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Proposal to establish Raija Kosonen Award in Freestyle

The IPC AE committee, with support from the Finnish aeroclub would like to establish the "Raija kosonen Award" in Freestyle.

Raija Kosonen was an inseparable part from the AE Judges' panel for many years.

Raija was respected and loved by all other Judges and those of the competitors who knew her.

She was peaceful, calm and constantly smiling, yet professional and strong. Raija was one of those rare individuals, that there is nothing but good thing to say about. She will be missed.

We want to keep Raija's memory close to the AE community she loved so much.

Finland excels in Freestyle. Raija witness the Finnish Freestylers' achievements and took part of their progress. Therefore we suggest that the award will be presented to the World Champion in Freestyle .

The award will remain in the winner's possession until the next World Championships.

The winner will have the responsibility to attach to the trophy a metal plaque containing the name of the winner and year.

The award will be attributed for the first time to the winner of the 2016 World Championship.

Support Letter to Establish Raija Kosonen Award in Freestyle Skydiving

The Skydive Committee of The Finnish Aeronautical Association willingly supports the proposal of IPC AE committee for Raija Kosonen Award in Freestyle skydiving.

Raija was a valued judge among competitors and a loved member of our skydive community. She will be missed by many.

Skydive Committee of The Finnish Aeronautical Association pleased to be part of this award proposal.

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