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#### Competition Rules for Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving

Current rule:

4.2.2 Event Draws: All the «Block Sequences» (numerically numbered) and the «Random Formations» (alphabetically marked) shown in the appropriate annex will be singularly placed in one container. Individual withdrawal from the container, (without replacement) will determine the sequences to be jumped in each round. Each round will be drawn so as to consist of five or six scoring formations, whichever number is reached first.

4.2.3 Use of Dive Pool: Each block or formation will be drawn only once for the scheduled rounds of each competition. In the event that additional rounds are necessary, due to the tie-breaking jump-off, the dive pool for this round will consist of the blocks and formations which were not drawn for the scheduled rounds. In the event that all of the remaining blocks and formations do not complete the tie breaking round, the draw will continue from an entire original dive pool in that event, excluding any blocks or formations which have already been drawn for that round.

Suggested change:

4.2.2 Event Draws: All the «Block Sequences» (numerically numbered) and the «Random Formations» (alphabetically marked) shown in the appropriate annex will be singularly placed in one container. Individual withdrawal from the container, (without replacement) will determine the sequences to be jumped in each round, **except round five (5) and nine (9). The rounds will be drawn so as to consist of five or six scoring formations, whichever number is reached first. For round five (5) and nine (9) all «Random Formations» will be placed in another container and be draw so as these rounds consist of five scoring formations.**

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Reason:

During the WPC 2018 in Australia, the FS4 presented a round with just random formations. It is unusual that it happens and immediately it began speculation in record opportunities. As soon as this round came, the excitement was on top, both among competitors and

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audiences. The game was terrific, with both teams playing the old world record. The drama and interest that took place during the WPC should be taken advantage of and utilized by introducing mandatory "speed rounds".

Formation skydiving needs to attract both audiences and sponsors. There is stiff competition from other attractive action-packed sports. FS also needs to attract new jumpers to ensure regrowth. Today there are a number of new disciplines in skydiving that succeed in attracting the "new generation" better. FS risks becoming old school skydiving.

The purpose of change of rules is to create increased excitement and for both audiences and competitors. In many competitions, the results list is unchanged from the first rounds to the last. Few reversals take place. By introducing "speed runs", the team's technique, tactics and nerves are put on additional tests. The team has the opportunity to score a lot of points and advance or withdraw, but also risk losing points and placements.

The proposal is to have 2 rounds with only randoms, round 5 and semi-final. The rule change is being tested during the season for evaluation, with the possibility of change before the next WPC 2020.

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