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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	7 th FAI European Canopy Formation Championships 2017 9 th FAI World Cup of Canopy Formation 2017
Event:	CF 2-way sequential
Place:	Saarlouis, Germany
Date:	7th of August 2017 - 13th of August 2017
Panel of Judges:	<p>Chief Judge - Julia Sotnikova (Russia)</p> <p>Event Judge - Gillian Rayner (France)</p> <p>Judge - Percy Kristersson (Sweden)</p> <p>Judge - Jenni Plumridge (Australia)</p> <p>Judge - T.K. Rath (India)</p> <p>Judge - Natasha Higman (UK)</p> <p>Bernard Nicolas volunteered not to attend following the decision to reduce the number of panel judges after CF 4-way events were cancelled due to low participation</p>
Equipment Used:	InTime Scoring System
Details of the Judges Work: (including judging statistics)	<p>All judges arrived on time for the judges conference. The conference took place on 7th August - the scoring system was available for CF judges for about 4 hours only (13.00 - 17.00 - Judges Training room), and was carried onto the next day 8th August (AE judges room) - due to poor weather conditions the competitions did not start in the morning as scheduled, so it gave an opportunity to continue with the judges conference.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the working conditions were not very favorable. CF panel did not have a dedicated facility and equipment; had to</p>

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	<p>share room mostly with the Judges Training Course and occasionally with AE judges. That was not pre-agreed either with CF panel, or the Judges Committee. The room, the small container actually, for the Training course was much smaller compared to the other judges' rooms and was located off-site from the other judges rooms and main competition facilities: long distance away from the only printer that was located in FS judges room, and the dubbing station; internet connection was also available only at FS and AE judging rooms and not in the Training Judges room where CF judges were expected to be mainly located.</p> <p>Light also caused some concerns: if lights on - the reflection on the screen, if off - complete darkness (no windows in the container) and judges cannot see keys on laptops key boards.</p> <p>The announcements by the Manifest were not heard in the room due to the distant location on the one hand, and to the noisy machinery that was located right next to the Training Judges room.</p> <p>Similar problems were encountered in the «Judges Relax Room» where CF judges hung while neither AE room, nor Judges Training room were available for them: no internet connection and no hearing of the manifest announcements.</p> <p>The communication was not well organized for the judges: there was no notice board at the hotel where the judges were located. When there was a change of competition schedule, just one CJ out of 3 CJs was informed.</p> <p>In accordance with CF Competition Rules 4.4 « After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed» and «the Organizer has to supply a qualified person to monitor teams for this possible occurrence». The person suggested by the Meet Director was Mr. Helmut Bastuck from the Organizing Committee, who was extremely busy with manifest and running of the competitions in general, thus unable to fulfill the requirements of the rule above. No other candidate was proposed by the Meet Director. In order to monitor the rule is not breached, CF judges in turns had to monitor the situation, which was extremely inconvenient if judging had to take place the same time as CF teams jumping.</p> <p>All abovementioned lead to stress and conflict of judging times for CF, AE and Judges Training course.</p> <p>Despite the inconveniences all CF videos were successfully judged.</p>
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	<p><i>Statistics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • total of 7 teams and 6 Nations (two 2-way teams from France) • 5 European Nations (France, Germany, Poland, Romania, Russia) + 1 South American team (Argentina) • Total of 5 rounds made, 35 competition jumps judged. The weather did not permit to complete 8 rounds • 2 records set: • New CF 2-way World Record by France A - 56 formations (round 3) • New CF 2-way Continental South American record by Argentina - 5 formations (round 2)
Recommendations for Organisers:	All covered in details of Judges Work section and Personal remarks.
Rule Changes Proposals:	<p><u>CF Competition Rules</u></p> <p><i>4.4 End of Working Time</i></p> <p>Eliminate ambiguity as to who is responsible to supervise that «after the working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed».</p> <p>Current wording of the rule says, from the one hand, that «the organizer shall supply a qualified person to monitor teams»; on the other hand, in 4.4.1 «The Chief Judge is responsible for appointing a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed».</p> <p><u>Sporting Code, Section 5</u></p> <p><i>Chapter 4. Organization of Competitions</i></p> <p><i>4.4.1 Deadlines for Entries</i></p> <p>Change deadline for provisional entry forms for FCE from 75 days before the beginning of the competition to 190 days to help relevant committee Chairs to meet the deadlines of SC5, par. 4.10(1) - Minimum Participation.</p> <p>«Six months before an FCE, the relevant IPC Committee must</p>

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	<p>determine the number of NACs intending to enter a team or individuals in an event at the FCE. If the relevant IPC committee determines that less than 4 NACs gave this intention, the event will not take place. The committee will inform the IPC Bureau of this and the IPC Recording Secretary will send out an information notice within 7 days to the FCE Organizer, IPC Delegates and NACs that the particular event will not take place and will arrange for its publication on the FAI/ IPC website».</p> <p><i>4.5.2 Meet Director</i></p> <p>Add par.: «The Meet Director of the approved FCE shall not hold a position on the IPC Bureau in order to avoid conflict of interest».</p> <p><i>Chapter 6. FAI Judges</i></p> <p>6.7. Duties of Judges</p> <p>Add par. 6.7.3 (5)</p> <p>The judge shall not perform any other roles or duties at the time of the FCE, including entering the Judges Training Course or performing re-evaluation, unless authorized by the CJ and does not interfere with the primary activity of judging the FCE and fulfilling the obligations as described in 6.7.3.</p>
<p>Personal remarks:</p>	<p>Prior the end of the preliminary registration for the CF events it became apparent that there was not enough Nations for valid 4-way events: 4-way rotation and 4-way sequential. The CF committee and the Judges committee did their best to contact the Nations from the previous World Meet to persuade them to compete, but unfortunately that did not result in increase in participation. Based on SC5 par. 4.10 minimum participation requirement, CF committee had to take the decision to cancel all CF 4-way events for the competitions.</p> <p>Following the cancellation of the 4-way events, the Organizer put a requirement to the IPC to have the judging panel reduced. SC5 has no guidelines to cover for such situation. Several scenarios with its pros and cons were considered by CF Committee Chair, Judges Committee Chair and the CJ: 1. no changes to the size of the panel; 2. reduction of the judges panel by 1-2 judges; 2. reduction of the number of days for judging of CF event (thus shifting the CF judges arrival day). The recommendation was in favor of the reduction of the number of days for the CF event, but that was not supported by the IPC President and the Meet Director. The final decision was to reduce</p>

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	<p>the judging panel by 1 judge due to the smaller size of CF.</p> <p>Thanks and appreciation to Bernard Nicolas, who was selected as part of CF judges panel, and volunteered not to attend to give a chance to the other judges.</p> <p>All judges stayed in the same hotel, which was very convenient and helpful. The Organizers provided each panel with their own means of transportation which allowed for very flexible and convenient schedule for the judges, much appreciated.</p> <p>The Assistant to the Chief Judge, Gundel, was of great help, and once the communication problem was settled, supported CF panel greatly.</p> <p>At the award ceremony the CF judges were the only panel that were not given a chance to congratulate their competitors on the podium and to award medals, which was a shame and provoked questions from CF competitors and other judges.</p> <p>The CF competitors paid the same entry fees as other disciplines and the CF judges put no less amount of efforts and dedication compared to other panels, that is not fair for the discipline to be treated as second rate.</p> <p>I would like to thank CF judges for the great job they did despite all the difficulties and inconveniences. Thank you for being great and supportive team!</p>
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As per Sporting Code Section 5, 6.7.1 (6) this report is to be sent, within 30 days of the competition's completion, to – Chair of the Judges Committee, IPC Recording Secretary, Chair/s of the parachute discipline/s which took part in the event

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