difficulty with creative directors
- Near miss flying reports → Through safety officer
- 3D shapes implement fairly early

NTSC / Balloon Live team is working with Andrew Robertson on a proposal for a scoring software that is working as part of WatchMeFly.

7 ANY NEW BUSINESS

Proposal by Marc: What about applying competition penalties (e.g. PZ infringement) to a flight/total instead of to a task. This would reduce the work for scorer and the total scores are not affected. Suggestion: All competition penalty-points can be combined as a new column on the totals. Claude will bring this up in the AX WG.

8 2021 SWG CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

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 Bengt Stener (SWE)
 David Bareford (GBR)
 Steve Ireland (AUS)
 Lynn Sullivan (USA)

Aline Kalousdian (BRA) resigned

No observer wanted to join the group as a member.

9 Motions

Approve the update to the COH and publish it as COH 2021

Note: Discussion on a new scoring formula is delayed to 2022 because of time constraints.

Lynn Sullivan approached us after the meeting and adding her as a member was approved by email.



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