CSC Report and Survey Summary 2022

Friday, March 18, 2022
Use the link in the CSC Minutes (in the cloud)
The results of the CSC survey was discussed at length.
203 responses were received and the results can be found here:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-2X8CZJ2Q9/
password:  CSC_2022
Q1: Which Country Do You Represent? (27 countries in total)

Answered: 203    Skipped: 0
Q2: How are you involved in competition ballooning

Answered: 203    Skipped: 0
Q4: EVENTS
How many events (competitions) per year do you normally compete in?

Answered: 191    Skipped: 12
Q5: HOURS How many hours have you logged in hot air balloons?

Answered: 191    Skipped: 12

- 0 - 100
- 101 - 250
- 251 - 500
- 501 - 1000
- 1001 - 2000
- 2000+

[Bar chart showing distribution of hours logged]
Q6: YEARS
How many years have you been flying hot air balloons?

Answered: 191    Skipped: 12
Q7: LEVEL OF COMPETITION
What is the HIGHEST level of competition you have ever competed in?

Answered: 191   Skipped: 12
Q9: In how many FLIGHTS have you used the balloon live app?

Answered: 186    Skipped: 17
Q10: Balloon Live Sensor vs Internal GPS

How often do you use the Balloon Live Sensor with the App?

Answered: 170    Skipped: 33
Q11: Balloon Live App

How would you rate your experience with the app so far?

Answered: 184    Skipped: 19
Q15: If such a decentralized competition was organized regularly, should it be run as an FAI CAT1 event?

Answered: 165    Skipped: 38
Q20: Are automatic penalties fair?

Answered: 167    Skipped: 36
Q21: Are the current vertical speed limits used for penalties fair?

Answered: 166    Skipped: 37
Q22: How satisfied are you with the way the World Ranking List works?

Answered: 161    Skipped: 42
Q24: Do you use a PAPER map in competition?

Answered: 165    Skipped: 38
Q25: Should events continue to provide PAPER maps? (Remember there is a cost to produce these maps)

Answered: 167    Skipped: 36
Q27: Have you ever used Open Topo maps in competition?

Answered: 167    Skipped: 36
Q29: What are the MINIMUM services that should be provided to a pilot when entering a CAT1 event?

Answered: 164  Skipped: 39
Q30: For the MINIMUM services you listed in the previous question, what is an acceptable Entry Fee?

Answered: 164    Skipped: 39
Q33: Do you think Competition events should have their briefings remotely (through zoom etc.)?

Answered: 164    Skipped: 39
Q34: In competition, do you use a camera mounted on the TOP of your balloon to see balloons above you?

Answered: 161    Skipped: 42
Q35: Should competitors be REQUIRED to have a Camera on the top of their balloon to see balloons above in CAT 1 events?

Answered: 159    Skipped: 44
Invitation process:

All countries be represented
The best pilots from around the world

There is not an equal number of “top pilots” in each country
We are at or near the limit of maximum number of competitors (100+5)
As a comparison:
If we go to 3 per country (with a field of 100+5) we would likely eliminate 44 of the top 106 pilots in the world

42% of the worlds top pilots would not be allowed to attend

This reduces the value of it being a World Championship
MOTION 1

“To modify the sporting code to reflect that for General AX World Championships:

The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of two competitors to each eligible NAC.”
Recommendation to Delegates

It is clear that given the reduced number of quality bids, delegates often vote to approve events that are not of sufficient quality to achieve the goals of world-class competition.

*We would like to ask that if the bids being presented are not of sufficient quality, that delegates discuss with their competitors in advance and be prepared to vote for quality even if that means there will be no championship in a given year.*
BACKGROUND TO MOTION 2

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MOTION 2

To approve a change to the sporting code, such that:
The host country of a General AX World Championship may be granted one additional invitation if they accept both first round invitations and, would otherwise have no more than two competitors in the event.
When selecting Pilots for a World Championship, what should the priority be?

Answered: 230   Skipped: 23

- **Make sure every country is invited, but allow countries to earn additional places based on their pilots previous worlds.**
- **Select pilots from as many countries as possible, even if it excludes many of the 'best' pilots in the world.**
- **Select ONLY the 'best'...**
- **Other**
- **Don't know**
- **Other / Comment**
Should the invitation process ensure that there is a second round, based on the previous World Championship results?

Answered: 229   Skipped: 24
MOTION A-2

“To direct the S1 Working Group to change to the sporting code with immediate effect, such that:

The host NAC of a General AX World Championship shall be granted one additional ‘wild card’ invitation to use for their NAC.”

Notes: The 10% rule is still in effect.

“Immediate effect” means beginning with events sanctioned at this Plenary
To direct S1 Working Group to modify the sporting code with immediate effect to reflect that for General AX World Championships:

_The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of two competitors to each eligible NAC._

Reminder: The “equal number” is the FIRST round. Immediate effect means any event that has not yet been sanctioned.