

Chairman of Rules comments on Section 9 Chapter 8 proposed rule changes 2018

Included	Not Changed			Observations
Article	Short description (details are enclosed in the attached file)	YES or NO	Notes	
	CHAPTER 2			
1.7	Sporting licenses, changing nation, 2 instead of 36 months			This now allows for licence flipping and therefore the restrictions of country representation restricted by the general section is completely avoided. It can also lead to many strong international crews taking many of the ranked places without the need to qualify for their country and therefore take places away from countries with qualifying crews. What incentive has a competitor if he or she can only achieve say the 20 place onwards because crews who did not qualify for the stronger countries fill international
1.11 NEW	Crew uses different types of helicopters		ASK IRINA	See 1.2 To allow this and licence flipping would create a specific competition of its own within the event. And therefore dilute opportunity for qualifying crews of national teams. International teams would be incentivised would be open to abuse.
6.2	FAI safety Rules - delete		Not deleted	They may be instruction and we should be in a position to address and act. If not we appear not to consider potential issues.
6.7	Vary manoeuvre between the A and F (from 3 to 0 turns)			All weather related changes should be agreed by the team managers avoiding the potential for a home advantage. It could be abused.
6.8	Pictures of MFOs with dots marking centre			MFOs were intended as specific separation points and now they have penalties associated with them. At these positions a crew should be more concerned about looking out for other aircraft not what is on the ground without protection.
7.5	Technical Team mounts film cameras - clarification			
10.2	How to submit complaints and protests - clarification, creating forms for complaints and protests		Text not required	What time constraint has the official to advise the team manager of when the complaint will be reviewed. The team manager could be waiting for ever.
12.6	Stopwatches must not be calibrated in the laboratory			
12.8	Mounting of cameras - clarification		Already in other text see 7.5	
13.8	Using of video equipment by crews, organizers - clarification and explaining		Already completed	
13.9	Inspection of the crews by Event Director - clarification			There is no security between parking and P LINE anything could be smuggled Example GPS watch
13.11	Contest numbers are not necessary under the helicopter now - only on the sides			How can the Search Zone exit judge identify what's above them.
13.16	Competitors are not allowed to use their own equipment.			This only allows a home advantage especially if the equipment is changing at the last minute. The equipment specification should be agreed upon and a source available to all.
13.17	Publishing results - clarification			
13.18 NEW	Penalty (10 points) for false starts in Events 2,3,4		On Penalty Sheets	
13.19 NEW	Handing the equipment to the co-pilot - explanation		Should be in a guide not a rule it an instruction	
	NAVIGATION			
5.1.5	Checking the seals on the P-Line, no penalty for the seals on P-Line		Should be in Chapter Section 7.5 Advise crew member to report any damaged seal. Instruction to Judges should be in the competition guide..	Information should be within competition guide not a rule.
5.1.6	Competitor number is put on the envelope by Organizer			
5.1.6	MFOs marked on the map with the dots			
5.1.9	To delete straight line between TF3 and MFO2. <i>The straight line will be only between MFO2 and Line A</i>			To remove this rule will encourage and allow and encourage crews to double back on themselves which could cause a conflict with another competitor. This could compromise safety.
5.1.17	Landing zone - clarification and explanation, penalty for the damaged seals		Already in rules See 7.5 and 13.7	
5.1.18 NEW	Prison - explanation			13.18 Inserted in Competition rules
Penalties	Maximum penalty for one turning point is 20 points - clarification			
Penalties	Entry outside the 500 metre wide entry gate to the Search Zone			
Penalties	MFO not passed within the 250 metre radius - 10 points			This is an increase in Navigation penalties even though the general objective is claimed to make it easier.
Penalties	Search Zone identification sheet and/or the competition map not signed by crew - 5 p.			Compliance of this rule is essential due to the operational problems and the penalty should reflect this. Lack of compliance can cause the organisers problems with scoring and assists auditing of scores and aids transparency in the event of a compliant.
	PRECISION			
5.2.1	Tapes for landing and attachment points - clarification and explanation		Rules already stated the remainder should be in the competition guide. Required on Annex 3	There is no size specification of ball which could lead to dispute.
5.2.4	P-Line - checking the seals without penalty		Should be in Chapter Section 7.5 Advise crew member to report any damaged seal. Instruction to Judges should be in the competition guide..	Instruction not a rule
5.2.7	Landing Line - penalty for the damaged seals		Should be in Chapter Section 7.5 Advise crew member to report any damaged seal. Instruction to Judges should be in the guide..	Instruction not a rule
Penalties	Double landing - to change "any part" to "landing gear"			
Annex 1	1) To add flags between the two courses and on both sides of the courses		Drawing to be revised 1 and 3	On 2015 Version there are no flags
Annex 1	2) To mark the corridors with the letters		Drawing to be revised 1 and 3	

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Annex 1	3) the corridor is 1 meter wide between the external borders of the tapes designating the corridors		Drawing to be revised 1 and 3	
	FENDER			
5.3.2	D-Line - checking the seals without penalty		Should be in Chapter Section 7.5 Advise crew member to report any damaged seal. Instruction to Judges should be in the competition guide..	
Penalties	Touching the external sides and top of the container with the fender For each touch - 3 points (no penalty when fender touches container top followed by placing in to the container)			This increases the opportunity for more penalties to be incurred
Equipment	Containers filled with water by 1/3			Current rule is sufficient
Equipment	Weight of fender 5.5-6.5 kg		Drawing to be revised.	
	SLALOM			
5.4.1	D-Line - checking the seals without penalty		Should be in Chapter Section 7.5 Advise crew member to report any damaged seal. Instruction to Judges should be in the competition guide..	
5.4.2	Container filled with water up a level of 10 cms from the top			
5.4.4	Change "1 m diameter" to "1 m radius"			
Equipment	The table surface must be smooth, with no holes - clarification			
Equipment	Maximum total weight of a bucket 7 kg			
Equipment	Container details and 10 cm wide white strip below the top of the container to determine water level			
Annex 1	To put back the table into the picture		Drawing to be revised	Drawing Needs Revising Ask Olga
Annex 1	To swap Gates 2 and 3		Drawing to be revised	Course is shorter timing not reduced
	TROPHIES AND AWARDS			
7.2 NEW	7.2 Individuals Overall in different classes - To create a new article - clarification and explanation			Small Medals has been changed to Large medals as competition is no less than any of the current world titles.
7.3	To add medals for Event Winners			
	ANNEX "A"			
ANNEX "A"	Update the information on the speeds of the R-44 helicopters in accordance with the Flight manual.			Some speeds have increased.