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Two First Category Events were held in FS disciplines during 2016. They were the World Championships of Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving held in Chicago, and the World Cup of Indoor skydiving held in Warsaw. Both competitions were well attended and on the whole, numbers were similar to the previous competitions as shown by the tables below. There was a notable increase in 4-way and junior in the Indoor competition, which is pleasing to see.

Skydiving World Championships

Year	4-Way	4-Way Female	8-Way	VFS
2016	17	11	9	8
2014	20	9	8	8

Indoor World Cups

Year	4-Way	4-Way Female	VFS	Junior
2016	22	9	9	8
2015	16	9	10	2 (demo)

Facilities in Chicago were first rate and the FS competitions were efficiently run, with events being completed well within the scheduled time after some initial weather delays. The indoor competition in Warsaw was also very well run with competitors appreciative of the quick judging and publishing of scores.

Competitors' meetings were held at both events, with Karla Cole chairing the meeting in Chicago and Anne-Mine Moller Petersen looking after the Indoor meeting. At both meetings changes made to the rules in 2016 were generally well accepted. There was some discussion regarding removal of the rule about touching the wall/floor in Indoor, specifically regarding entrance to the tunnel and the start of working time. Other topics discussed have been included in the agenda for the open meeting along with proposed rule changes for 2017

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Rule Changes:

VFS pool to be expanded by addition of 4 blocks & 2 randoms

VFS competition to be expanded to 10 rounds.

Remove the part of rule 4.4.2 requiring semi-final and final rounds will be in reverse order of placing.

Indoor: Add rule that prevents standing on the net during entrance to the tunnel.

Possible re-wording of VFS orientation definitions, due to contention surrounding Chimmy-Chimmy block?

Allow for multiple teams from one nation in VFS at World Championships to try and foster increased participation?

Allow for multiple teams from one nation in Junior Indoor at World Championships to try and foster increased participation?

Allow for reduced speed judging at 50%.

Add a new record category of average over 10 rounds.

Replace 8-way Random G (Arrowhead) with Random G (Phalanx) A graphic representation will be provided at the meeting.

Housekeeping:

VFS random 'I' to become 'O' for consistency across pools.

2.19.xx rules to be renumbered 2.17.xx

New 4-way FS diagrams to clarify grips.

Future Competitions:

World Cup & European Championship – Saarlouis 2017

Bids for 2018 World Championships

Gold Coast, Australia

Voznesenka, Russia

Bids for 2018 Indoor World Cup

Sydney, Australia

Zallaq, Bahrain

Milan, Italy

Voss, Norway

Liptovsky, Slovakia