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Proposals from France concerning the CF rule 2019

2.3 CONFIGURATIONS

2.3.1 Stack

Current wording:

The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy. A grip must be on an “A” line attached to the centre cell.

Proposed wording:

The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy. A grip must be on an “A” line attached to the centre cell. **It is sufficient if one grip only is taken on «A» line, the second grip may be off-set if taken.**

Explanation:

Simple extra-clarification of the actual definition.

3.5 DETERMINATION OF WINNERS ^[L]_[SEP]

Current wording:

3.5.2 Where more than one round is completed, the team that has the best score calculated as follows: ^[L]_[SEP]

3.5.2.1 the highest aggregate number of formations in all the completed rounds. ^[L]_[SEP]

3.5.2.2 tie break round (if possible) for the first three (3) places only. ^[L]_[SEP]

3.5.2.3 the highest number of points in any completed round for each team.

3.5.2.4 the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation within working time in the last completed round.

Request :

France doesn't want the current wording of the 3.5.2 to be changed. However France ask IPC to require –again- from the electronic scoring systems providers to update or change the softwares in order to show on the scoring , the time of the last correct formation.

Explanation :

The current scoring system doesn't allow the judges to get the time of the last correct formation. In 2012, the 4way rotation teams did need this time and the scoring system was already unable to provide it (the developpers of the scoring systems had been forced to go

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through the code of the software to extract the times, thing that the judges can't do). It is still the same situation.

4.4 END OF WORKING TIME

Current wording:

After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed the team will receive a score of zero for that round. The organizer shall supply a qualified person to monitor teams for this possible occurrence. This decision is no grounds for a protest. ^[L]_[SEP]

4.4.1 The Chief Judge is responsible for appointing a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed.

4.4.2 In the event that the CJ cannot appoint the person supplied by the Organizer for pertinent reasons (eg person has other responsibilities or is not suitably qualified) the Organizer shall provide an alternative person.

4.4.3 If the same team is observed to have broken rule 4.4 a second time, the appointed observer will notify the Chief Judge. The team concerned will be disqualified from the competition. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

Proposed wording:

After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed the team will receive a score of zero for that round. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

To prove that this is followed, the team's videographer shall regularly sweep the horizon showing a complete separation of all performers until 300m.

The recordings of all competition jumps by the team shall be stored by the teams videographer till the completion of the Meet, and presented to the Chief Judge at request, if need to validate the sequence performed after the working time arises.

Explanation :

The current wording is not applicable, but we need to maintain a rule which provide a possible significant penalty that would prevent team to attempt to cheat/train the next round. The proposed wording must take into account the technical difficulties for the videoman (sometimes the videoman has the biggest wingload and had to land first) and the safety issues witch can be generated by this rule, especialy for the landing.

4.8 EXIT PROCEDURE

Current wording:

4.8.3 The exit of the first team member must be clearly shown on the team's video recording.

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Failure to clearly show the exit of the first team member will result in a score of zero for that round. ^[1]_[SEP]

Proposed wording: (modification of the definition used in FS competition rules)

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 2.8. If Judges cannot determine the start of the working time, the following procedure will be followed. If the case of the judges cannot determine the start of the working time, the chronometer needs to be operated by the Chief Judge only and he shall start the working time whenever he consider a competitor exit the aircraft or is not shown any more in the aircraft. Then in this case, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.

Explanation:

The current wording sanctions the team for a mistake that cost them 100% of the points, which is not fair.

The proposed wording is an adaptation of the FS rules which seems better regarding to the fairness. The adaptation of the FS rule is needed because the FS rule says to start the time as the videographer separates from the aircraft, but in CF the videographer exit last so the FS rule has to be adapted.

GENERAL COMMENTS / CF COMMUNITY

The French CReW Team ask and support the CF top teams (Russia, Qatar, USA, France) to train in need CF nations or new ones in their own regions. If we want Canopy Formation to continue at World level, the top teams have to give time from their own training to help improve and create new CF teams / CF nations.

France will test 3-way event in 2019 mixing Rotation & Sequential (with homogenized scores using the same counting points as CP)

We think that 4way (especially sequential) is really hard technically and regarding human management (you have to find 4/5 guys, with good technical skills, money and time). Having a simplified 3-way event may help to boost the young CF performers.

Dealing with the proposals of CF 6 speed, we do not know the format adapted;

First, it would generate quick starts that could lead to collision at the exit.

To remind, we stopped on the 8 way speed for obvious security reasons.(several deadly collisions had occurred)

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Second, the proposal to add accuracy landing in stack is absolutely not adapted to the material used and would be very dangerous.

We must absolutely help the new nations to create teams and find an appropriately adapted format like 3 way sequential as indicated in our proposals.