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After the 2017 IPC meeting I knew some work was to be done for the 2018 documents. And after some competitions over the year, indoor skydiving, and some upcoming events 2018 there was even more work than expected. This led to R&R discussions, which led to this overview of proposals and activities.

Internal Regulations

As a start, the voting procedure as used for the multiple bids at Faro's Plenary is now proposed to be included (3.10.4). The TOR's of the judges committee includes the evaluation and approval of electronic scoring systems. The TOR's or R&R include indoor, as do the TOR's for the Media and Promotion WG. A specific new paragraph has been added there as well about the IPC Results Website, and the posting of IPC results on non-IPC websites. This item might need more discussion too. Annex 6 has more requirements for hosting a Plenary meeting.

Finally, indoor skydiving is added in 1.2, under IPC's aims and responsibilities. One item needs more discussion, and that is on the statistics and safety of indoor skydiving. Clearly parachuting and indoor are two complete different activities which cannot be put into the same jar. What do number of performances mean to FAI? Is safety in tunnels an issue for the IPC? Questions which need policy answers, for which the T&S committee needs to be involved.

Sporting Code - Section 5

It is impossible to keep SC5 unchanged for a year. There are always developments which need to be incorporated. The record section has been cleaned up quite a bit, for consistency reasons and taking care of joint records holders for FS/IFS on the highest average. The schedule of organisation (FCE's) has been updated too, being more specific about when particular event may or may not take place concurrently. The IPC president might include a proposal on further limiting the combination of Worldcups and Continental championships. The discussion on that item is not closed yet. New is 4.1.6. with text regarding what an Organiser may do with his (FCE) website. On request by the Judges Committee, in 4.3.1 (6) a requirement for the internet, including why this is needed, has been incorporated. 4.10 has been rewritten entirely, plus trying to make it more practical in relation to the dates and pre-registration. Overall, WS Performance and Acrobatic have been separated in specific paragraphs, this because they are technically and scoringwise intrinsically different. The posting of scores on the scoreboard and FAI/IPC website has been improved under 5.2.10. The whole paragraph dealing with penalties has been rewritten as well, for consistency and clarity reasons.

FCEAD

This document has been updated too, under the Organiser Agreement, regarding the internet connection, and the scoring. Also, as in SC5, specific requirements regarding an Organiser's (FCE) website. Annex 2 (FCE bid format document) sets a new requirement regarding bids for indoor skydiving and windtunnels, and previous competition experience.

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FAI Controller Handbook

This handbook has been expanded with the tasks of verifying the organisers website, and an expansion of the check on facilities on the competition site.

Jury Handbook

This one I love the most. There are no changes proposed.

Further discussion items

1) GS 4.1.3.1: continental championship.

The description of a continental championship is: “an international sporting event open to participants from all NACs within a specific Continental Region defined in the sporting code (see para 2.5) and, in case of vacancies, to participants from other invited non-eligible NAC’s”.

This paragraph has no further limitations on the non-eligible NAC’s. It could happen than an organiser invites NAC’s from another continent, and as such changing the “status” of the event to an open continental championship, or even a World Cup. “Status” as this is not true, the status can only be given by the Plenary and is not an automatic reflection of the NAC’s participating. The origin of the “invited non-eligible NAC’s” is unknown at the time of writing, but it could well be that it is based on events with qualifying criteria and in some cases not all eligible NAC’s qualify. Anyway, for the IPC, with no limitation on NAC’s entering events a limiting clause feels appropriate. A solution could be that in SC5 the limitation specifies that for a continental championship, if there are vacancies, only NAC’s from this continent can enter. And, as such, can not compete with a World Cup in the same year. After all, many teams only enter one event per calendar year.

2) Scoring- results website(s).

As you can read above, new text is proposed dealing with the needed fast internet at competition venues, scoring, posting scores, images and videos. But it does not stop there. The interface between the electronic scoring systems and the IPC results website and the organisers website is a matter which needs stricter regulations. This also involves logos of sponsors. This clearly is matter which must be discussed further by the Judges Committee, but also by FAI and experts in this field.

3) CISM records.

There was a request during the year to homologate a competition Freefall Style record set at a CISM championship as an FAI record. The current version of SC5 does not allow that, only performance records (*3.3.10 AL and ST Performance records may be established during a CISM Championships*). Whilst the performance of the competitor in question is the best so far worldwide, it was done at an event not under FAI’s auspices. Currently, there is only a MoU between CISM and the IPC. IPC cannot formally verify if the competition was held according to IPC’s rules. CISM would need judging procedures to guarantee the top-20 stylists are judged by an 5-person FAI rated panel *for all five rounds*.

To end this report I would like to thank my R&R colleagues – again – for their commitment, time and valuable input and comments: Elisabet Mikaelsson, Gillian Rayner, Susan Dixon, Patrice Girardin,

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Richard “Buzz” Bennett, Liam McNulty, James Hayhurst and Claire King. We all work with an open minded and positive mindset. Much appreciated.

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