

**Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Agenda  
2022 CSC Meeting – Rome, Italy**

1. Current Members

Andrew Baird	USA	CHAIR
Paolo Oggioni	ITA	
Gerald Sturzlinger	AUT	WRL
Uwe Schneider	GER	WRL
Maury Sullivan	USA	
Tadas Gegevicus	LTU	
Hikomori Soejima	JPN	
Sam Parks	USA	
David Strassmann	GER	
Sylvia Meini	GER	
Markus Kalousdian	BRA	
Igor Miklousic	CRO	

2. Roll call, accounting for absences

- Andrew Baird USA CHAIR
- Paolo Oggioni ITA
- Uwe Schneider GER WRL
- Maury Sullivan USA
- Hiromori Soejima JPN (online)
- Sam Parks USA
- David Strassmann GER
- Sylvia Meini GER
- Markus Kalousdian BRA

Apologies received from: Igor Miklousic CRO

Observers

- Lindsay Muir UK
- David Bareford UK
- Christoph Fraisl AUT
- Cheri White USA
- Sebastien Eimers GER

3. World Ranking List update

- a. List keepers TBD
- b. Update on WRL hosting and changes
- c. Alternative WRL Formulae
  - i. Update from Working Group members (Baird, Schneider, Molnar, Pellegroni)

A brief report on the WRL was presented: It is now live on Watchmefly.net, and national rankings have been received from 14 countries. It will be refreshed with the new data and will go live in early April, 2022.

The CSC survey contains some comments about the desire to update the WRL formula. No changes have been made, but this is still a subject for work and discussion within this committee.

#### 4. Discussion and Review of 2021 Events (if any)

A brief discussion was held, but kept short due to the number of event cancellations.

- a. Jury Reports
- b. Rules
- c. Scoring
- d. Safety
- e. Other

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

- a. Discussion of EDS items

The EDS Chair and EDS SC members described the challenges they face in getting accurate and timely information from bidders. This is especially true for financial information – specifically the budget. Also discussed was the concern over constantly increasing entry fees. This sparked a lengthy conversation about entry fees and the low number and generally poor quality of bids.

It is clear that competitors are very concerned by the increasing entry fees and declining quantity and quality of bids.

It is also 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.

Lastly, we recognize that there is not much reward for hosting a CAT-1 event. To encourage more countries to bid and to promote their standing on the World stage. We therefore propose a motion (stated later in this document) to allow the country hosting an AX General World Championship, who would otherwise only have two slots in the competition, to be granted one additional slot.

#### 6. Invitation process for postponed events

- a. Discuss any issues relating to handling of invitation for postponed events (ongoing from 2021)

A brief discussion was held, but there are no action items.

#### 7. 2022 CSC Pilot Survey results

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

#### 8. Remote Competitions

- a. Updates from 2021 Agenda Item (any changes?)

It is clear from the discussions and from the survey that many pilots enjoyed the remote competitions, and found them useful for practice, especially during the COVID lockdown when most real events were cancelled. However the feedback is clear that the events cannot be made truly fair and should not ever be considered for CAT1 status.

#### 9. Competitor Issues for 2023 / Survey topics

This was tabled for discussion at future meetings

#### 10. Old Business

- a. Results of prior year recommendations to other Committees and working groups

- i. Operator of the Controls

No action taken. This is still an issue for concern, and needs further discussion and work.

- ii. Release of physical markers

No action taken. This is still an issue for discussion and further work.

- iii. First round invitations

A lengthy discussion was held about the invitation process. In keeping with the strong results from previous CSC surveys, it is clear that competitors want the opportunity to compete with a representation of the best pilots from around the world. This means that all member countries must have the opportunity to attend. However, it is equally important that as many of the best pilots in the world should also attend, recognizing that each country does not have an equal number of the World's best pilots.

It is also acknowledged that the current format for an AX World Championship of 100 invitations plus medal holder is close to the practical limit for the number of competitors, and that a significant increase to the maximum number of competitors is not practical.

Therefore, to achieve the goal of hosting the highest quality World Championship which invites each eligible country AND the best competitors in the World, we believe the first-round invitations should be limited to a maximum of two per country in the first round.

#### MOTION

"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."*

It should be noted that this motion is not intended to affect smaller events such as Junior and Women's World Championships. However, we believe the Sporting Code may need some work to accommodate the invitation process for these smaller events which may have as few as 35 competitors, and the potential of first-round invitations to exceed 70 invitations.

- b. Remote Competitions

- i. Updates and feedback from Competitors

See Item 8

- c. Operator of the controls

- i. Updates from previous e-plenary and discussion of further action if needed

No action taken. This is still an issue for concern, and needs further discussion and work.

#### 11. New Business

- a. 2022 Feedback from previous committee/working group online meetings

- b. Any other new business

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

**MOTION**

“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.”*

**MOTION**

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.

**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.

13. CSC Members and Chairperson for 2022/2023

There were no changes to the proposed members and chair.

**Proposed members:**

Andrew Baird	USA	
Paolo Oggioni	ITA	
Gerald Sturzlinger	AUT	WRL
Uwe Schneider	GER	WRL
Maury Sullivan	USA	
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**Proposed Chair:**

Andrew Baird USA

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10,