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**INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION
CANOPY FORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT
LILLE, FRANCE 2019**

One CF First Category Event was held in 2018, the World Championships of Canopy Formation on the Gold Coast, Australia. The Committee would like to thank the Australian Parachute Federation, the organizing staff and all of the numerous volunteers for a very well run competition. The venue (Sports Super Centre, Gold Coast, Fitness Club) was fantastic! It really was a World Meet to remember!

Although we did not have the turn out we wished for in some events, we did field a complete discipline with 16 teams (12 nations) competing in 2-way sequential, 5 (five) teams competing in 4-way rotation, and 4 (four) teams competing in 4-way sequential.

In the 2-way event, 2 (two) continental and 2 (two) national records were set:

- North America (USA – 20 points)
- Asia (Qatar – 33 points)
- Finland (19 points)
- Italy (10 points).

In the 4-way Sequential event, a North American Continental record was set by the USA with 9 points.

A tie for first place in 4-way Rotation between Russia and Qatar occurred with Russia taking the gold by one point in the tie break round.

The Committee would like to congratulate all of these teams for their achievement.

The Committee will be reviewing a number of suggestions from the Chief Judge in Australia, Julia Sotnikova. During the competition, it became clear to the CF panel that further clarification is needed for some rules. It has also become apparent that previous rule changes over the past few years have precipitated further rule changes.

Due to the small turnout for the Web Challenge, the CF Committee chose not to continue with the event in 2018.

In early May of this year, Gillian Rayner requested alternative formats to each discipline that could be used in Turkey in 2020. Peter Pfalzgraf put a great deal of time and effort into a new lower altitude event with a speed component at the top end and a landing component at the bottom. Julia Sotnikova also spent a great deal of time questioning and helping Peter fine tune these new rules. They have been submitted to the Bureau for consideration. I would like to thank both Peter and Julia for all of their efforts in creating this new format.

At this time, the CF Committee and competitors are looking forward to the World Cup and European Championships to be held in Strejnic, Romania.

Teams are encouraged to communicate their proposals and preferences via their IPC Delegate.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Committee, Deputy Chair Pasi Pirttikoski (Finland), and Committee Members Natasha Higman (UK), Marylou Laughlin (USA), Bernard Nicolas (France), Peter Pfalzgraf (Germany), Julia Sotnikova (Russia), and Henny Wiggers (Netherlands).

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**IPC CANOPY FORMATION
AGENDA FOR OPEN PLENARY MEETING
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1. INTRODUCTION**2. COMPETITION RULES**

- 2.1 Formation - Proposed wording change taken from FS rules
- 2.3.1 Stack – Proposed wording change to further clarify
- 2.4 Inter – Proposed wording change to incorporate FS wording
- Add “Infringement” to CF rules in order to get rid of the “double bust” in blocks in the 4-way sequential CF event so that it follows the FS rules.
- 2.8 Working Time – Proposed wording change
- 3.5 Determination of Winners – to follow the FS rules.
- 4.4 End of Working Time – Proposal for a new procedure as the rule requiring an observer has proven unworkable.
- 4.4 Exit Procedure – Proposed wording change to definition used in FS.
- 6.3 Viewing – Further synchronization with FS rules.
- 7.3 Composition of Delegations – Proposal to allow 2 teams each in 4-way sequential and rotation – to allow for greater participation as well as for economy regarding the organizer since the cost will be spread over a greater number of competitors in the event.
- 8.2 Visualization of grip position – graphic for further clarification of a foot grip.

3. SECTION 5 3.3.5 Large Formation Sequential Record

Add wording: [OR is a hand hold or a foot hook on an "A" line or front riser](#)
(as is defined in the current relevant CF Competition Rules)

4. FUTURE FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

- 10th FAI World Cup and 8th European Championships of Canopy Formation, August 17 – 20, 2019. Strejnic, Romania.
- 2020 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial August 1 – 11, 2020. Tanay, Russia
- FAI World Air Games September 1 – 13, 2020. Turkey

5. OTHER COMPETITIONS

- Organizers are invited to present bids for future World Parachuting Championships and World Cups

6. OTHER BUSINESS

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