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**WINGSUITING WORKING GROUP
CHAIRPERSON'S FEEDBACK REPORT - 2011**

Introduction and Background

The Wingsuit Working Group was established and mandated by the International Parachute Commission (IPC) during the 2010 Plenary meeting held in Lausanne in order to investigate the objectives as defined in the Terms of Reference (TOR) as presented and accepted during the Plenary.

The 3 Objectives as defined by the TOR is as follows:

- a) To create a clear working definition of a wingsuit;
- b) To investigate ways to define and judge no-contact wingsuit large formation records;
- c) To make a recommendation to the IPC for consideration of a new unlinked World Record performance category for Wingsuit, Largest Formation.

In 2011, a definition for a wingsuit was defined and outlined to the IPC Plenary in Montenegro and approval was given for a go-forward plan.

Definition:

"A piece of equipment that spans flexible material between a parachutist's arms and legs, creating the possibility for sustained forward movement through the air using only gravity as propulsion. The parachutist's body forms the majority of the frame for the wings of the suit."

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Go-Forward Plan:

- a) 2011 – 2012: Setup of Parameters for No-Contact Wingsuit Large Formation Records
- b) 2012 – 2013: Judging Terms of Reference

Outcomes of Terms of Reference

1.1. Objective 1 - To create a clear working definition of a wingsuit

This has been achieved and refining of the definition will be done every year, if deemed necessary.

1.2. Objective 2 – Define Parameters for Large Formation Records

The Working Group has listed the following parameters:

1. Two Dimensional

One base person who sets the fall rate for the formation (“the base”) is pre-designated in the formation design. Every slot in the formation is designed to be on the same horizontal plane as the base.

2. Slot Definition

A Slot is a pre-determined position for each jumper on the formation and will be defined using even spacing between flyers throughout the formation.

3. Margin of Error

To be established by the Working Group, with advise from the Judges

4. Flight Angle

Based on the slot position, Flight Angle is the angle at which the flyer is located relative to the next flyer. Flight angles must remain consistent between all flyers in the formation.

The numerical value to be established by the Working Group, with advice from the Judges.

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1.3. Objective 3 –Include Unlinked World Record Performance Category

The last objective was to make a recommendation to the IPC for consideration of a new unlinked World Record performance category for Wingsuit, Largest Formation to be added to the IPC Sporting Code. This objective depends on the conclusion and agreement of Objective 2, defining the Parameters. This will only be done once the Judges committee have been consulted and all relevant judging systems evaluated.

Recommendations on the Terms of Reference

The Working Group would like to make recommendations to the IPC in terms of the Objectives given in the TOR.

1. Judges Committee to be involved with the rest of the TOR
2. Judging Systems to be evaluated
3. Recommendation to be made to the Plenary with regards to the inclusion of bigway wingsuit formations.

Contacting Details of Working Group

Team Members

The Working Group Members are Jacqui Bruwer (Chair), Ronald Overdijk (Vice-Chair), Pal Bergan, Barry McAuley, Jarno Cordia, Jonathan Tagle and Taya Weiss.

Jacqui Bruwer will be standing down as a member of the Wingsuiting Working Group and would like to thank the members for their inputs and participation. Barry McAuley and Jonathan Tagle will also be stepping down.

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