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PROPOSAL TO AMEND SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5 § 4.10 (and § 4.4.1. deadline for provisional entry)

Situation:

In full accordance with current SC5 § 4.10, six months prior to a FCE the chairpersons of different c'tees have sent a mass mail survey to ipc-com-l@fai.org (> 100 recipients) and several "reply to all" answers with "yes we intend to register" or "no we will not" have been sent around the world.

The mail traffic was even higher in a multi discipline FCE (e.g. WC Saarlouis) where all NACs within several days had separate surveys from FS, AE, CF, SP chair and the same happened also 2016 before Mondial, when almost all c'tees separately sent out similar broadcast e-mails.

Assessment

Delegates and alternate delegates of 70+ NACs are asked if they intend to participate in a FCE to find out in an unofficial way if at least 4 of them really intend to do so.

Even if they replied yes, NACs could change their mind until the provisional /final entry deadline or even until arrival day or others may not have replied on the broadcast mail at all, although there maybe would be an interested team until the provisional entry.

FAI GS and SC5 have sufficient §§ [e.g. GS 4.4.3.1. or SC5 4.10 (2) & (3)] that deal with disciplines/ events/ classifications with a participation of less than four NACs officially entered (i.e. final entry and modification until 2 hours prior to the start of the FCE)

Proposal

(merge six month from § 4.10 with provisional entry deadline, put FAI controller in charge, move the provisional entry deadline of 75 days forward early enough e.g. 100 or 120 days):

Sporting Code Section 5, paragraph 4.10, (1)

"Immediately after the provisional entry to ~~Six months before~~ an First Category Event (FCE), ~~the FAI controller the relevant IPC Committee~~ must determine the number of NACs intending to enter a team or individuals in an event at the FCE. If the ~~relevant IPC Committee FAI controller~~ determines that less than 4 NACs have this intention, the event will not take place. The ~~FAI controller Committee~~ will inform the IPC Bureau of this and the IPC Recording Secretary will send out an information notice within seven days to the FCE Organiser, IPC Delegates and NACs that the particular event will not take place and will arrange for its publication on the FAI/IPC website."

4.4.1 Deadlines for Entries

(1) The provisional entry of a NAC for an FCE must reach the Organiser at least **100 [optional 120/...TBD] 75** days before the beginning of the competition. ~~The Organiser must then circulate the provisional entry list to all those NACs that have made a provisional entry not more than one week after the provisional entry date.~~ In the case of an International Competition, other than an FCE, this deadline is set by the Organiser.

(2) The Organiser must circulate the provisional entry list to all NACs not later than one week after the provisional entry date.

Rationale:

This clarifies that there is no need for the chair of a c'tee to send out a mass mail to all NACs (ipc-com-l in spring 2017 had 113 recipients) and to ask for a **pre-provisional** entry 6 month prior to a FCE.

If the provisional entries submitted by NACs indicate the participation in each event, the decision is based on official

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NAC entries and not unofficial e-mail surveys. The job is done by the FAI controller who has to be in close contact with the organizer anyhow.

If a cancellation of an event as in § 4.10 is required, the decision date needs to be early enough so that a cancelled event does not have a negative impact on travel plan/ flight booking of participants and officials.

For planning purposes, hotel pre-booking etc. it is also better for the FCE organizer to have the registered number of participants earlier than 75 days

In case of doubt the event should not be cancelled because FAI GS and SC5 have sufficient §§ that deal with disciplines/ events with a participation of less than 4NACs officially entered (i.e. final entry) (e.g. 4.10 (2)

There is always the option that an event takes place with less than 4 NACs and there will be winners instead of champions. And after two times with less than 4 NACs this specific event is removed anyhow (see 4.10 (3) (b)

Second sentence of 4.4.1. (1) is redundant with (2)

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