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Introduction

The Aeroclub of the Czech Republic respectfully requests to include this letter into the agenda of the IPC Plenary Meeting 2019 and consequently a possibility for a delegate of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic to make a presentation at the open meeting for style and accuracy about using camera to record the competitors during their performances in the discipline of accuracy landing.

Aim

The aim is to include into the IPC rules for accuracy landing a possibility of use of a camera as help for the judges in order to achieve the most precise evaluation (assessment) possible of competitors' performances.

Explanation

- 1) Human eye and human attention is limited. One's perception of reality may be different from others. Only using camera technologies enables going through one situation repeatedly, slow it down or pause it and that compensates the limits mentioned above.
- 2) Competitors train for years, they invest money and energy into training and competing and every performance on which they have different opinion than the judges perceive as an injustice and it badly effects the atmosphere of the competition. Using video records can and most probably will reduce competitors' feelings of injustice.
- 3) Errors happen. They happen to technologies (AMD) and to humans. And in many cases, these errors cannot be reversed. The possibility to see the performance repeatedly, in slow motion or pause it could help us to eliminate or minimize errors.
- 4) Today, technology can be easy, small and cheap.
- 5) Using video recording corresponds to current trends in all sport industries. It supports the idea of fair play and of use of all accessible possibilities to achieve the best possible evaluations. To give an example, in football, there used to be long discussions about use of the video recordings too and now it is used. Our yellow center of the target is much smaller than a football.
- 6) Video is meant to be a tool for judges. And that will end the current tendency of use against them. It will make them more respectable and taken more seriously as their decisions will be more objective and provables.

Presentation

The presentation will include two possible systems and how it can be practically done.

Comments

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- 1) In 2012, at the competitors meeting at the World Championships in Dubai, it was promised by the IPC accuracy and style committee, to look for the suitable video technology and its use for future FAI FCE in accuracy landing. Unfortunately, it did not happen.
- 2) At one of the biggest world competitions of accuracy landing in Bled in 2018, at a team meeting, Drago Buncic said, there are two sets of rules valid for the competition – the IPC rules and WCS rules. When he was asked if the main reason for that was different number of rounds and team evaluation, Drago Buncic answered that one of the main reasons was use of the camera, recording of every landing and in case of ambiguities use of those materials for the final decision of the judges. He said in the WCS rules it is stated well and IPC rules could just copy that.

WCS Rule: Camera System will be used. Only chief judge has the right to see it for any decisions.

Czech rule proposal:

Camera system is to be used to record every accuracy landing performance during the competition.

Technical difficulties or malfunctions of the camera system are not ground for a protest.

Only Chief Judge can decide about the use of video records to confirm the final evaluation of the performance or any other purpose.

If the final evaluation is done using the video record, three judges after watching the video will independently assess the performance and the decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

Conclusion

May we thank in advance to the IPC and all the meeting participants for their consideration.

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