CIVA Judging Committee Report

All Contest both Gliders & Power has sufficient Qualified Judges allocated, however at WAAC a problem arose, that two experienced and qualified Judges arrived at the contest with inexperienced assistants who didn’t comply with what is stated in the Regulations. This almost certainly had a detrimental effect on their Judging performance.

This has highlighted a flaw in our Selection Process, we in future will need to require Judges to specifically nominate their assistants, and if not known to the CIVA Judging Committee, show the experience of their assistants, before the selection of the Judge is confirmed.

What is stated in the Regulations is vague 1.3.2.4. c) “must have a qualified assistant” but it is not spelt out what this means.

I would like to suggest that this should mean “an assistant must be a qualified judge at the Unlimited Level” the JSC should call for proof in the form of RI data from a National Championships. It is accepted that there may be some exceptions, where a Judge has worked as a team with another person for a number of years and the Judge has an acceptable judging record, whilst working with this person.

The International Judging List is out of date and contains many persons (the vast majority) who have not performed in recent years at an International Competition, and this need to be discussed at Plenary.

It is recommended that perhaps, we remove any Judges who have never performed at a Contest, or those that have not performed in the past five years. In order to get acceptance to the International Judging List in the 1st instance, a motivation showing actual performance at a National Competition should be submitted (as per our Selection procedure to appoint judges already in existence).

A judging seminar was carried out successfully in Argentina, with twenty-four judges attending, the seminar consisted of both theoretical & practical sessions, the exercise was successful and I look forward to activity in Argentina in the near future and participation at International level.

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