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## **FAI International Parachuting Commission (hereinafter IPC) IPC Plenary Meeting 2016**

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 IPC – General Issues / Rules & Regulation

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### **Introduction**

The Aeroclub of the Czech Republic respectfully requests to include this letter into the agenda for the IPC Plenary Meeting in 2016.

**The Para-Commission of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic wishes to kindly ask IPC and all IPC Delegates to make the greatest possible effort to assure and support bidding and accepting of bids for the First Category Events in the year previous to the year when the particular event will be held, or earlier.**

### **Clarification**

In the recent years, NACs very often submit their bids to host First Category Events (hereinafter FCE) at the IPC Plenary Meeting held in the same year as the intended event. And it seems that IPC does not intent to oppose and revise this way of proceeding.

It is necessary to realise that it does not benefit either the organisers of the events nor the participants, and therefore it could cast a negative light on the IPC itself.

The Para-Commission of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic would like to recommend to IPC and all its Delegates to do their best to ensure that all decisions about organising of FCEs are done as much in advance as possible.

### **Request justification based on the situation in the Czech Republic**

The main arising disadvantages we face in the Czech Republic in these respects, can be demonstrated by the policy of the vast majority of political entities (national or smaller) which does not allow concluding sponsor or partner agreements later then within the year previous to the year when the agreement becomes effective.

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Therefore organisers miss the chance to ask for these kinds of support as they are accepted as event organisers too late. And neither sportsmen can ask for some support in the means of payment of the registration fee for FCE or the training for FCE, as there is no FCE planned, by the time they would need to submit their application.

### **Another aspect of timely preparation of the FCEs**

Although the situation in other countries may not be the same or similar as the one in the Czech Republic we believe that the timely preparation of FCEs will benefit other nations as well.

Most of all the teams and competitors plan their season in advance. Logically, FCEs should be one of the first events they will include in their planning. If that is not possible, it surely causes complications for them and might become the reason why not to participate at the FCE event. And again, it also disadvantages the organisers, as the attendance might not be as big as it would be otherwise.

### **Our suggestions**

We would kindly like to suggest that IPC discusses some ways of supporting long-term planning.

We are aware of the fact that it mainly depends on others than the IPC Delegates themselves. And we do not want to add any rules, limitations or obstructions for FCE organisers. On the contrary, we would only like to see IPC and the IPC Delegates to encourage possible organisers to present their bids earlier.

We suggest coming up with a system of informing the skydiving community about who plans to bid for what FCE and for which FCEs bidders are still needed. We believe the event calendar on the FAI websites could serve as a good platform. We would only need to add the bidders, and events available for bidding. Theoretically, it is done similarly with records, as there are records under review listed.

Apart from these, we would be happy if IPC comes with any other ideas.

### **Conclusion**

**In summary, for all the reasons mentioned above, the Para-Commission of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic respectfully asks IPC and all its Delegates to do their best to ensure that planning of FCEs is done as much in advance as possible.**

May we thank IPC in advance for including this letter into the agenda for the IPC Plenary Meeting in 2016 and discussing this issue.

Para-Commission of the Aeroclub of the Czech Republic.  
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