IPC Rules and Regulations Committee
Proposals for changes 2016

- Changes are shown as follows:
  - New text (being new, or changed), in bold
  - Deleted text, strikeout.
- Explanations of the proposals, in blue

## Sporting Code - Section 5

Overall:
*FCE*

change First Category Event to FCE (except in headers)

### Definitions
In the Section 5, **Team Captain, Team Manager and Team Coach** have been respectively clarified and/or added. (see below)

Definitions are deemed needed in the General Section for “Team Captain” and “Team Manager”. This has been asked by the French delegate. As such, a request has been made by the R&R committee to the FAI Executive Board. Such definitions are needed in order to clarify tasks and responsibilities on an overall level. The term “Team Captain” is by majority and history the preferred term by the IPC R&R, this position is however written in the current GS as “Team Leader”. So, either GS changes to the word “Team Captain” or SC5 makes a specific note about the terminology, clarifying that in SC5 Team Captain is the function of GS Team Leader.

### Specific paragraphs

1.1.2 (15). Drogue: a Drogue is a device used by an individual to aid deceleration, **resist acceleration** and/or to maintain stability.
There is a definition of a drogue in the record section, but not in the definitions paragraph itself. In the current text “a drogue or stabilization device” is used. Stabilization devices have never been used, only drogues. A Drogue is already used as a stabilization device.

Following out of this the overall change in SC5 should be made:

“... a drogue or stabilization device” 3.3.3 (2) (a) and (b), (7), (8), 3.3.7 (1) (a) and (b), (2)

(16) WINGSUIT: A garment of flexible material forming wings between a parachutist's arms, legs and torso, creating an aerodynamic platform designed to generate forward movement through the air using only the force of gravity. The parachutist's limbs and extremities must serve as the primary frame for the wings. **For wingsuit flight, the use of a drogue is not allowed.** Clarification that this is not allowed as it would influence the performance of the flight.

3.1.1. (2) Altitude/Fall/Flight Records
This is added in order to address the record category of "distance of flight". The inherent interpretation of the word "Fall" it too tight, assuming vertical distance only, whilst in wingsuit flying the record category is about the horizontal distance covered.

This adding of "Flight" will also be implemented in paragraphs, 3.1.2. (1), 3.1.2 (2) (b), 3.3.3 (header), 3.3.3 (6) and 3.3.10.

3.1.2 General Conditions- records
(1) All record attempts must be performed according to the IPC Competition Rules (SC5, 4.2), where appropriate. Team sizes for records must be as stated in the IPC Competition Rules, except for altitude/fall/flight, large formation and largest formation records.

(2) (b) A performance record, other than an Altitude/Fall/Flight (3.3.3) and a Speed (3.3.7) Record, must be evaluated and certified by three judges, two of whom must be FAI Parachuting Judges and the third judge must be at least a valid National Judge.

For an Altitude/Fall/Flight and a Speed Record, the certification will be the responsibility of the Official Observers (GS 5.2.1) appointed and approved by the organising and/or controlling NAC (GS 7.4.2).

See below for explanation, at para 3.3.3

(5) The claim for certification of an International Record must be done in accordance with Chapter 7 of the GS. However where a Competition Record performance takes place during an FCE and is part of the competition results approved by the Jury, the normal notification procedure in 7.8.1 and 7.8.3 need not be followed, and the following procedure will apply:

- A claim for the record performance will be sent directly to FAI by the Jury President.
- The claim must include all information necessary to properly categorise the record claimed (as per GS 7.8.2), including a copy of the approved official results.
- A copy of the claim will be sent to the record claimant’s NAC, including information regarding the conditions (like deadlines, payment, etc) the NAC needs to meet in order to have the claim accepted.

and a notification of the record performance may be sent directly to FAI. This notification will be prepared by the Jury President and must include all information necessary to properly categorise the record claimed, including a copy of the approved official results. The notification will also be sent to the record claimant's NAC, so that the requisite administration fee may be paid.

In line with a FAI/Bureau discussion about changing “notification” to “claim” regarding records set at FCEs, and explaining the criteria for the procedure.

(5). There is a hard enter on the third last sentence. housekeeping.

(6) The IPC will publish an annual list of current International Records. (to be deleted as the records are on FAI website and those are updated when relevant, not on an annual basis. Furthermore, at
present IPC does not do it. It does however force an organiser of an FCE to publish records at that FCE, which makes sense and which is enough)

3.2.9 WS Records
(1) Distance
The record performance for distance is the greatest horizontal distance achieve in any round of the Distance task in accordance with the current Competition Rules. Clarification.

(2) Speed
The record performance for speed is the fastest speed greatest achieved in any round of the Speed Task in accordance with the current Competition Rules. Expected proposal by wingsuit committee.

(3) Time
The record performance is the longest highest time achieved in any round of the Time Task in accordance with the current Competition Rules. Expected proposal by wingsuit committee.

3.3.3 (2) A Drogue is a device used by an individual to aid deceleration and/or to help maintain stability. To be deleted as this is now in the definitions paragraph, 1.1.2.

3.3.7. Vertical Speed Record – Individual
(1) The record performance of a vertical speed jump is one of the following:

(b) The maximum vertical speed attained, measured in km/h, with a drogue or stabilization device during the time from exit to the altitude at which the fall is terminated as measured by the required equipment, as per paragraph (2) below.

A new speed jump record is set only if the lower limit of the error range of the record performance is greater than the upper limit of the current record error range by at least 2%.

Exit means the point in time at which the individual leaves or jettisons the device in or by which he is being carried.

No external means of propulsion may be used after leaving or jettisoning the device by which the individual has been carried to the exit point.

Drogue definition includes the function of stabilization device already. The text "A new speed...... to the exit point" will be moved to a new section (3) as being in the current paragraph can lead to confusion. It is a formatting error from 2015 SC5.

(4) The performance shall, if possible, be determined with an overall margin of error of +/- 1%. If the overall margin of error in the determination of the performance is no more than +/- 1%, the value of the record shall be equal to the figure determined rounded down to the nearest whole number together with the margin of error.

If the overall margin of error in the determination of the performance is greater than +/- 1%, the value of the record shall be equal to the lower limit of the actual error range, rounded down to a whole number.

This text is now in line with 3.3.3. Housekeeping.

4.1.2. Schedule of organisation
(3). Schedule of organisation.

● 2016 Mondial or WPCs, World Cup of IS
● 2017 World Cups and WISC, WAG
● 2018 Mondial or WPCs, World Cup of IS
● 2019 World Cups and WISC

Updated schedule, assuming there will be WAG in 2017.

(6) Where an Organiser makes an application (in accordance with the FCEAD) to host a World Cup and a WPC in one or more disciplines for two consecutive years at the same location, the IPC Plenary will act as follows;

(a) A vote will first be taken on whether to approve these bids as one complete package.
(b) If the complete package approval in (a) is not given, each World Cup and/or WPC hosting application, referred to in (a), if not withdrawn, will be considered separately, discipline by discipline (1.1.1(4)), together with any other valid World Cup and/or WPC application(s) for each particular discipline.

( in line with a Bureau intention that this is the way forward, e.g. have a “test event” by the same organiser on the same location This might however not be applicable for indoor as there are so many bidders for 2016 and 2017)

4.2.2 Content
All IPC FCE Competition Rules must be written in English and must contain the following basic information
- Determination of World or Continental Regional Championships or World Cup winners; Medals and Prizes (if any) to be awarded. No FAI Diplomas will be awarded. FAI Diplomas may be awarded if stated in the relevant Competition Rules.

Following out of a recent discussion in the CP community.

4.2.5. Official Bulletins.
The NAC organising an FCE will issue propose two Official Information Bulletins (see IPC FCE Application Document 3.1) in electronic format, both to be posted on the FAI/IPC website by the stipulated dates.

(the organiser does not issue the Bulletins, IPC (Bureau) does, based on the proposed bulletin by the organiser)

The information in these Bulletins may not be at variance with anything in the Organiser’s accepted bid and the Organiser Agreement, unless IPC Bureau approval for such change has been given. Bulletin #1 must first be submitted, via the FAI Controller, at least 60 days before the issue date (FCEAD 3.1.1), to the IPC 1st Vice-President, who will ensure that the Bulletin is reviewed by the IPC Bureau, the FAI Controller, the Chief Judge, the Chief of Judge Training (if appointed) and the relevant Committee Chairs, all of whom have the responsibility to clarify and correct any wrong or misleading information and ensure that any missing information is included. When this process is complete and the Bureau has given its final approval, the IPC 1st Vice-President will ensure that Bulletin #1 is reviewed by the IPC Bureau, the FAI Controller, the Chief Judge, the Chief of Judge Training (if appointed) and the relevant Committee Chairs, all of whom have the responsibility to clarify and correct any wrong or misleading information and ensure that any missing information is included. When this process is complete and the Bureau has given its final approval, Bulletin #1 is issued and posted on the FAI/IPC and the Organiser’s websites. Bulletin #2 is not subject to this review process but must be issued by the stipulated date. The information in Bulletin #2 may not be at variance with anything in Bulletin #1, unless IPC Bureau approval for such change has been given. Bulletin #2 should first be submitted, via the FAI Controller, at least 20 days before the issue date to the 1st Vice-President. Bulletin #2 may only contain new, additional and/or changed information. The 1st Vice-President may authorise publication, unless information already published in Bulletin #1 has been changed, in which case IPC Bureau approval is required for the change before publication.

4.3 Technical Arrangements, Accommodation (correcting spelling error)

Jury Members. 4.7.1.(1) Unless exceptional circumstances prevail, each Jury member and eligible replacement must either have been present as a registered Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or NAC appointed Observer or as an IPC officer at the IPC Plenary meeting held in the year of the FCE, or acted as a Jury member in the previous year, and must represent and/or be resident in a different country than the other Jury members. (the present wording rules out the IPC president as Jury Member, and other IPC officers like WAG/WG liaison, while these are very experienced people who can act as Jury Member. Furthermore, persons who have acted as Jury Member in the year before the IPC meeting and
as such having very recent jury experience can now continue to do so, even when missing the IPC Plenary meeting)

4.3.6 (1) (b) needs to be amended to read ".....to cover the competition jumps/indoor performances and the ....."
The indoor events were missing in this paragraph.

4.3.8 Viewing equipment
When video equipment is used for judging, monitors must be provided for teams and Team Coaches and public to view the jumps or performances. This does not apply for CP.

4.4.1. (3) The list of entrants competitors may be altered at any time before the Jury and the CJ have given their approval for the competition to begin (4.5.1). From that moment, no replacement (including the nomination of alternates) will be allowed. (GS 4.13)
Not just the competitors, but including all persons who are liable to the FAI sanction fee. Now it is in line with GS 4.13)

4.4.2 Delegations
(4) The NAC, by including entrants a team or competitor in the Delegation, certifies that each entrant team or competitor is qualified and competent to participate and function in the event(s) entered. This text now includes HoD, Team Manager and Team coaches. After all, a NAC is responsible for them as well.

4.5.4 Team Managers
(3) They are responsible for the arrival on time of their competitors at the aircraft loading point. A Team Manager can not be responsible for this, the Team / competitor is. The Team Manager can tell a Team to go to the loading point, that is all. Furthermore, what if the team is not there? The team get's the penalty, not the Team Manager.

(6) A nominated team member (for example Team Captain) may act as Team Manager with all rights and obligations whenever the Team Manager is not present.
This part is moved to 4.5.5. (3).
(6) A Team Manager may, on behalf of his Team or competitor, present a protest to the Meet Director.
Clarification on what a Team Manager can do, in line with paragraph 5.3.1. (1)

4.5.5 Team Captain
(1) Team Captains are responsible for communication between his team and the pilot of the aircraft.
(2) A Team Captain must be a competitor and must be nominated by his team.
(3) A Team Captain may act as Team Manager with all rights and obligations whenever the Team Manager is not present or if no Team Manager has been included in the delegation.

Rewriting the current text, in line with 4.5.4. The last sentence is superfluous as it is already in 4.5.4 (6), and was also partly in contradiction with this, as (6) states that a nominated team member can function as Team Manager, whilst this need not to be the Team Captain.

4.5.6 Team Coach
A National Delegation (4.4.2) may include a Coach, who is responsible for any coaching duties undertaken on behalf of any team or competitor that is a Member of that Delegation.
This definition was lacking. This text defines a coach's function.

4.6.1 Attendance at First Category Events
(2) The minimum number of FAI Parachuting Judges, including the CJ, required at a WPC/WISC is:
As per committee request, with 5 judges the work load is too big.

4.7.1 (1) – Officer on ASC level needs to be defined. There is a definition of “officer” on FAI level, Terms and Definitions: FAI Officers The President, Executive Directors and Secretary General of the FAI” but not on ASC level. Proposal: “ASC (IPC) Officers: all officers as defined in the relevant ASC (IPC) internal Regulations”

4.7.1. (9). No Juror may serve at more than two three First Category Events during one calendar year. (IPC is actually short of Jurors with the increase of FCE’s and is too limited by the current restriction. I would of course not exclude potential jurors)

4.7.1. (13). Individuals on the approved list will be automatically removed if they do not attend the IPC Plenary meeting either as a registered Delegate, an Alternate Delegate or a NAC appointed Observer for three consecutive years. (putting the wording in line with 4.7.1. (1) )

4.9.3. (1) Recording Media
The Scoring system operator at of an FCE must give, a copy of the recording media in an MKV format (other than for CP) of the competition, together with the summary score sheets and other pertinent documentation, to the FAI Controller. The FAI Controller will deliver the copy of the recording media and the documentation to the Chair of the IPC Judges’ Committee and/or the IPC Judge Video Librarian, who must ensure that each delegation can purchase copies of the same within 45 days of the end of the FCE.
(otherwise it could depend on the time of delivering the copy)

Discussion item / Judges Committee: “deleting "who must ensure that each delegation can purchase copies of the same within 45 days.... etc." In these times, many / most jumps are uploaded on internet to be seen. A check has to be done as how many copies are sold actually to delegations (NACs)

(in practice, unofficial scores get posted nowadays as soon as there is an update, it does not relate to rounds anymore. “official” is the word used in SC5 overall and was lacking in the paragraph. The official scores should be available at the completion of the event, not 12 hours later. That is too long, and does not fit practice as the official scores should be available anyway for the award ceremonies)

4.10. (2) Minimum participation
If 4 or more NACs indicate an intention as per (1) to enter a Delegation to a WPC or Continental Regional Championship but less than....
This part was missing.

5.2.5 Calling the Jumpers/Indoor Skydivers
(3) Each competitor is allowed a minimum time from arriving at or returning (if appropriate) to the competition site to the first call for the next jump/performance. The time is:
- 45 minutes for FS, CF, WS and competitors in AE who have entered one event.
- 30 minutes for Indoor freestyle, Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style, CP, Para-Ski, SP and competitors in AE who have entered two (2) events.
- XX minutes for Indoor FS.
"if appropriate" is added for clarification.
30 minutes time added for Indoor freestyle event, as per committee.
XX minutes for Indoor FS, to be decided.
(4) The minimum time, referred to in (3) above, does not apply to:
   • Indoor Dynamic
   • the competitor's first jump of the day and re-jumps
   • tie-breaking jumps for Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style.
As per AE committee proposal.

5.5.1 Equipment

(2) Equipment problems occurring in freefall or during an indoor skydive, such as to make it difficult
or impossible for the competitor to perform, are not grounds for a re-jump / re-performance.
(this word was lacking, but this paragraph should apply to indoor skydiving too)

6.4
re First Category Event s/b GS 4.4.1 not GS 3.5.1.
housekeeping, updating the reference to the GS.

6.6.4. Assistant to Chief Judge
An Assistant to the Chief Judge, who must be an FAI Parachuting Judge and must be
approved by the IPC Judges Committee, will be nominated by, and normally be from the country of the
Organiser, unless the IPC Judges Committee decides otherwise.
As per Judges Committee request.

6.7.4 it has (1) and then 15 lines down (3) - s/b (2) Housekeeping.
FCE Application Document

Overall: Change "First Category Event" to FCE (except for the first time used and in header and footer)

2.1.1 Application schedule
(2). Where no other application has been received and/or approved, no later than December 1st in the year 60 days before the IPC Plenary Meeting in the calendar year scheduled for the event. (wording in line with the proposal in the IR’s - as per Bureau wish)

2.2.4. Table of Fees

| Deposit | • Formation Skydive **(excluding indoor)** or Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing – € 13,000  
|         | • Accuracy Landing or Freefall Style – € 7,000  
|         | • Indoor Formation Skydiving - €8000  
|         | • **(indoor)** Artistic Events, Canopy Formation or Canopy Piloting— € 4,000 (updating with relevant events).  
|         | 75% of amounts WPC’s & Continental Regional Championships, WISC and Indoor Continental Regional Championships (as appropriate) (correct referral to the header in column 2). |

2.7 Weather conditions – include statistics, based on the previous ten five years, for….etc. (we all know that whatever a statistic is saying, weather during the FCE itself can be good or bad, regardless of the previous statistics. And 5 years gives a good enough idea about the conditions).

2.12 Proposed budget, Sources of Income, and the amount of Entry Fee for Competitors, Alternates, Heads of Delegation, Team Leaders Managers, Team Coaches, Other Delegation Members, etc. (Many times there is confusion about the entry fees for alternates. There must be a rule requirement to make clear in the bid what alternates have to pay, and what is includes and excludes. The term Team Leaders is not correct as that person is part of the team and covered by competitors Entry Fee. What is meant is Team Manager)

3.1.1 The NAC organising a First Category Event will issue propose two Official Information Bulletins in electronic format, both to be posted on the FAI/IPC Website. All Bulletins must be in English. Both bulletins must follow the timeline and protocol as per SC5 4.2.5.)

An Official Information Bulletin must be approved by the IPC Bureau before issue (see SC5 4.2.5). The first Bulletin must be issued at least 4 months before the start of the FCE in question. The second Bulletin will be issued at a date chosen by the Organiser which must be at least 30 days before the start of the FCE in question. These Official Information Bulletins must be posted on the FAI/IPC web site at the same time.

3.1.2. The first Official Information Bulletin must be written in English and must contain the following information and documents:

*(the whole text is a copy-paste of SC5 4.2.5. The FCEAD is for referral anyway)*

*Box items*

10. Date and time of **official training jumps and first and last** competition jumps
This further specification is needed, as it is part of the bid and entry fees.
11. add: Jury members
17. delete **expected.** Weather can not be expected. Change sentence to: **statistical meteorological data, based on information of the past 5 years.**
New: add: **Insurance details (third party liability, medical, etc.)**
New: add: **Visa information**
Insurance and visa information is absolutely necessary information.

3.1.3.
The second Official Information Bulletin must be written in English and, may only contain new, **additional and/or changed information,** including must contain the following information:
(avoid duplication and this is better reading)
**Box items**
List of entries received to that date.
Any changes to any information given in the first Official Information Bulletin.
**Any new information**
Any other information that is considered useful and helpful.

3.3. Medals.
Flowchart to provide non-FAI (organiser) medals needs updating, best without specific years, and with more realistic deadlines.

**ORGANISER AGREEMENT SCHEDULE 1**

1.1. Event deposit
- in Formation Skydiving (excluding indoor) or Freefall Style and Accuracy **Landing** – €13,000 (indoor FS needs a separate deposit value + word “Landing” is missing)
- in **(indoor)** Artistic Events, Canopy Formation and Canopy Piloting. (indoor AE is missing in the events list. The € 4000 seems appropriate)
- Add: in **Indoor Formation Skydiving** - €8,000 (there are less competitors in Indoor FS to warrant the € 13.000 deposit, and it is assumed there is less liability for IPC in indoor events)

for **World Cups and** other FCE’s – 75% of the above amounts.

In the case of **World Cups and** for other FCE’s only, if the circumstances warrant it, a lesser amount may be agreed by the Commission, upon recommendation from either the IPC Bureau, or the Competition Committee(s) for the discipline(s) concerned.
(in line with the text in 2.2.3 and 2.2.4)

**ANNEX 1 TO SCHEDULE 1**
(2), (3) and (4).
...the **International Jury**...
(the correct wording is without the word “International”. In (4) and (5) this is already the case)

**Overall remark:** The Organiser Agreement (OA) Schedule and Annex 1 are mostly copy-paste of earlier text, and as such a possible source for textual mistakes. Is this a part that needs to be signed by the organiser? If decided that this is not the case, why not delete it and make sure it is in the OA only.
Internal Regulations

1.7. Awards
Annex 4F: Raija Kosonen Trophy. (for Freestyle Skydiving)
Expected to be added (proposal by AE committee):

Overall: change time limits for sending content to the IPC secretary from 60 days to December 1st, and that for the Agenda / Notice of Meeting from 45 days to December 15th.
(like, it is clear in advance to all parties concerned what the date is, instead of an ever changing date per year. As per Bureau interim request.

3.11 Amendments
Any proposed amendment to an item under discussion may be made verbally or in writing. If requested by the IPC President or any Delegate it must be made in writing and will then be read out by the IPC Recording Secretary before a vote is taken. An amendment proposal must be seconded by another Delegate to be considered.
If not, anybody present at the meeting can second an amendment whilst that should be a Member/delegates right only. Adding the word “Recording” is housekeeping.

4.3 Duties and Powers
The Bureau shall act as a decision making and executive body with the power to make decisions on matters that arise between Plenary Meetings. All Bureau decisions shall should, if possible, be made by unanimity. consensus however if no consensus this cannot can be reached, the President has the right to use call for a majority vote to decide the an issue issue by simple majority.
If such a vote is used to decide an issue, all Bureau Members, including the President, are entitled to cast a single vote (subject to 5.4.3 and 5.5.3, where the Recording Secretary and Finance Secretary are not entitled to voting rights).
In the event of a tie vote, the issue will not be accepted or approved. The President has no right to a tie-breaking vote.
( A Bureau experience in 2015 showed that “consensus” alone does not do the trick. Consensus means “general agreement” but can be used in a connotation of “ the judgement arrived at by most” (e.g. a large majority), meaning non-unanimity. Furthermore, if no consensus can be reached, present wording says the President “may” call for a vote and as such can exclude such a vote if he/she does not like the matter to be decided positively. The proposal now states that the President must call for a vote.

5.4 Finance Secretary
5.4.1. Election
The Finance Secretary shall be elected in the same manner as the Vice Presidents. The Finance Secretary need not be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, but must be a NAC appointed Observer to the IPC.
(this position in the Bureau would need a formal endorsement from a NAC. Paragraph 3.6 in the Internal Regulations does not cover this 100% as a non-official observer can still attend an IPC meeting. In any case, it does not hurt to make this point very clear for this important Bureau position)

5.5 Recording Secretary
5.5.1. Election
The Recording Secretary shall be elected in the same manner as the Vice Presidents. The Secretary need not be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, but must be a NAC appointed Observer to the IPC.
ANNEX 5

5. MEETINGS
Each IPC Competition Committee shall hold meetings as follows:
   (1) An Open Meeting at the site of and during a WPC and FCE;

(Open Meetings are held at Worldcups and Continental Regional Championships already. Furthermore, a meeting at these events is needed too, in order to evaluate the changes in competition rules established after a WPC)

Add: IPC Records Officer
As per Bureau’s intention. R&R committee proposes to have this function adopted as a “solo” function, being administrative on behalf of IPC. There is a clear need to have a capable person on IPC side to handle records (claims, verification, posting).

3.7.1 Content of the Agenda
(7) A written report by the IPC Records Officer.

5.9. Records Officer
The Records Officer shall be nominated by the Bureau, and approved by the Plenary Meeting.
Jury Handbook

Reference to Diplomas, page 6 and checklist. To be deleted, diplomas are no longer given by the IPC (since March 1st 2015, as per IPC Plenary decision).

Protest time shortening – Reference to SC5 5.3.1 (3) clarifying the situation regarding the shortening of protest to (MD + team managers).

JURY FINAL REPORT FORM

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Make clear that a signature is needed as the final jury report has to have a legal status.
IPC Controller Handbook

4.3.9 referral to SC5 - should be 4.3.10

Housekeeping.