



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

**CIA Conference
Lausanne, Switzerland
17th – 20th March 2021**

2021 Statues, By-Laws and Sporting Code WG

Zoom Conference

Wednesday 10th February 2021 19:00 – 21:30 UTC

Meeting Minutes

1. Working Group members present:

Chair	Les Purfield (GBR)
Members:	Mark Sullivan (USA) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Appologies	Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Guest	Jean-Claude Weber (LUX)
Observers	Debbie Spaeth (USA) Marc Andre (SUI) Ilona Gizatulina (RUS) Yury Mityagin (RUS)

2. The Agenda was approved by the meeting as presented.

A proposed additional AOB item regarding the Covid situation, and how it may affect the 2021 events, resulted in some discussion.

The main concerns were how to decide any timescale for go/no go decisions and what would constitute a valid event regarding the number of competitors. Other items discussed were No Shows, what happens if borders are closed to some countries or competitors test positive on entry. How the Jury would handle these situations.

The members felt that the CIA should have robust plan in place as to how the various scenarios would be handled, this is required to prevent last minute decisions having to be made without consultation.

There were various views from the members present, from an early decision to 60 day decision. JCW reminded us that only the Organiser can cancel an event, the FAI/CIA may only withdraw the sanction.

It was agreed that Lindsay Muir and Les Purfield would try to produce a proposal regarding the decision criteria, which could be presented to the Plenary in March

3. Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes

The 2019 meeting minutes were approved as published, as no meeting was held in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

4. Review of required SC01 document actions. (Annex 1 & 1a)

The proposed changes to SC01 were discussed and the following proposals agreed.

Annex 1

SC01 Chapter 5

5.6.3.3 Round 3

Following a request by the organiser to the CIA, a further round of invitations may be sent out as in Round 2.

Invitations will follow on from where Round 2 ended.

Invitations will only be sent out up to the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate.

Invitations will not be accepted later than 60 days for World Championships and 45 days for Continental Championships before the start of the event.

If all invitations using the ranking method in round 2 have been allocated, and the maximum number of competitors has not been achieved, then additional invitations should be offered to any NAC that was not entitled to additional invitations in round 2, due to not having entered the previous competition. Invitations should be allocated in order of entry received in Round 1.

Note: Organisers should consider the invitation process in round 2 and decide how many places they wish to offer in round 1, so as to achieve their maximum number of competitors before submitting the Sanction Application.

SC01 ANNEX 7 - FIRST CATEGORY EVENT BIDDING and SANCTION PROCEDURES.

1. FAI CATEGORY 1 EVENTS

1.1 Intentions to Bid

Intentions to bid and bids from an NAC to organise a First Category Sporting Event must be presented in the standardised CIA format published in the CIA Bidding Check-list and timetable, and shall be subject to the following bidding process:

1.2 World, or Continental Regional Championship - General:

Intentions to bid must be received by the CIA at least 60 days before the date fixed for the CIA meeting three calendar years before the year scheduled for the Event. They shall be included in the Agenda of that meeting.

Exceptionally, and only if the CIA has received less than 2 intentions to bid in accordance with the three year deadline, the CIA may accept intentions to bid up to 60 days before the date fixed for the CIA meeting two calendar years before the year scheduled for the event.

Intentions to bid shall not be accepted more than six years before the year of the event.

The letters of intent, supported by a letter of recommendation from the bidders' NAC, shall be presented to the CIA meeting by the bidding NACs' respective CIA delegates and be recorded in the meeting minutes. The letters of intent must contain the following information:

- The title, dates and place of the event,
- the organiser's name, coordinates and qualifications,
- the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate,
- the equal number of competitors to be invited from each eligible NAC,
- the organiser's policy on entry-fees.

1.3 World, or Continental Regional Championship – Women and Junior:

Bids, supported by the complete bid files listed in para 1.5 and a letter of recommendation from the bidders' NAC, must be received by the Event Development Service (EDS) 60 days before the CIA Plenary meeting two calendar years before the year scheduled for the Event.

They shall be included in the Agenda of that meeting. The bidding NACs' respective CIA delegates shall present the bids to the CIA meeting, supported by the complete bid files.

Bids shall be considered by this meeting and the CIA is empowered to accept or reject such bids.

Voting by the Plenary to award the organisation of the event shall be by simple majority.

Re-number remaining paragraphs 1.4 – 1.8

Annex 1a

Change “GPS” to “GNSS”

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- Page 23 Section A.4
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5. IR CHAPTER 12 - CIA TROPHIES

12.3 THE WORLD HOT AIR AIRSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

12.3.1 The Challenge Cup was donated in 1988 by the Luxembourg National Aeroclub.

- 12.3.2 The Challenge Cup shall be awarded to the NAC of the winner of the Championship, custodian of the Challenge CUP until the next Championship.

The Cup will be won permanently if a pilot or pilots from the same NAC win the World Hot Air Airship Championship, at three consecutive Championships.

- 12.3.3 The NAC that becomes the final holder of the Challenge Cup has the right to offer a new Cup. If within one month this NAC has not informed the CIA of its intention to use its right, the CIA may accept a new CUP from another NAC or another source.

12.4 THE EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

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12.5.2 Regulations regarding awarding of the trophy are laid down in Chapter IV and V of the COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT rules.

6. 2019 GB Jury decision. Landing position.

After discussion within the WG it was decided that no action was required in Section 1.

The 2020 Gordon Bennett MER 7.1 has been updated to reflect the 2019 Jury decision.

7. AOB

Subject to any future decisions by WADA /FAI it is considered by this working group that adequate provision is made for athletes to enter as a FAI Participants under the General Section rules:

GS 4.5.1 ENTRANT: a person or NAC from whom a completed entry form has been received for participation in a sporting event. A person or persons unable to represent an NAC may be authorized to participate by the FAI Executive Board or the ASC concerned, such person or team being defined as FAI Participants.

GS 4.5.5.3 FAI Participants may be invited to participate in international sporting events providing that the organizing NAC and the relevant ASC approve.

GS 4.6.2 FAI competitors or teams complying with 4.5.1 and/or 4.6.1 may be invited to participate in international sporting events, providing that the organizing NAC confirms that vacancies exist.

8. 2021/2022 WG members and Chairperson

The WG recommends to approve the following members:

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Members:	Mark Sullivan (USA)
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	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
	Hikomori Soejima (JPN)

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Summary of motions from Statutes By-Laws & Sporting Code Working Group:

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Motion 4:

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