



CIVL 2024 PLENARY – ANNEXE 25C PROPOSAL BUREAU – STEWARD EXECUTIVE POWER

Background

The steward role, power and responsibilities are described in the Section 7 Common 11.1.4. – The steward cannot override the decisions of the Meet or Event Director, but the steward should point out that his/her actions may fail under a protest.

The CIVL Bureau believes that the steward should have more power to ensure the fairness, quality, or integrity of the event.

The proposal gives the steward executive power, but only after consultation with the Jury President.

Consultation doesn't mean agreement. A juror being consulted before a steward's decision doesn't question his/her integrity and independence if the steward's decision is protested against. This juror's role is in line with the FAI Jury Guidelines 4.3. Jury's duty may not be only arbitration in case of a protest, but also counselling and rule interpretation at any time during the competition:

The proposal is in line with the new version of the Sporting Code General Section that will be implemented on January 1, 2024 – Steward ... may have executive powers as defined in the Specialised Section of the Sporting Code.

Section 7 Common 11.1.4. also states: On the steward role, power and responsibilities, see the CIVL Steward Handbook.

It is deemed necessary to specify that the handbook (currently being updated) is a set of guidelines, not rules.

Proposal

Amend Sporting Code, Section 7 - Class O Common; para 11.1.4 to read:

Refer to the General Section of the Sporting Code 5.2.2. regarding the steward's duties, executive powers and responsibilities.

After that the Jury President has been consulted, the Steward can override decisions of the Meet or Event Director, if necessary, to ensure compliance with the Sporting Code Section 7 and/or to otherwise ensure the fairness, safety, or integrity of the event.

Such decisions of the steward may be protested directly to the Jury without following the complaint process.

The Steward Guidelines document is adjusted accordingly.

Note

The mandatory consultation of the Jury President doesn't mean that he/she agrees with the steward's decision.