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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	1 st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships
Event:	4-Way Formation and Vertical Formation Skydiving Championships
Place:	Hurricane Factory – Prague, Czech Republic
Date:	October 21 st – 24 th , 2015
Panel of Judges:	Rina Gallo CJ – (CDN) Wolfgang Duller EJ - (AUT) Pekka Salmela EJ – (FIN) Gisela Heitzinger (AUT) Anna Maria Lund – (NOR) Tamara Vorst – (NED) Ruth Cooper – (UK) Pia Berggren – (SWE) Jurate Janusauskiene –(LIT) Judy Celaya – (USA)
Equipment Used:	In-Time Scoring
Details of the Judges Work: <i>(including judging statistics)</i>	The judges worked diligently and very hard. Unfortunately, although the judges did their best to keep up, the fact of tunnel competition is that the flights can be performed much faster than the judges can judge them. A tremendous effort was given by all judges. They were a tremendous team and I thank them all for their effort and diligence. One reflight was awarded due to insufficient set up time in the door. Competitors: 2 Junior Teams, 9 Female, 16 Open Jumps Judged: 4-Way: 145 VFS: 76
Recommendations for Organisers:	Although all automated scoring system procedures were checked during the judges conference, the system failed during the 1st round due to a faulty encoder and the 1st round had to be re-performed. Although the Organizer had very capable support staff on-site, it took some time to fix the system as the part and the IT professionals needed were at a separate location. I suggest that there be someone available, at least at the start of competition to ensure all is running smoothly.
Rule Changes Proposals:	A separate camera to be mounted from below the wind tunnel to be used for VFS. This was in the original rules written for this event. However, this provision was removed and its omission has proved to be of great concern to some VFS competitors.

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Personal remarks:	<p>A delegation expressed great concern regarding the fact that no VFS camera was placed at the base of the tunnel.</p> <p>During discussions with the organizer in the months preceding the event. I, as CJ, had asked for a separate camera to be placed at the base of the wind tunnel. However, due to technical issues with this tunnel, this camera placement could not be achieved.</p> <p>At the competitors' briefing on the Thursday night, the same delegation offered the use their own camera and laptop computer to cut the footage into separate performances. I, as CJ, could not allow this as this would not be in accordance with the Competition Rules and said so during this briefing.</p> <p>On the Friday morning, before the competition was about to begin, the HoD of this same delegation came to advise that they had been told by the President of the Jury that they were given permission to use their personal equipment and were adamant that they be allowed access to the tunnel in order to place their camera.</p> <p>Since the Jury had not yet arrived at the competition site and there was no notice posted that this decision had been made by the Jury, I again refused. This caused some very hard feelings from the delegation towards myself as CJ.</p> <p>Later, I was approached by the FAI Controller inquiring why I had again refused placement of the delegation's equipment. I advised that this was not in accordance with the Competition Rules and I also explained the chain of custody issue and that it would be highly irregular and irresponsible to allow raw footage of video performances during a World Championships to be available and accessible to any competitor/delegation before those performances were judged. I also advised that, in my opinion, the Jury President had no authority to give this permission, unilaterally or otherwise, and by attempting to do so, was in breach of SC5, 4.7.2.</p> <p>After this explanation the Controller was satisfied and the issue was resolved.</p>
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According to Sporting Code Section 5, 6.9.1 (11) this is to be sent to the Chair of the Judges Committee and the IPC Technical Secretary within 30 days of the competition completion.

Name/Signature:	Rina Gallo 
Date:	November 12, 2015