# CHIEF JUDGE REPORT

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| Panel of Judges: | Rina Gallo, CAN  
Bert Ham, NED |
| Equipment Used: | SMD: Larsen & Brusgaard Protrack  
Software: Intervision Speedware |

**Details of the Judges Work:**

- Judges Work: both judges of my panel, Rina Gallo from Canada and Bert Ham from the Netherlands, were well prepared and did an excellent job during the whole competition. The software worked well and stable. 8 download devices on 1 computer were used for SMD data download. There was no single technical problem. Also the SMDs worked very well → no technical rejumps.

- No protest was brought in. Two HoD made a complaint regarding the behaviour of a competitor after landing: shortly after landing a competitor took off his rig and didn't immediately report to the judges area to have the measuring devices removed (SP CR 4.1.7). In a short competitors meeting the correct procedure was explained again, as during the technical meeting.

- Statistics: 23 competitors from 9 NACs - Australia, Austria, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden and United States of America – participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Speed Skydiving World Championships. 153 jumps were judged in total, no rejumps.

**Competition Records:**

- Male World Record by Henrik Raimer from Sweden
- Male Continental Record by Henrik Raimer from Sweden (European)
- Male Continental Record by Kyle Lobpries from the U.S. (American)
- Male Continental Record by Corby Mason from Australia (Oceanic)

The preliminary claims were forwarded to the FAI.

- Male National Record Sweden (Henrik Raimer)
- Male National Record Australia (Corby Mason)
- Male National Record Switzerland (Marco Wiederkehr)
- Male National Record Italy (Carmine Della Corte)

The record claims were forwarded to the competitors.
Recommendations and Feedback for Organiser:

Infrastructure: pre the event the organiser confirmed two computer workstations. The two workstations were not provided in time. I had to use my private notebook, to be able to report “Ready” in the meeting with the Jury. In order not to change a working setup and threaten the running system, the provided workstations were not used.

Judging Room: the judging room provided sufficient space and it was close to manifest and boarding area. There was only one small thing: the Speed Skydiving panel was a little off the area of the other judge panels.

Public Transport: except some minor problems at the first day of the event, the public transport worked perfectly for my panel and me.

Accommodation: my judges and I were not located in the same hotel. Not a big deal, but in some situations it made the communication and socializing with my judges a bit difficult.

Cooperation: the cooperation with Meet Director Bill Wenger was very good. Nevertheless, I would have liked a daily briefing. Assistant to the Chief Judges Marylou Laughlin, Rook Nelson and his excellent staff have always paid attention that all was fine for my team and me.

Rule Changes Proposals:

SP CR paragraph 5.3.1 defines an exit altitude of 13.000 ft (3962 metres). Paragraph 5.3.2 defines the minimum exit altitude of 12.000 ft (3658 metres).

There is no definition for the Maximum Exit Altitude in the SP CR.

Proposal definition Maximum Exit Altitude: Paragraph 5.3.3 The maximum Exit Altitude for a valid jump is 13.500 ft (4115 metres). A competitor is not allowed to exit the aircraft at a higher altitude than the maximum exit altitude. Jumps from an exit altitude higher than the maximum exit altitude will not be considered valid.

Personal remarks:

It was a big honour to me to judge the 1st FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships. And it was a big pleasure for me to work together with all FAI/IPC officials, all members of the organizing team and last but not least of course with my judges. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity!

According to Sporting Code Section 5, 6.7.1 (6) this report is to be sent to the Chair of the Judges Committee, the Chair of the Speed Skydiving Committee and the IPC Reporting Secretary within 30 days of the competition completion.

Signature: Arnold Hohenegger, MBA

Date: 21st of October 2016