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## Report from the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator

In 2019 a total 9 FAI Judges Training Courses and additionally re-evaluations were organised in different countries. All Training courses and re-evaluations were taught and supervised by current FAI Judges.

### Statistics:

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Countries</b>
Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style	1 course	Argentina
Artistic Events	2 FAI Training courses	Belgium Czech Republic
Canopy Piloting	1 FAI Training course 1 Re-evaluation course	South Africa, Czech Republic
Dynamic	1 course	Belgium
Formation Skydiving	1 course	United States America
Speed Skydiving	1 re-evaluation course	Great Britain
Wingsuit Flying	1 course <i>course was cancelled due to lack of interest</i>	Italy

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Countries</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>%</b>
41 in total	from 15 countries Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, India, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Great Britain, United States of America	36	87,8 %

Congratulations to all the new FAI judges in Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style, Dynamic, Artistic Events and Formation Skydiving and to all the FAI judges who have passed their re-evaluation.

This year it was very important to find judges who are interested in Dynamic and Artistic Events and to train them as FAI judges. This has given us a larger pool of judges to choose from in the future. Unfortunately no judge were found to be interested to participate in the FAI Judges Training Course for Wingsuit Flying in Italy

### **Topics we have to work on:**

As the Judges course coordinator I am always interested in how I can continue to develop our courses, to keep up with the rapid developments in our sport, especially Indoor. There are some interesting changes on the way.

Live judging in Formation Skydiving is coming, something which is well established in Dynamic and AE Indoor for a long time. 8-way Indoor was a huge success in Lille this year and there is a good chance that it will be part of the Indoor competitions.

These developments must be addressed in courses in the future, but it also raised questions that need to be discussed:

- Is it time to have separate Indoor and Outdoor rated judges in some disciplines, to cope with the complexity? Maybe it would help those judges, who do not have the possibility in their country to train on all events. Would it even help the Chief Judge when selecting the panel of judges?

If FAI Judges need to re-evaluate their ratings, it is sometimes a logistic and a time challenge for everyone. Of course it would always be the best to join a FAI Judges Training Course or to be at a competition. In a lot of cases that is not always possible, but judges still need their re-evaluation. It is not possible to fulfil all individual wishes and do all the re-evaluations one by one, because it has to fit in time and place, a CJT/Supervisor needs to be found and in some cases you need a scoring system.

This year in August we had organised a Canopy Piloting Course in Katovy, CZ, just for re-evaluations. This course was well attended and was a great success. This however has raised the following question:

- Would it be an advantage for FAI Judges to organise courses/days just for re-evaluations?

Possible options:

- At the end of FAI Judges Training course
- For example a yearly course in Europe, a standalone course or at a bigger competition, possible at different places in the world

When some FAI Judges this year have failed their re-evaluation, it opened up a discussion and we have realised that our rules have not properly covered this case. Following questions were raised:

- How long should the gap be from not passing the test until a retest?
- How often can a judge repeat the test in the same year?

To keep the high standard of judging, we really need to keep on top of the practise.

Many thanks go to all the organisers who have supported and helped run the FAI Judges training courses and re-evaluations. A big thank you also goes to the Judges Committee, for all their support and for some very interesting talks and discussions as well as help on developing the judges training.

My biggest "Thank you" goes to all the Chief Judges of Training and Supervisors for their commitment and time, their willingness to work on high training standards and particularly their passion for teaching and supporting new judges on their way to become experienced judges.



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