6 Chapter 6: FAI Parachuting Judges

6.1 JUDGE TRAINING AND EVALUATION

The following Parachuting Judge Ratings are issued for the following disciplines:

1. AL
2. ST
3. FS
4. CF
5. AE
6. IAE
7. CP
8. SP
9. WS

6.1.1 Requirements for all FAI Parachuting Judge Ratings

The IPC establishes the minimum requirements for an FAI Parachuting Judge Rating. NACs are encouraged to enhance the IPC’s minimum requirements in order to ensure experienced and technically competent FAI Parachuting Judges for FAI/IPC sanctioned competitions.

1. Knowledge of Rules
   For a rating to be valid, an FAI Parachuting Judge must have a detailed knowledge of the Sporting Code, General Section and Section 5 with its annexes and the Competition Rules for the particular category for which he is qualified.

2. Language
   An FAI Parachuting Judge or a Judge in Training must have the ability to understand and communicate in English, the working language of the IPC (Internal Regulations 1.5) and the language in which Competition Rules are written (SC5 4.2.2) and consequently the language used for all judging matters.

3. Record of Judging Activity
   a) All FAI Parachuting Judges must maintain a judging logbook which contains a record of all judging activity and certain required personal data. Each entry recording competition judging activity must contain at least the following information: date of competition, name of competition, name of CJ, location, function, discipline(s) judged, and the number of jumps/performances actually judged in each discipline. All such entries must be in English and must be signed by the CJ of that competition.

   The results (including written and practical test scores achieved) together with the location, discipline(s) and the number of all jumps/performances judged for all re-evaluations and/or training courses taken must be recorded in English in the same logbook and must be signed by the CJT.

   The required personal data includes, at a minimum: full name, a passport sized photograph, country of residence and NAC.

   If an entry does not contain the minimum information as outlined above the entry will not be considered valid.

   b) The IPC Judges’ Committee will keep a record of all judging at FCEs, and at any competition that meets the criteria for judge requalification, as stated in (6.2.3(3)), and
of the final results of any formal evaluation of a Judge.

6.1.2 Criteria for Judge Training and Evaluation

(1) All FAI IPC Judge Training will be coordinated by an IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator who is appointed by the IPC Judges Committee.

(2) The IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator will provide guidelines for training and evaluating judges. These guidelines will include a schedule, training tips, interpretations of the rules and where applicable, the current interpretations of the manoeuvres.

(3) Any evaluation will be carried out by the CJT, designated by the IPC Judges Committee. He must use material provided by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator.

(4) Written Evaluation of the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules

The written evaluation is an open-book examination. It consists of:

(a) One examination on the contents of the Sporting Code; and
(b) One examination on the contents of the relevant Competition Rules.

The candidate shall be given a maximum time of two (2) hours in which to complete both examinations, under the supervision of the CJT.

In order to achieve a passing grade, at least 90% of the questions on each examination must be answered correctly.

(5) Evaluation in ST, FS, CF, AE, IAE and WS Acrobatic

(a) Evaluation Method

The evaluation will be made using recording media and must include a minimum of 30 jumps/performances from recent competitions in the specific discipline and approved by the Judges Committee. Where applicable, copies of the relevant supporting paperwork must also be provided by the Judge Video Librarian.

A definitive result/score for each jump/performance will be established by the CJT and FAI Judges appointed by the Judges Committee including assessments and penalties and will be considered the “approved score”. The defining panel (CJT and FAI Judges appointed by the IPC Judges Committee) will make allowances for judgement decisions relevant to the particular discipline. For example, in ST a range of angles, which may include zero, as a penalty; in FS and CF these may include the case where correct or incorrect would be considered a valid assessment of a point score. Details of evaluation calculations can be found in the CJT Handbook.

(b) Minimum Evaluation Standard

The evaluation of each judge will be made against the definitive result/score as defined in 6.1.2(5)(a).

To achieve a pass on their evaluation skills in FS or CF each judge’s evaluation must agree with 80% of the approved score penalties.

For FS and CF: The total points awarded by each judge may not differ from the approved score total points by more than plus or minus 10%.

For ST: At least 90% of the assessments must agree with the approved score.

For AE, IAE and WS Acrobatic: the judges under evaluation must score each jump within one point of the definitive results/score in at least 80% of the jumps evaluated.

(6) Evaluation in AL, CP, SP and WS Performance

a) AL, CP and SP: The evaluation will be carried out during a competition under the control of the CJT.

b) WS Performance: The evaluation may be carried out during a competition under the control of the CJT or at another time using data from a previous competition.

(7) Qualification as an FAI rated judge.

Any judge under evaluation who achieves passing grades in both written (6.1.2(4) and practical (6.1.2(5) and/or 6.1.2(6)) at the same course, will be awarded his rating as an FAI Parachuting Judge.

6.1.3 NAC Equivalent

For the purpose of 1.1.2(9) and for the purposes of this Chapter 6, ASIANIA and COLPAR will
be considered to be a NAC in respect of a Judge, who is a resident of a country that is affiliated with ASIANIA or COLPAR but has no NAC that is an Active or Associate Member of FAI, provided that ASIANIA or COLPAR maintain International Affiliate Membership in FAI.

6.2 JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

6.2.1 Initial Qualification

In order to participate in an IPC sanctioned FAI Judge Training Course; a candidate must:

(1) have a valid national judge rating be a current national judge in the relevant discipline, as defined in 6.1 1.1.2 (9) and have the approval of their NAC or the NAC’s nominated authority, or the NAC Equivalent (as per 6.1.3) to attend the course, and

(2) satisfy the language requirements outlined in 6.1.1(2), and

(3) present to the CJT, when requested, his/her judging logbook, which must meet the requirements of 6.1.1(3) for each entry recording judging activity and for the required personal data. If in the opinion of the CJT the judging logbook does not meet these requirements, the candidate will not be allowed to take the course. The CJT may request the candidate to provide his/her logbook for examination at any time before the start of the Training Course.

A NAC may provide the name of any newly qualified FAI Parachuting Judge, immediately after satisfactory completion of an IPC Judge Training Course, directly to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee, who will then add them to the current IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges.

6.2.2 Training Course for a new IPC Competition discipline (1.1.1(4) and (5))

A candidate for any IPC sanctioned FAI Judge Training Course in a new IPC Competition discipline held in the twelve months following the discipline acceptance and approval by IPC must have been:

(1) either a current valid national judge rating (1.1.2 (9)) in that discipline or a Category 1 FAI Judge rating, both as per 6.1 in any discipline and

(2) have the approval of their NAC or the NAC’s nominated authority to attend the course.

6.2.3 Annual Renewal, Reinstatement and Requalification

(1) Annual Renewal

In order to qualify for annual renewal, an FAI Parachuting Judge must, in the two preceding calendar years, have either:

(a) either had a valid national judge rating as per 6.1 or maintained current validity as a fully qualified National Judge as defined in (1.1.2(9)) or

(b) successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation (6.1.2).

Any Judge who does not meet the Annual Renewal requirements will be removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges.

(2) Reinstatement

Any Judge that has been removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges by reason of not meeting the Annual Renewal requirements may be reinstated as an FAI Judge by, in the two calendar years following removal from the list;

(a) regaining a valid national judge rating as per 6.1 and current validity as a fully qualified National Judge as defined in (1.1.2(9)) and

(b) successfully passing an IPC approved evaluation (6.1.2).

(3) Requalification

Any Judge not being reinstated to the list by reason of not meeting the requirements for a Reinstated Judge (i.e. being off the list for more than two years) must meet the Initial Qualification requirements in 6.2.1 in order to be placed on the list again.

(4) IPC Control

The IPC has the right to require detailed information about an FAI Parachuting Judge's
performance at any time and to check if a Judge has achieved or maintained the evaluation standards. If a Judge has not achieved or maintained the evaluation standards, the Judge will immediately be removed from the Judges list and be required to re-qualify as per 6.2.3(3).

6.3 LIST OF FAI PARACHUTING JUDGES

6.3.1 The IPC will maintain a list of all rated FAI Parachuting Judges (new, annual renewal, reinstated and re-qualified) which will be posted on FAI/IPC website.

6.3.2 Each NAC must provide an updated list of its FAI Parachuting Judges to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee no later than December 31st of the calendar year preceding the annual IPC meeting. This list will be updated on an annual basis and approved by the IPC Plenary.

6.3.3 Each NAC will certify to the IPC Judges Committee that the Judges from its country are current have valid national judges and have met the FAI Parachuting Judge Qualification requirements, as stated in 6.2.1 and 6.2.3.

6.3.4 For the ST and AL categories ratings, current CISM International Judges with a valid rating are considered to have met all the requirements necessary for inclusion in the IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges and a NAC may include their names on the nomination list 6.3.2.

6.3.5 Potential Judges in Training
Each NAC shall submit the names of all potential Training Judges in Training or those FAI Judges wishing to be re-evaluated or reinstated to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee no later than December 31st of the year prior to the next IPC Plenary Meeting so as to determine Judge Training and evaluation requirements for the coming year.

6.4 QUALIFICATIONS TO JUDGE AT FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS
Judges qualified to judge at FCEs (GS 4.4.1.) are designated in the list of FAI Parachuting Judges as being Category 1. Other Judges will be designated as Category 2. In order to qualify for nomination/selection to judge at an FCE, an FAI Parachuting Judge must for:

6.4.1 AL

In the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held;

(1) successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation (as defined in 6.1.2(6 5)) on the content of the Sporting Code and relevant Competition Rules, or
(2) have served as a Judge in the relevant discipline in any capacity (other than Assistant to the CJ) at an FCE or,
(3) have served as CJT at an official IPC Judges’ Training Course approved by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator

6.4.2 ST, FS, CF, AE, IAE, CP, SP and WS

In the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held;

(1) successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation (as defined in 6.1.2.(5 6) and/or (6 2) as appropriate) in the relevant discipline, or
(2) have served as a Judge in the relevant discipline in any capacity (other than Assistant to the CJ) at an FCE or,
(3) have served as CJT at an official IPC Judges’ Training Course approved by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator

6.5 ANNUAL NOMINATIONS
The names of all Judges available from each NAC for the FCE (other than PS) to take place in the following year and who must be on the current IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges before being nominated, must be supplied, on the official nomination form(s), by the NAC to the Chair of the IPC Judges’ Committee no later than December 31st of the calendar year preceding the IPC meeting preceding the FCE. The Judges Committee will then draw up an annual nomination list from which Judges will be selected for the forthcoming FAI sanctioned events.

For PS, the official nomination form must be sent by the NAC to the Chair of the IPC Judges
Committee no later than July 31st of the calendar year preceding the IPC meeting preceding the FCE. **event.**

In order to be nominated as a Judge for an FCE in a new Competition discipline, the nominee must have attended and successfully passed the training course referred to in 6.2.2.

### 6.6. JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS FOR FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

The Panel of Judges at an FCE shall consist of CJ, CJT (if necessary), EJs, Judges selected as per 6.6.3

#### 6.6.1. Chief Judge

The CJ for an FCE is nominated by the IPC Judges’ Committee from the annual nomination list. This nomination will be made in consultation with the relevant Discipline Committee, who may consult the Organiser. The nomination must be approved by the IPC Plenary. A CJ may only be nominated once per discipline per calendar year. The CJ must have served as an EJ at a minimum of 2 FCE’s (1 for CF) or as a CJ at some time prior to the current nomination and must not be from the organising country.

The CJ must have a thorough working knowledge of the General Section and Section 5 of the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules, including the latest changes made at the IPC meeting preceding the competition concerned and the philosophy behind these changes. He must also be familiar with all aspects of the conduct and operation of an international competition and will serve as administrative head of the Panel of Judges.

In case where the designated CJ is unable to attend the FCE the following procedure will be applied:

1. The CJ must inform without delay the Chair of the Judges Committee and the Organiser of the FCE of his inability to attend.
2. The Chair of the Judges Committee will immediately inform the IPC Bureau and the relevant discipline Committee Chair of the resignation. The Judges Committee shall, within 7 days and taking into consideration any suggestion from the relevant Discipline Committee, nominate a replacement CJ.

#### 6.6.2 Event Judges

EJs will be selected by the approved CJ and the IPC Judges’ Committee from the annual nomination list and must have performed as a Judge at a minimum of 2 FCEs (1 for CF) in the 4 years preceding the nomination.

The EJ must have a thorough working knowledge of the General Section and Section 5 of the Sporting Code, and the Competition Rules, including the latest changes made at the IPC meeting preceding the competition concerned and the philosophy behind these changes. He must also be familiar with all aspects of the conduct and operation of an international competition and will be responsible for the technical direction of the Judges assigned to the event. The EJ will brief the Judges appointed for the event and detail the duties of these judges.

#### 6.6.3 Other FAI Parachuting Judges

The other FAI Parachuting Judges required will be selected by the CJ from the annual nomination list (6.5 above) of available FAI Parachuting Judges. The CJ must select 1 judge not previously been selected for an FCE, for a panel of up to 10 judges, and 2 judges not previously selected if the panel is greater than 10.

#### 6.6.4 Assistant to the Chief Judge

An Assistant to the Chief Judge, who should be an FAI Parachuting Judge and must be approved by the CJ, will be nominated by, and normally be from the country of the Organiser, unless the IPC Judges’ Committee decides otherwise.

#### 6.6.5 Chief of Judge Training

The CJT, who must be completely familiar with current development in the discipline and the
IPC training methods, will be appointed by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator (6.1.2) and approved by the IPC Judges’ Committee.

6.6.6 Replacements

(1) Failure to respond
If a Judge who has been selected to the Panel of Judges fails to respond within 14 days to the CJ’s notification that he/she has been selected, or fails to provide his/her logbook for examination by the CJ, if requested by the CJ at any time after the time of selection, that Judge will be considered to be unavailable and the CJ will then select another available Judge and will inform the Organiser and the relevant NAC’s of this replacement.

(2) Inability to attend
If a Judge has accepted his selection to the Panel of Judges and is unable to attend, he must immediately notify the CJ who will then select another available Judge. If the Judge does not so notify the CJ, that Judge will be deemed unavailable found unacceptable and 6.6.7 will apply.

(3) Insufficient Judges
If the number of Judges nominated for selection (6.6.5) are less than the number required (4.6.2) or Judges on the selected Panel are not present at the required time, the CJ may choose additional Judges or replacements from any FAI Parachuting Judges present at the competition site or from the current list of FAI Parachuting Judges (6.3.1). The Jury must approve such replacements.

6.6.7 Unacceptability

The CJ has the right to dismiss a Judge from the Panel of Judges if his work and/or behaviour is incompetent or unacceptable or if his ability to communicate is insufficient or inadequate and cannot therefore comply with paragraph 6.1.1(2). The decision requires Jury approval following which the Organiser is no longer responsible for food and living costs for that Judge, as provided in Section 5 (4.1.4(2)) and who will no longer be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Section 5 (4.1.4(3)).

The CJ must file a report with the IPC Judges’ Committee containing specific details of the circumstances in which the Judge was found unacceptable. The judge will lose the status of FAI Parachuting Judge and will be required to re-qualify as per 6.2.3(3).

6.7 DUTIES OF JUDGES

6.7.1 Chief Judge

The CJ will serve as administrative head of the Panel of Judges.

(1) Judge Panel selection
The CJ, within 14 days of having received official approval of appointment, must contact each Judge on the annual nomination list to inform those selected to the Official Panel of Judges and those not selected. The selected judges must then confirm their availability to the CJ within 14 days of receipt of notification of their selection. The final official Panel of Judges will then be posted on the FAI/IPC website.

(2) Liaison with the organiser
The CJ will, upon nomination, communicate with the nominated Assistant to the CJ of the FCE for which he has been appointed to confirm:

(a) Official arrival date of Judges (CJ, EJ and Panel of Judges).
(b) Date and duration of Judges’ conference.
(c) Any specific requirements for that FCE.

(3) Arrival at the Competition site
The CJ must be at the competition site in sufficient time to fulfil all the duties required of a CJ.

(4) Responsibilities prior to the start of the competition
Review all Official Information Bulletins, ensure that they are correct and in accordance with the requirements of the FCEAD (3.1) and, if so, advise the IPC Bureau that they are satisfactory.

The CJ must conduct a Conference for the Panel of Judges before the start of the events. The CJ shall be responsible for ensuring that the Panel of Judges meets the qualification standard. The CJ has the right to dismiss a Judge who does not meet these requirements (6.6.7).

Prior to the start of the competition the CJ must confirm to the organiser and the Jury that all the equipment required by the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules is on site and in working order.

The CJ will conduct the draw of sequences and/or jump/performance order, required by the Competition Rules.

The CJ will designate the official scoreboard.

The CJ will examine each Judge’s logbook to ensure that the logbook meets the requirements of 6.1.1(3) for each entry recording judging activity and for the required personal data. If in the opinion of the CJ the judging logbook does not meet these requirements, the Judge will not be allowed to judge at the FCE. The CJ may request the Judge to provide his/her logbook (6.1.1(3)) for examination at any time after the time of selection to the Panel (6.6.3).

(5) Responsibilities during the competition

The CJ will conduct all Judges’ meetings.

The CJ will ensure compliance with the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules during the competition working as necessary with the MD and other competent personnel.

The CJ will control the evaluation of score sheets, sign them and will ensure prompt publication of the results on the official scoreboard, and if available electronically, on the FAI/IPC website. (5.2.10(3)(b))

If a potential World or Continental record is established during an FCE (GS. 7.8.4) a competition, the CJ will provide the President of the Jury relevant NAC with the appropriate documentation of the record (description of the record, certified copies of the official score sheets etc.).

The CJ will confirm attendance of the Judges at the event to the FAI Controller.

(6) Responsibilities (after) at the end of the competition

During or after an FCE, the CJ will conduct a meeting of the Judges in order to discuss issues that may have arisen during the FCE. Recommendations from this meeting shall be forwarded to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee.

The CJ will provide feedback to each member of the Judging Panel regarding their performance.

The CJ must submit a report to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee, the Chair of the relevant discipline Committee and the IPC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the completion of the competition so that, if possible, it can be distributed to all Delegates and be posted on the FAI/IPC web site. The standard report form must be used.

Copies of all official summary score sheets will be submitted to the IPC Judges Committee.

6.7.2 Event Judge

(1) Arrival at the Competition site

The EJ must arrive at the competition site in sufficient time to fulfil all his duties as determined by the CJ.

(2) Responsibilities during the competition

The EJ is responsible for the interruption of his event when necessary, either alone or
The EJ is responsible for prompt transmission of the scoring sheets to the CJ.
The EJ, in conjunction with the CJ, will handle queries from Team Managers concerning their competitors' performance.

6.7.3 The Judges

(1) Arrival at the Competition site
The Judges must arrive on site in time to attend any conference scheduled to be held before the competition starts.

(2) Responsibilities prior to or during the competition
(a) The Judges will present to the CJ, when requested, their judging logbook, which must meet the requirements of 6.1.1(3) for each entry recording judging activity and for the required personal data. If in the opinion of the CJ a judging logbook does not meet these requirements, the particular Judge will not be allowed to judge at the FCE.
(b) The Judges will work as directed by the CJ and EJ.

(3) Judges may not discuss competitors or teams performance until either all Judges have completed their assessment of the jump/performance or if the EJ requests it.

(4) The Judges must not provide any person with result information until that information has been declared official and may not discuss the judging process with anyone other than the other judges on their panel.

6.7.4 Assistant to the Chief Judge(s)

(1) Responsibilities prior to the start of the competition
The duties of the Assistant to the CJ commence upon appointment and include:
Liaise between the Organiser and the CJ(s).
Obtain from CJ(s) specific requirements for the FCE.
Work with CJ and Judge’s Committee regarding the Scoring System to be used.
Obtain Judging panel details from the CJ(s).
Prepare arrival and transportation schedule for all judges.
Ensure accommodation and any specific requirements for judging panel.
Determine Judge identification or uniform.
Set up the judging room with the CJ.
Set up dubbing and scoring systems as necessary for each event and ensure there is sufficient technical support in conjunction with the supplier of the technical dubbing and scoring system(s).
Set up and communicate the dubbing procedure.
Set up procedure for transmission of scores from CJ to the official scoreboard.

(2) Responsibilities during the competition
Coordinate and communicate daily schedule for Judges.
Coordinate daily transportation of judges.
Ensure scores are posted to the official scoreboard as necessary.
Provide assistance to the CJ as required.
Confirm judges’ departure schedule.
Coordinate Judges’ departure transportation.

6.7.5 Chief of Judge Training

(1) Course for Judges in Training
The CJT will conduct the Course for Trainee Judges and for FAI Parachuting Judges wishing to undergo refresher or re-evaluation training. This course will be run during an FCE or Second Category Event or at any other time with prior approval of the IPC Judges Committee and with input from the IPC Judge Course Coordinator.

(2) Conclusion of the Course
The CJT will communicate to the participants the results of their test and give feedback on their performance during the course. The CJT must prepare a report, which contains details of the work of the Trainee Judges and FAI Parachuting Judges, the equipment and working conditions, and an evaluation of each Judge’s work. This report must be sent within 30 days of the completion of the Course for Trainee Judges to the Chair of the IPC Judges’ Committee.

(3) A CJT present at an FCE or Second Category Event may perform any of the duties undertaken by members of the Panel of Judges at the request of the CJ, provided these do not interfere with his own specific duties. The CJT is not permitted to do any other work or perform any other duties.

6.7.6 Judges in Training

(1) Judges in Training are potential FAI Parachuting Judges and must be familiar with the Sporting Code, Section 5, the relevant Competition Rules and meet the language requirements of 6.1.1(2).and the requirements of 6.2.1. They will work under the direction of the CJT.

The Judges in Training present at an FCE or Second Category Event should, if possible, attend the Judges’ Conference prior to the competition.

6.8 JUDGES MEETINGS AT A FIRST CATEGORY EVENT

6.8.1 The Panel of Judges will meet whenever the CJ considers it necessary or if one third of its members wish to do so. The proceedings of each meeting shall be recorded and will be signed by the CJ.

6.8.2 Attendance at the meetings is limited to the Panel of Judges, members of the Jury, Trainee Judges (if invited but without a vote) and persons invited by the Panel.

6.8.3 Each member of the Panel of Judges present at the meeting has a vote. Decisions will be by a simple majority of all Judges present at the meeting.

6.9 JUDGE VIDEO LIBRARIAN

A Judge Video Librarian will be nominated by the IPC Judges’ Committee to store and manage all judge related media and to facilitate the production of test and training material.

6.10 PROVISION OF INFORMATION

(1) The Judges must not provide any person with result information until that information has been declared official.

(2) Judges may not discuss competitor’s or team’s performance until either all Judges have completed their assessment of the jump or the EJ requests it.

CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

- Changing disciplines to ratings. A rating allows a Judge to judge a discipline.
- Change “current rating” to “valid rating”. Valid is the better term.
- Updating to FAI Parachuting Judge, for uniformity reasons.
- Added “performance” where it was missing.
- Adding IAE to 6.1.2(5) as this was missing as a separate rating here.
- Adding “NAC equivalent” to 6.2.1, to accommodate ASIANA and COLPAR as they were missing.
- Changing text 6.7.1(5) for the record procedure, from NAC to Jury President.
- Updating several references to paragraphs and correcting English.