



CIA Bureau decisions 2020



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PLENARY 2020 CANCELLATION

After careful consideration and consultation with the FAI head office, the CIA bureau has decided to cancel the March 2020 CIA Plenary and Committee meetings. This was a difficult decision. The Coronavirus situation was rapidly evolving as the virus spread quickly throughout the world. Each country's travel recommendations and meeting policies were being updated almost daily, with many countries advising at the time of the decision social-distancing, reschedule all large events, and recommended even smaller meetings be postponed until the outbreak is under control.

15 APRIL 2020

POLAND 2ND WOMENS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TIMELINE

The bureau received a proposal from the Polish organizers. The bureau reviewed it and came to the following decisions:

The bureau does not want a re-opening of first round invitations and proposes to have a standby list which will include all pilots who did not make first or second round deadline (as per SC S1 5.6.5.2) and to have the option of a third round of invitations.

The proposed timeline is:

May 11th decision on "Go – No Go" for the event
May 18th entry deadline of round 2
May 22nd entry deadline of standby list entries
May 18th start invitation for 3rd round.
June 11th entry deadline of round 3

It would be good if the liaison of EDS can be part of the decision making on May 11th.

The postponement of the event will only be accepted with written agreement from conflicting events. If there is a request for **postponing the event in Poland to 2023 (correction of typo)** this request will be brought to the plenary.

POLAND GORDON BENNETT 2020 TIMELINE

The bureau received a proposal from the Polish organizers. The bureau reviewed it and came to the following decisions:

The request for the extension of the entry deadline until June 15th is accepted.

The proposed deadline of May 15th to decide latest on how to go ahead with the event is accepted.

24TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLOVENIA

The bureau received a request from Brazil to look into a personal situation from one of the pilots and wanted his application to be accepted after the first round deadline due to personal circumstances.

The bureau supports the decision of the organizer and event director not to accept the pilot in question as it is fully in line with the rules in place and therefore the first round applications are closed and will not be reopened.

29 APRIL 2020

4TH WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POLAND

1. *Options for postponing instead of cancelling.*

The organizer can ask the bureau for permission to postpone their event. The bureau will only consider postponing to 2021 if there is written consent from Australia to postpone their event as well.

In case of cancellation of the event the 4th Womens World Championship will be registered as cancelled.

The Australian event in any case will be the 5th Womens World Hot Air Balloon Championship regardless of whether the 4th championship is postponed or cancelled.

The organisation has to the opportunity to propose a bid for the 6th Womens World Championship in 2023, at the 2021 plenary meeting.

2. *The current invitation process.*

In the invitation process normally personal / individual invitations are sent to the three medal holders. At this moment the medal holders are part of the participants invited in the first round. And therefore it could be seen as if these countries are not fulfilling the first round three participants. However the bureau considers:

- The medal holders need to get a personal invitation.
- The second round should go ahead as normal.
- The places that become vacant because the medal holder is not taking that spot anymore (because she is invited personally) can now be replaced in writing by the NAC with another participant.

3. *Increase the maximum participants you are willing to accept.*

The bureau has decided not to accept the request of the Polish organizer to increase their maximum number of participants from 45 to 50 in any case the intended 45 limit would not be reached. Just increasing the limit to rise the 10% limit for maximum competitors of a country is not acceptable.

The bureau believes that with the other measures set in place (third round, standby list and correcting medal holders invitation) there is enough opportunity to create a good field of participants.

LOGO ON NEW LOGGER

The bureau has approved that the FAI/CIA logo may be printed on the new loggers for the balloon live project which are developed in cooperation with the new technology subcommittee and produced by Volirium (Flytec Balloon). The approval must also be given by the FAI secretary general.

18 MAY 2020

4TH WOMENS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POLAND CANCELLATION

The bureau has accepted the cancellation letter from the Polish organizers. The sanction fee will be refunded immediately and the performance bond will be refunded after the entry fees have been refunded to the pilots.

The FAI will sign the cancellation letter.

GORDON BENNETT 2020 POLAND POSTPONEMENT

The bureau has accepted the request from the Polish organizers to postpone their event until 2021. This decision is made because the organizers for the 2021 Gordon Bennett had approved with postponing their event to 2022.

The FAI will sign the postponement letter.

GORDON BENNETT 2020 POLAND POSTPONEMENT

The bureau has accepted Poland's request to publish the dates for the 2021 Gordon Bennett no later than Sept 30, 2020. This gives the organizer the necessary time to finalize their plan.

GORDON BENNETT 2022 SWITZERLAND

The bureau has decided that all deadlines for Switzerland are moved by 1 year (Sanction Application, etc.)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 EXTENSION OF DEADLINE ROUND 2

The bureau has offered to extend the deadline for round 2 to 25-6-2020. The organization has accepted that offer.

WORLD AIR GAMES DUBAI FINANCES

The bureau has decided not to re-open any of the cases for refunding of WAG Dubai. This has been closed a few years ago.

2 JUNE 2020

POSTPONEMENT 24TH FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLOVENIA

The bureau has received a request from the organizers of the 24th FAI World Championship in Slovenia to postpone the event until 2022 and to increase the entry fee due to unforeseen costs due to the pandemic. Which led to the following 6 decisions:

1. The request for this postponement has been accepted.
2. The proposed new entry fee of 900 euro has been accepted.
3. The current invitation process will be stopped immediately.
4. The decision about the invitation process for the 2022 World Championship will be made by the 2021 CIA plenary.
5. The Performance bond shall be returned after proof of refund of all entry fees.
6. The 25th World Championship will be run in 2024. The bidding process will restart with intentions to bid in 2021 and sanction in 2022.

BALLOON LIVE ONLINE COMPETITION EVENT

The bureau has decided to work together with the German organizer to start a 'Balloon Live Contest'. This will be a decentralised competition for German speaking countries in the beginning, opened up for more countries as soon as practicable.

The bureau would like to investigate the possibilities and opportunities for decentralised competitions and has requested the Event Organizers Subcommittee and the Competitors Subcommittee to review this and other decentralised balloon competitions and to report about it at the 2021 plenary meeting.

LOGGER PURCHASE

The New Technology subcommittee has requested approval of the purchase of 50 Balloon Live Sensors (GPS & barometric sensor for) from Flytec Balloon to start testing them with the BalloonLive app. This is in line with the proposal of the subcommittee of the BalloonLive program during the 2018 plenary meeting.

The bureau has approved the request to purchase 50 Balloon Live Sensors.

21 JUNE 2020

WORLD RANKING LIST

The bureau has decided to put the current ranking list on hold. A new project will be developed and presented to the plenary meeting in 2021. The latest version of the world ranking list (July 2019) is available at <https://watchmefly.net/comp/wr.php>. The ranking list will not be updated until after a decision is made.

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND PROCEDURE

The following procedure has been put in place for organizers to request the performance bond:

1. The organizer emails the bureau to inform them they have returned all the entry fees.
2. The organizer provides the bureau with email information from the registered pilots.
3. The bureau will send an email to the pilots to confirm their entry fees has been returned.
4. The pilots will have 2 weeks to respond. No response means a positive answer. The bureau will accept a difference based on bank administration fees.
5. The performance bond will be returned.



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