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Rules Proposal for IPC 2020

Concern CF – AE - INDOOR FS

Canopy Formation

2.11. WORKING TIME

- Current rule:

The working time begins at the moment of the first separation of a grip from the first correct formation, or 30 seconds after exit of the first team member, including the team's Videographer, whichever is first.

- Proposed rule:

The working time begins at the first complete separation of the first correct formation, or 30 seconds after exit of the first team member, including the team's Videographer, whichever is first.

- Explanations:

We want to be sure that it is clear for everyone that working time begins at the moment of the first separation of a grip from the first correct formation.

Even if we agree with the application of this rule made at the last European Championship / World Cup, we feel that it's still too open to interpretations.

To make it clearer about not starting the working time where there is a « switch » of a line (example : switching from B line to the other without releasing both foot at the same time), we should use « first complete separation » instead of "first separation of a grip ».

By using the rule as written above, the working time would begin when all the grips are released.

4.2. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

- Current rule:

4.2.2. Teams may refuse to jump in rain or turbulent conditions. The Meet Director, FAI Controller and the Chief Judge by unanimous decision may decide to continue the event. If a team aborts a jump a second time for the same reason, that team will not jump that round and must be awarded the maximum or minimum score, whichever is worse.

- Proposed rule:

4.2.2. Teams may refuse to jump in rain or turbulent conditions or if they consider they have a risk to go through clouds during the working time. The Meet Director, FAI Controller and the Chief Judge by unanimous decision may decide to continue the event. If a team aborts a jump a second time for the same reason, that team will not jump that round and must be awarded the maximum or minimum score, whichever is worse.

Explanations:

As the path of the team during the jump will vary depending on the speciality (2way/4way), the way the team is working and their skills, we have to rely on the team's appreciation of the clouds during the jump run.

The new rule could be as bellow to allow that.

Additionally

During the last European Championship / World Cup, teams went down with the plane because of the risk of going in the clouds during the jump. The answer of the Meet Director was that if we went into clouds, we would have got a rejump based on the 4.10.1 which says « In the case of an NV, the Video Review Panel will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding that occurrence and may award a rejump.[...] ».

The first problem is that the word « may » is used in 4.10.1 , and de facto, does not

guarantee that the team will got a rejump if they go into some clouds.

The second problem is that when a CF team enters the clouds, it could affect the visibility between the camera guy and the team (which would concern a situation of an NV) but the team will lose all points of reference affecting their performance. Also, clouds may induce rain and turbulence that the team cannot assess from outside the cloud during the climb in the plane.

Thirdly, depending on the side of the clouds, it may cause safety issues like collision performer/performer (in 4way by example) and performer/videographer, landing offsite, ...

In conclusion, the 4.2.2 needs to be upgraded as proposed because we want the team to be able to take their own decision regarding the fact there will be clouds during the jump.

4.10 REJUMPS

- Current rule:

4.10.3 In the event of an equipment malfunction, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will not be granted if the team builds a complete formation (correct or not) at any time during the jump.

Evidence of the malfunction must be provided by the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

- Proposed rule

4.10.3 In the event of an equipment malfunction, or for any other safety reason, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will not be granted if the team builds a complete formation (correct or not) at any time during the jump.

Evidence of the malfunction or intention to abort the jump before the first complete formation for safety reason must be provided by the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

Explanations

As we experienced this kind of problem during the last world cup in Romania with one of the Russian 2 way teams, we think it would be fair to specify that any safety reason for jumpers should be a reason for grant one rejump per team per competition event if necessary.

Artistic Events

2 Definitions of Words and Phrases used in these Rules

- **current rule**

2.6 Working time: the period of time during which Teams may perform a routine during a jump. Working time starts the instant any Team Member separates from the aircraft, as determined by the Judges, and terminates 42 seconds later.

- **Proposed rule :**

2.6 Working time: the period of time during which Teams may perform a routine during a jump. Working time starts the instant any Team Member separates from the aircraft, as determined by the Judges, and terminates 42 seconds later for compulsory routines and 45 seconds later for free routines.

- **Explanation:** No problem of high freefall speed on a free routine, the minimum exit altitude allows a time of 45 seconds. 42 seconds applies to compulsory routines only which have a higher rate of descent.

Indoor Skydiving

France require the add of FS 8WAY in the World Championship Program taking in consideration the special timing in the calendar, to be determined by the Indoor committee.

Explanation:

At the 2018 plenary held in Sofia, FRANCE has been elected to conduct the WISC 2019 without FS 8way included in their original bid.

In November 2018 FRANCE send an official request to run a test event during the WISC2019 to the IPC board with the following argument: *The aim is to test it and to share with the community the positives and negatives aspects of this particular event. No more no less. It will be time after this test to discuss about its future and to consider some wishes raised during the competitors meeting.*

Approved by the IPC board and conducted after positive answer from the FS committee, the FS 8-way challenge has been a success during the WISC 2019.

It doesn't create any problem for the general running of the competition, it increases the number of 4 way teams and is a source of incomes for organizer and IPC. The balance between 14 feet and 17 or more « wind chambers » has to be dealt within the IPC calendar.