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Rule Changes:

1. Majority for Absolute with a 5 person Judging panel

Indoor rule to be changed regarding majority for an absolute for a 5-person judging panel in accordance with interim bureau decision 18

5.3.1. If, after the viewings are completed, and within fifteen seconds of the knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the performance in question be reviewed at reduced speed in accordance with 5.3. If the review results in a unanimous decision *in the case of a 3-person panel, or minimum four to one decision in the case of a 5-person panel by the Judges* on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the performance will be adjusted accordingly. Only one review is permitted for each performance.

2. VFS scheduling

Meet director to attempt to not schedule VFS in middle of day when sun is high and directly above competitors.

3.1.5 Where possible the Meet Director will attempt to schedule VFS rounds at times when the sun is not within 20 degrees of the zenith in order to allow the team videographer to clearly video their team.

3. Possible changes to wording of when a point can be scored when entering the tunnel?

4. Remove Junior VFS from schedule of events.

None of the indoor competitions to date have had a junior VFS event and as a discipline that does not yet have many teams in the open category, the junior VFS should be removed.

5. Addition of details regarding aircraft to be used for competition:

Current FCEAD guidelines for Bulletin 1 give the following details

7 Aircraft / Wind Tunnel details

Aircraft type(s) and number

Exit speed

Photographs showing door and handles recommended

Additional information to be supplied where possible:

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Door dimensions including any wind deflectors
Flap Settings, Prop Pitch and RPM on run-in

6. Define same penalty for indoor as for outdoor if unable to determine start of working time.

5.6. Start of Working Time

The chronometer will be operated by the Judges or by a person(s) appointed by the Chief Judge, and will be started as determined in 2.15. **If Judges cannot determine the start of the working time, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.**

7. Housekeeping:

Clarification of wording for which events junior competitors may enter.

6.3.6 Junior competitors over the age of 15 or whose 15th birthday occurs during the calendar year in which the competition takes place may, if they choose, enter an open **and/or junior** category event.

Junior to be included in records for highest average. This will be handled with a wording change in section 5 requiring the average to be taken over all scheduled rounds in a competition (not 10 rounds as is currently the case)

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8. Pool changes:

FS 4 way pool blocks 1 and 13 to be changed as approved by last year's plenary.

Block 1 will have identifiers added to ensure there is no misinterpretation of which direction the pieces should turn.

Changes to some pool diagrams to accurately reflect how these formations are built and not cause unintended busts due to strict interpretation of grips in the diagrams. VFS diagrams L "Rebel" and 7 "Flower" also FS diagram H "Bow"

Suggested changes to VFS dive pool in line with competitors requests to make the pool easier and accessible to more competitors:

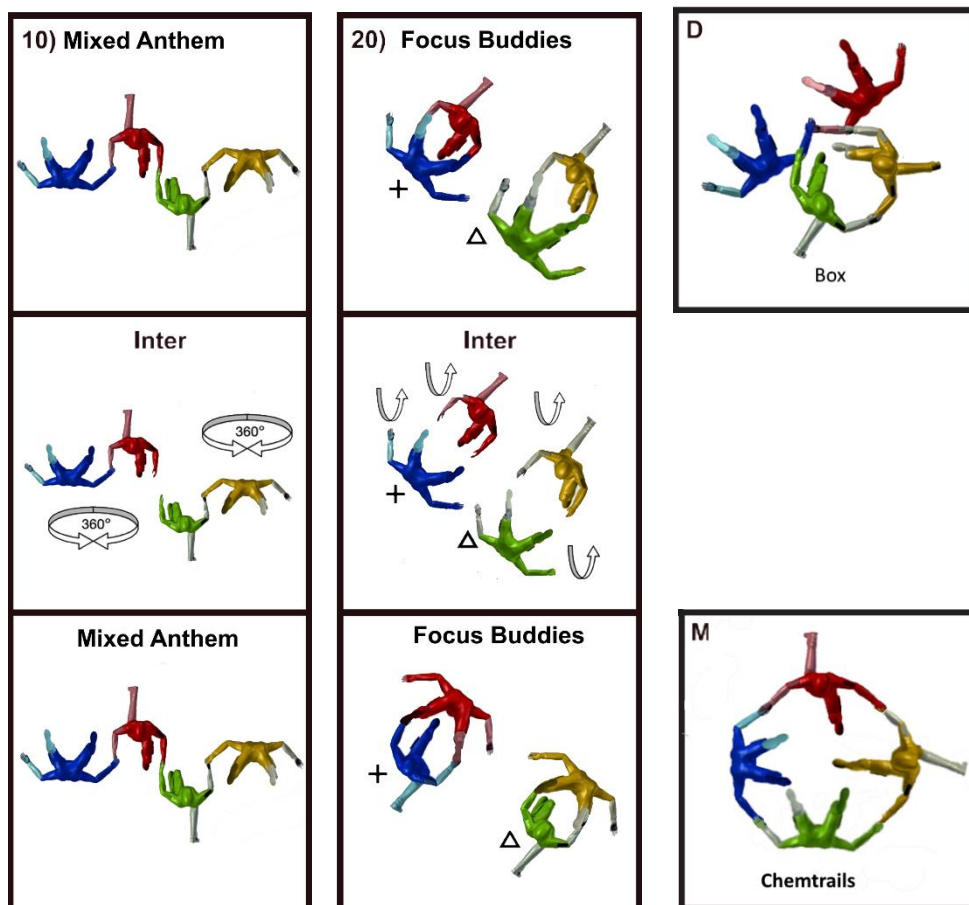
Block 15 to only have a 360 degree turn instead of 540 degrees – renamed to Bipole-Bipole

Block 19 to allow sit flyer piece turn to be omni directional

New Block 10 "Mixed Anthem" – similar to old block 10 but with both sit flyers on the outside.

New Block 20 "focus buddies"

New randoms D and M



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Note that VFS pool changes would only come into effect after the indoor competition in Lille in April 2019.

9. Proposed change to large formation sequential record rules:

FS committee received a proposal from Pal Bergan and backed by many well-known large formation organizers to change the rules for large formation sequential records. The FS committee supports the concept and one possible draft is shown below (exact wording is still under discussion)

3.3.5 Dynamic Large Formation Sequential Record

The record performance for the large formation sequential record is the number of persons (not less than 25% (rounded up) of the size of the largest formation record (World or Continental Regional, General or Female, as appropriate) at the time the Dynamic sequential record is performed, to complete a sequence of two or more formations, giving a separate record performance for each number of formations completed.

One written plan describing the formations to be attempted and the personnel involved must be submitted in advance to the judges. The formations and the transitions must be completed as described in the plan.

All persons in the completed formations must be connected by at least one grip. A grip is a handhold on an arm or leg (both as defined in the relevant Competition Rules) of another person.

Performance requirement:

In the transition from one formation to the next, all persons in the completed formation must release all of their grips.

If more than two formations are attempted, none of the depicted grips from either of the previous two formations may be re-taken in the current formation.

Simultaneous separation during the transition is not required.

The team will be scored one point for each correctly completed formation in the sequence.

10. Future Competitions:

3rd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships – Lille, France 16-21 April 2019

To incorporate FS 8 way challenge as a demonstration event.

22nd FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving – Eloy, USA 7-12 October 2019

4th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving – Charleroi, Belgium 10-13 April 2020

2020 Mondial of Skydiving – Tanay, Russia 1 -11 August 2020

11. Future Competition Bids:

Bid for 2021 World Cup and European Championships

23rd FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and 15th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, Voss, Norway

Further bids for competitions not yet awarded are welcomed.