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Two First Category Events were held in FS disciplines during 2017. They were the World Cup and European Championships of Formation Skydiving & Vertical Formation Skydiving held in Saarlouis, Germany and the 2nd World Championships of Indoor skydiving held in Laval, Canada. Both competitions were well attended and on the whole, numbers were similar to the previous competitions as shown by the tables below.

Skydiving World Cup

Year	4-Way	4-Way Female	8-Way	VFS
2017	31	7	6	6
2015	20	4	6	6

Indoor World Championships

Year	4-Way	4-Way Female	VFS	Junior
2017	14	9	6	4
2016	22	9	9	8
2015	16	9	10	2 (demo)

Both competitions were well run, but unfortunately the weather was unkind in Saarlouis resulting in all competitions having to be completed with an abbreviated number of rounds.

FS Female completed 5 rounds, FS and VFS open 4 rounds and 8 way only 3 rounds. The need to implement a tie-break revealed shortcomings in the existing rules and the committee will consider reverting to the previous rules (highest single round, then count back of highest score from round 10, then fastest time to last scoring formation) as well as clarifying how fastest time to last formation is implemented.

Competitors' meetings were held at both events, with Karla Cole chairing the meeting in Saarlouis and Mark Szulmayer looking after the Indoor meeting. At both meetings there was discussion about possible changes to the VFS pool, especially VFS block 20 which is considered dangerous by some competitors.

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