CHIEF JUDGE REPORT

| Competition: | 2nd FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships & 3rd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving 2017 |
| Event:       | Open Event                                                                 |
| Place:       | Saarlouis, Germany                                                        |
| Date:        | 7th to 13th August 2017                                                   |
| Panel of Judges: | Rina Gallo, CAN  |
|              | Arnold Hohenegger, AUT                                                   |
| Equipment Used: | SMD: Larsen & Brusgaard Protrack  |
|              | Software: Intervision Speedware                                           |

Details of the Judges Work: (including judging statistics)

Judges Work: both judges of my panel, Rina Gallo from Canada and Arnold Hohenegger from Austria, were well prepared and did an excellent job during the whole competition.

Kate Charters was originally selected for my Panel. Her nomination was withdrawn on 15th of June 2017 by the British NAC so a replacement for her had to be found. Arnold Hohenegger was also in Saarlouis and kindly offered to work as the third Judge (together to his job as Chief of Judge Training for Speed). The decision was approved by Bernard Nicolas (Judges Committee) and Karla Cole (Judges Training).

The software worked well and stable. 8 download devices on one 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. There were various discussions concerning the position of the measuring devices. Two complaints were made concerning the area of PT mounting. The complaints were handled by Meet Director and FAI Controller who was fully informed. The Chair of Committee was informed too and assured that the Committee will work to clarify the rules by next year’s Plenary in Bulgaria.

Statistics:

21 competitors from 11 NACs – Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America – participated in the 3rd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving and all of the above mentioned Nations – but without USA – participated in the 2nd FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships.

Due to weather conditions the 5th round was started with one competitor but could not be finished. So only 4 rounds - the sum of the best 3 jumps –
were counted.  
1 competitor had withdrawn due to health reasons after the 2nd round. So the competition was finished with 20 competitors.  
83 Jumps were judged in total, no rejumps.  
**Competition Records:**  
- Male National Record Turkey (Buhara Arif Kemal)  
- Male National Record Italy (Stefano Celoria)  
- Male National Record Russia (Gmyzin Dmitry)  
The record claims were forwarded to the competitors.

**Recommendations and Feedback for Organiser:**

**Infrastructure:**

Only the screen was requested in advance from the organizer. The computer for the event together with all the stuff needed (cradles, interfaces and so on) was prepared by myself in advance. Also a 2nd PC was prepared for backup download – in case of needed.  

**Judging Room:** the judging room provided sufficient space and it was close to manifest and boarding area.  

**Transport to the Hotel:** was made by using my own car – so it worked perfectly for my panel and me.  

**Accommodation:** my judges and I were located in the same hotel together with the other Judges – so perfectly for the team.  

**Cooperation:** the cooperation with Meet Director Dr. Rainer (Exi) Hoenle was perfect and very good. Assistant to the Chief Judges Gundel Klement and her excellent staff have always paid attention that all was fine for my team and I.  

**Organization:** The organization was perfectly done by the organizing dropzone of Saarlouis.

**Rule Changes Proposals:**

Rule Changes are proposed concerning the mounting of the SMDs, using of Pockets instead of Cradles and so on.  

SP CR Paragraph 5.3.3 defines the maximum Altitude. The maximum Exit Altitude for a valid jump is 13500ft. A competitor is not allowed to exit the aircraft at a higher altitude then the maximum exit altitude. Jumps from an exit altitude higher than the maximum exit altitude will not be considered valid.

There is no definition how to decide if one of the SMDs shows an exit altitude above the limit and one of the SMDs shows an exit altitude below the maximum exit altitude.  

**Proposal for the decision:**  
*If the measured exit altitude of both SMDs show an exit altitude higher than 13500 ft then the jump is not valid. If one of the measured exit altitude of the SMDs shows an exit altitude lower or equal 13500 ft then the jump is valid.  
Or another version:*  
*The measured exit altitude of at least one SMD must show an exit altitude lower than the maximum altitude of 13500 ft otherwise the jump is not valid.*
Personal remarks:

It was a big honour to me to judge the 2nd FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships & 3rd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving 2017. 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.

I want to thank: FAI Controller Alberto Paracuellos for the great support, the Chair of the Speed Skydiving Committee Elisabet Mikaelsson for taking care of the Rule clarifications and finally thank you to my judges team – especially Arnold Hohenegger for doing this task together with his Judge Training Course.

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.

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Date: 29th of August 2017