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One CF First Category Event was held in 2017, the World Cup and European Championships of Canopy Formation in Saarlouis, Germany. Although the CF Community has said they would prefer to have FCEs only in World Championship years, the Committee would like to thank Helmut Bastuk and Fallschirmsportzentrum (FSZ) Saar e. V. for a very well run competition.

We were off to a bit of a slow start as we did not have enough teams or NACs to hold either a 4-way sequential event or a 4-way rotation event. However, in the end 7 teams (6 NACs) competed in 2-way sequential. During this competition France achieved new World and European Records in the 2-way sequential event with 56 points in time. Argentina also achieved a new South American record in the same event. The Committee would like to congratulate both teams.

Marylou Laughlin was able to reintroduce the CF Web Challenge once again. We had a reasonable turnout with four 2-way sequential teams, one 4-way rotation team and two 8-way Speed teams. We were very glad to see the interest in the 8-way Speed event. All teams took the opportunity to do all three rounds. I would like to thank Natasha Higman for the press release that went out to all NACs, the support of the NACs who disseminated the information to their competitors, Susan Dixon for website support, and the CF Judges who scored the dives (Pia Berggren, Percy Kristersson, Julia Sotnikova, Natasha Higman and Bernard Nicolas CJ).

The Web Challenge also addressed competitors' concerns regarding the definition of a "foot hook." Competitors were allowed to use "contact" as a means of scoring points. However, all teams used the "foot hook" in their video submissions.

The Committee will be reviewing some suggestions from the Chief Judge in Saarlouis Julia Sotnikova. This seems to be only some fine tuning of existing rules.

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

At this time, the CF Committee and competitors are looking forward to the World Championships to be held at the Gold Coast in Australia.

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

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