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Judging Code preface

This Judging Code complements and should be read in conjunction with the FAI/CIVL Sporting Code Section 7C. This document is in continuous development and following proposals from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee, and with Bureau approval, may be modified and a new version published between Plenaries. Modified paragraphs will be marked with a side bar. Such modifications should be subsequently approved by the next CIVL Plenary.

1.0 General Requirements

Refer Sporting Code Section 7C:

- Judges shall be of high integrity and must be capable of making fair and unbiased decisions.
- Judges must have a detailed knowledge of the General Section of the Sporting Code; of Section 7C, the Local Regulations for the event they are judging, the Judging Code; and other relevant documents published by FAI and CIVL.
- The Chief and Event Judges must have basic knowledge about the safety limits of paragliding.
- English is the official language of CIVL.
 - In 1st Category Events, all Judges shall speak English.
 - In 2nd Category Events, if more than 50% of the pilots are from a country other than the one organizing the event, the Chief Judge and Event Judge as a minimum shall speak English. If less than 50% of the pilots are from a country other than the one organizing the event, an English translator shall be available at all times.

Judges should record the event they judge in a logbook. They shall present their logbook to the Chief or Event Judge on request.

Judges may have their appointment revoked by the Chief Judge if they fail to maintain the standards of this code or are guilty of misdemeanours during the competition.

2.0 Approval

Refer FAI/CIVL Sporting Code Section 7C Para 9.2 regarding approval of judges to operate at CIVL sanctioned events.

3.0 Judging Team

The Judging Team shall consist of at least the following number of Judges:

1st Category Events

Chief Judge	1
Event Judge	1
Target Judges	3

Reserve Judges 3
Total 8

The Judging Team shall be from 3 different nations.
Chief and Event Judges shall be from 2 different nations.
The Chief Judge cannot be from the organizing nation.

Test-Events for 1st Category Events

Chief Judge 1
Event Judge 1
Target Judges 3
Reserve Judges 2
Total 7

The Judging Team shall be from 2 different nations.
Chief and Event Judges shall be from 2 different nations. Preferably, they should be the same Judges as for the 1st Category Event.

2nd Category Events

Chief Judge 1
Event Judge 1
Target Judges 2
Reserve Judges 1
Total 5

The Judging Team shall be from 2 different nations if at least 50% of the pilots are from another nation than the organizing one.

If less than 50 pilots are expected in the Event, the Chief Judge and Event Judge can be one person.

4.0 Nomination

Members of the Judging Team are appointed by:

1st Category Events and Test-Events for 1st Category Events

Chief Judge: CIVL in consultation with the Organiser
Event Judge: CIVL in consultation with the Chief Judge and the Organiser
Target and reserve judges: CIVL in consultation with the Chief Judge and the Organiser

2nd Category Events

Chief Judge: Organiser
Other Judges: Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge.

5.0 Selection

The Judging Team members for a Category 1 event are selected by the CIVL from those with appropriate levels of experience and who are registered on the CIVL Cat 1 list of judges.

1st Category Events

The Judging Team members shall participate in a judging seminar directly prior to the start of the event. The seminar is conducted by the Chief Judge. Judges need to have the following experience in FAI sanctioned events:

Chief Judge

- Acted at least twice as Event Judge in the last 4 years (at least once at a 1st Category Event)
- and
- Acted at least once as Chief Judge in a 1st or 2nd Category Event in the last 4 years.
 - Must have knowledge and understanding of safety limits of paragliding.

Event Judge

- Acted as Target Judge at least 4 times
- and
- Acted as Event or Chief Judge in at least two 1st or 2nd Category Events in the last 3 years.
 - Must have knowledge and understanding of safety limits of paragliding.

Target and Reserve Judges

- Performed as Target Judge in at least two 2nd Category Events in the last 2 years.

2nd Category Events

For 2nd Category Events, judges should have the following experience in FAI sanctioned events:

Chief Judge

- Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years.

Event Judge

- Acted twice as Target Judge in the last 3 years.
- Or
- Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years.

Target Judge

- Attended national judging training in the last 3 years or acted as Target Judge in the last 3 years.

6.0 Judges Responsibilities

6.1 Chief Judge

The Chief Judge is the leader of the Judging Team. He shall:

- Be available for the selection of the Judging Team and ensuring that all requirements are met.
- In 1st Category Events, be the main Lecturer in the mandatory judging seminar.
- Hold a preparatory meeting for the Judging Team and supporting roles before the official training ground.

- Ensure that correct judging standards are maintained by all members of the Judging Team.
- Ensure that all required equipment is available and in working order.
- Approves the automatic measuring device and target area (location, target surface, set up).
- Attend all briefings of competitors and, if necessary, participate in them.
- Confer with the Event Judge and the Meet Director if a request is made to temporarily stop the competition.
- Receive, review, make decisions on and record any initial complaints
- Decide to start a video evidence review according to S7C.
- Stop the competition after he has conferred with the Event Judge, the Meet Director and the Safety Director if any of these Officials consider that conditions are becoming dangerous.
- Check the score sheet and sign it (with date and time) to confirm the validity of round scores.
- Ensure the results of a competition are correct, published and in accordance with S7C before finishing event flying. (For example, identifying tied scores and notifying the Meet Director the need for fly-offs)
- Keep a record of the Judging Team and provide this information to CIVL Competition Coordinator so the International Judging Database can be updated.

6.2 Event Judge

The Event Judge shall:

- Set out and check the target area.
- Ensure the automatic measuring device is operating correctly
- Ensure the smooth running of the target area.
- Position the Target Judges and allocate their tasks.
- Take over any of the duties within the target area if necessary.
- Observe competitors' separation in the air and during final approach.
- Observe pilots' route from take-off to landing.
- In a 1st Category Event, participate in the mandatory judging seminar.
- Observe and take competition safety flying decisions with regard to flying standards and weather conditions, particularly at the target area.
- Make decisions on re-flights.

6.3 Target Judges

The Target Judges shall:

- Observe all contacts of pilot and their equipment with the ground and decide if the pilot can be scored or if it is a fall.
- If the pilot is scored, decide whether the first point of ground contact is with the left or right foot, or both feet.
- Mark the first point of ground contact if it is between the automatic measuring device and outer limit of the target and measure the distance between this point and the edge of the dead centre disc.
- If there was more than one point of first ground contact, mark and measure the furthest point of contact.
- If the automatic measuring device is defective, also mark and measure within the device limits.
- Call the score to the Recorder.

At least one Judge is in charge of observing if the pilot can be scored or if it is a fall.

At least one Judge is in charge of observing which foot touches the ground first.

Only one Judge is in charge of calling the score.

6.4 Video Measurement judge

VMJ:

- Observe all contacts of pilot and their equipment with the ground and decide if the pilot can be scored or if it is a fall.
- If the pilot is scored, decide whether the first point of ground contact is with the left or right foot, or both feet.
- Mark the first point of ground contact if it is between the automatic measuring device and outer limit of the target and measure the distance between this point and the edge of the dead centre disc.
- If there was more than one point of first ground contact, mark and measure the furthest point of contact.
- If the automatic measuring device is defective, also mark and measure within the device limits.
- Call the score to the Recorder.
- Review the video evidence to CJ or EJ when the consultation is necessary

6.5 Recorder/Scorer

The Recorder is part of the judging team and is responsible for the proper collation of a competition's scores.

The Recorder shall:

- Repeat the score called by the Target Judge.
- Record the score on the official scoring log sheet.
- Ensures that pilots sign their scores on the official log sheet.
- Record the start, finish and stand down times of the rounds on the official log sheet.
- Note the award of re-launches.
- Enter scores onto the scoring software application and check accuracy
- Where applicable post scores onto the internet.
- Ensure CJ checks, dates, times and signs official sheets.
- Post official score sheets on the official notice board.9.6.4.

7.0 Other Responsibilities

7.1 Launch Marshal

The Launch Marshal is not a Judge. He is an official appointed by the Organisers.

The Launch Marshal shall:

- Be responsible for the smooth running of take-off operations.
- Have knowledge and experience of local weather and flying conditions.
- Have background of being a paragliding pilot and experience of local flights.
- Open and close the take-off area.
- Call pilots to prepare.
- Ensure pilots take off in accordance with the published flying order list.
- Allow launches out of flying order in special cases.
- Communicate with the Chief Judge, Event Judge and Meet Director regarding flying conditions, safety and the running competition.
- Communicate with pilots on take-off regarding safety and competition logistics.

7.2 Wind Speed Monitor

The Wind Speed Monitor is not a Judge. He is appointed by the Organisers. A Wind Speed Monitor may not be required if there is an automatic wind recording system within an electronic AMD.

The Wind Speed Monitor shall:

- Observe the wind speed by using a wind speed-measuring device in the period of 30 seconds before the landing by a competitor.
- If the wind exceeds the maximum value, record the value on the official wind speed log sheet and notify the Event Judge.

In 2nd Category Events, Wind Speed Monitor service can be simplified by using mechanical instruments, but in case of marginal winds, the Organiser must provide a person for observing and continuously reporting wind speed to the Event Judge.

8.0 Equipment

8.1 Automatic Measuring Device

Refer 5.4.2

8.2 Other measuring and scoring equipment

Judges shall have necessary equipment to work efficiently at the target. See Guidelines and Templates for Judging check list for organisers.

8.3 Clothing

Refer Sporting Code Section 7C

All Judges shall wear clothes (vests, t-shirts, etc.) of highly visible colours.

In 1st category events, breathable clothing shall be provided by the organiser according to the weather conditions. The clothing shall have a FAI/CIVL logo, and a clear text 'JUDGE' on the back.

8.4 Communication

Refer Sporting Code Section 7C:

8.5 Shelter

Refer Sporting Code Section 7C

9.0 Judging seminars

CIVL Judging seminars can be organized by the CIVL, by an Event organiser, and/or by a NAC.

CIVL Judging seminars shall be approved by CIVL Bureau at least 60 days before they take part and shall be made public on CIVL website.

The main lecturer shall be a Chief Judge who is experienced at the level of the event i.e. World, Continental, National etc. Other contributing lecturers may be Event Judges or CIVL Officials (Steward, Jury, Bureau Members...).

Depending on availability of funds, CIVL may cover travel expenses for some lecturers.

A CIVL Judging seminar shall be organized just prior to each 1st Category Event and their pre-events. Programme will follow the CIVL Judging seminar syllabus.

NACs may organise their own national seminars for 2nd category event judges using the syllabus and judging seminar material provided on the CIVL website.

10.0 Judging register

Refer Sporting Code Section 7C

The CIVL category 1 judges list has been compiled and is maintained by CIVL.

All Judges attending CIVL's judging seminars and appointed to act as judges at category 1 competitions or their pre-events are recorded on the list. It should be noted that a CIVL Cat1 seminar's syllabus includes judging theory, practice and consolidation, each of which has to be completed before a judge is registered on the CIVL database.

CIVL judging seminar organisers are responsible for collecting and submitting data on judges to CIVL.

11.0 Logbooks

All Judges should have and maintain their own Judging Logbooks and should get the Chief or Event Judges to sign it off at the end of the event.

All Judges shall present their Judging Logbooks to the Chief or Event Judge on request.