



CIVL 2017 PLENARY – ANNEX 27A
PG ACCURACY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL – JUDGING CODE

Judging Code

To be Included in Section 7c AS Chapter 9

Requirements

Judges are qualified to observe, mark and measure the performance of a competitor. They have a character of high integrity and must be capable of making fair and unbiased decisions.

Judges must have a detailed knowledge of the General Section of the Sporting Code, of Section 7C, of this Judging Code, of the Local Regulations for the event they are judging, and of other relevant documents published by FAI and CIVL.

Judges record the event they judge in a logbook. They shall present their logbook to the Chief or Event Judge on request.

Judges may have their appointment revoked by the Chief Judge if they fail to maintain the standards of this code or are guilty of misdemeanours during the competition,

English is the official language of CIVL.

In 1st Category Events, all Judges shall speak English.

in 2nd Category Events, if 50% of the pilots are from a country other than the one organizing the event, at least the Chief Judge and Event Judge shall speak English. If less than 50% of the pilots are from a country other than the one organizing the event, an English translator shall be available at all times.

Approval

Judges are FAI Officials.

Judges shall have the approval of their NAC or delegated authority.

CIVL updates and regularly publishes on its website the CIVL International Judges Database of approved Judges.

Organizers of events shall make sure that their Judges are approved by their NAC or delegated authority.

If some Judges are not approved, organizers shall submit to CIVL the names of potential Judges at least 45 days before the start of the event. CIVL will contact the NAC or delegated authority for approval. If no answer is received in the 15 days following CIVL request, the judges shall be considered as approved.

Team

The Judging Team consists of at least the following number of Judges:

1st Category Events

Chief Judge	1
Event Judge	1
Target Judges	3
Reserve Judges (fichet)	2
Total	7

The Judging Team shall be from 3 different nations.
Chief and Event Judges shall be from 2 different nations.
The Chief Judge cannot be from the organizing nation.

Test-Events for 1st Category Events

Chief Judge	1
Event Judge	1
Target Judges	3
Reserve Judges (fichet)	2
Total	7

The Judging Team shall be from 2 different nations.
Chief and Event Judges shall be from 2 different nations. Preferably, they should be the same Judges as for the 1st Category Event.

2nd Category Events

Chief Judge	1
Event Judge	1
Target Judges	3
Reserve Judges	1

The Judging Team shall be from 2 different nations if at least 50% of the pilots are from another nation than the organizing one.
If fewer than 50 pilots are participating in the Event, one Judge can be both Chief Judge and Event Judge.

Nomination

Members of the Judging Team are appointed by:

1st Category Events and Test-Events for 1st Category Events

Chief Judge	CIVL in consultation with the Organizer
Event Judge	CIVL in consultation with the Chief Judge and the Organizer
Target Judges	Chief Judge in consultation with the Organizer
Reserve Judges	Chief Judge in consultation with the Organizer

Chief and Event Judges are appointed at least 6 months before the start of the event.
Target and Reserve Judges are appointed at least 2 months before the start of the event.

2nd Category Events

Chief Judge	Organizer
Other Judges	Organizer in consultation with Chief Judge

Selection

The Judging Team members must be selected from those with appropriate levels of experience who are registered on the CIVL International Judging Database.

1st Category Events

The Judging Team members shall participate in a judging seminar directly prior to the start of the event. The seminar is conducted by the Chief Judge.

Judges need to have the following experience:

Chief Judge

Acted at least twice as Event Judge in the last 4 years (at least once at a 1st Category Event).

Acted at least once as Chief Judge in a 2nd Category Event in the last 4 years.

Event Judge

Acted as Target Judge at least 4 times.

Acted as Event or Chief Judge in at least two 2nd Category Event in the last 3 years.

Target and Reserve Judge

Performed as Target Judge in at least two in 2nd Category Event in the last 2 years.

2nd Category Events

For 2nd Category Event judges need to have the following experience:

Chief Judge

Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years.

Event Judge

Acted twice as Target Judge in the last 3 years.

Or

Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years.

Target Judge

Attended judging training in the last 2 years.

Judges Responsibilities

Chief Judge

The Chief Judge is the leader of the Judging Team. He shall:

- Be available for the selection of the Judging Team and ensuring that all requirements are met.
- In 1st Category Event, be the main Lecturer in the mandatory judging seminar.
- Hold a preparatory meeting for the Judging Team and supporting roles before the training round.
- Ensure that correct judging standards are maintained by all members of the Judging Team.
- Ensure that all required equipment is available and in working order.
- Attend all briefings of competitors and if necessary participate in them.
- Position the Target Judges and distribute their tasks.
- Confer with the Event Judge and the Meet Director if a request is made to temporarily stop the competition.
- Decide to start a video evidence review according to S7C.
- Check the score sheet and sign it to confirm the validity of round scores.

- Stop the competition after he has conferred with the Event Judge, the Meet Director and the Safety Director if any of these Officials consider that conditions are becoming dangerous.
- Keep a record of the Judging Team and provide this information to CIVL Competition Coordinator so the International Judging Database can be updated.

Event Judge

The Event Judge shall:

- Check the landing area setting.
- Insure the smooth running of the target area.
- Take over any of the duties within the target area if necessary.
- Observe competitors' separation in the air and during final approach.
- Observe pilots' route from take-off to target.
- In 1st Category Event, participate in the mandatory judging seminar.

Target Judges

The Target Judges shall:

- Observe all contacts of pilot and equipment with the ground and decide if the pilot can be scored or if it is a fall.
- If the pilot is scored, decide whether the first point of ground contact is with the left or the right foot, or both feet.
- Mark the first point of ground contact if it is between the automatic measuring device and further limit of the measuring field and measure the distance between this point and the edge of the dead centre disc.
- If there was more than one point of first ground contact, mark and measure the farthest point.
- If the automatic measuring device is defective, also mark and measure within the device limits.
- Call the score to the Recorder.

At least one Judge is in charge of observing if the pilot can be scored or if it is a fall.

At least one Judge is in charge of observing which foot touches the ground first.

Only one Judge is in charge of calling the score.

The following signals are used:

- Pilot falls: Judge shows one arm fully extended vertically above his head.
- Left pilot's foot touches: Judge shows left arm fully extended on the side at shoulder height.
- Right pilot's foot touches: Judge shows right arm fully extended on the side at shoulder height.
- Both pilot's feet touch: Judge shows both arms fully extended in front at waist height.

Other Responsibilities

Launch Marshal

The Launch Marshal is not a Judge. He is appointed by the Organizers.

The Launch Marshal shall:

- Be responsible for the smooth running of take off operations.
- Have knowledge and experience of local weather and flying conditions.
- Open and close the take off area.
- Call pilots to prepare.
- Allow pilots take off according to the flying order.
- Allow take off out of flying order in special cases, e.g. a relaunch.
- Record pilots take offs according to the flying order list.

- Communicate with the Chief Judge, Event Judge and Meet Director regarding flying conditions and competition running.
- Communicate with pilots on take off regarding safety and competition logistics.

Recorder

The Recorder is not a Judge. He is appointed by the Organizers.

The Recorder shall:

- Repeat the score called by the Target Judge.
- Record the score on the official scoring log sheet.
- Make sure that the pilot signs his score on the official log sheet.
- Record the start, finish and stand down times of the rounds on the official log sheet.

Wind Speed Monitor

The Wind Speed Monitor is not a Judge. He is appointed by the Organizers.

The Wind Speed Monitor shall:

- Observe the wind speed by using a wind speed-measuring device in the period of 30 seconds before the landing by a competitor.
- If the wind exceeds the maximum value, record the value on the official wind speed log sheet and notify the Event Judge.

In 2nd Category Events, Wind Speed Monitor service can be simplified by using mechanical instruments, but in case of high winds the Organizer must provide a person for observing and continuously reporting wind speed to the Event Judge.

Equipment

Metering

Target Judges shall be equipped with pointers which can be used for marking a pilot's first point of landing without disturbing other pilots' landing.

The tape measure shall be of at least the same length as the measuring field radius.

Clothing

All Judges shall wear clothes (vests, t-shirts, etc.) of very visible colours (red, yellow...).

In 1st Category Event, these clothes shall have a FAI or CIVL logo.

Communication

The organizer shall provide communication equipment to facilitate communication between the Competition Director, Chief Judge, Event Judge, Launch Marshal, Steward and Jury.

Shelter

The organizer must provide a shelter and refreshment for Judges and supporting duties Officers.

Judges Training Sessions

Judges Training Sessions can be organized and founded by an Event organizer, and/or by a NAC.

Judges Training sessions shall be approved by CIVL Bureau at least 60 days before they take part and shall be made public on CIVL website.

For the Session to be approved, the organizers must provide in time to CIVL:

- The name of the Lecturers.
- The conditions of access to the sessions for the trainees.

The main Lecturer is a Chief Judge. Other Lecturers may be Event Judges or CIVL Officials (Steward, Jury, Bureau Members...).

Depending on availability of funds, CIVL may cover travel expenses for some Lecturers.

A Judging Training shall be organized before each 1st Category Event, just prior to the start of the event.

Programme

- Introduction to FAI, CIVL, 1st and 2nd Category Events.
- Overview of Section 7 and relevant chapters of the General Section of FAI Sporting Code.
- Importance of judging role for quality competitions.
- Setting the target area.
- Judging code.
- Judging situations and decisions.
- Practical exercises to be performed on a flying site with pilots landing.

Database

The CIVL International Judges Database is set and maintained by CIVL.

All Judges attending Training Sessions and appointed to act as Judges at competitions are recorded in the Database.

Judging Session organizers and Chief Judges are responsible for collecting and submitting data on Judges to CIVL.

All Judges are responsible to check that their entry on the CIVL Judging Database is up to date.

Logbooks

All Judges have to maintain their own Judging Logbooks and have the Chief or Event Judges sign it off at the end of the event.

All Judges shall present their Judging Logbooks to the Chief or Event Judge on request.