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The first FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving took place last November in Austin, Texas. Many thanks for the iFly for taking the risk to hold this first competition and for the success of the event.

All present were totally satisfied with the running of the competition but it is obvious that everyone would have been happier if there had been more participants. That is a question that will be covered later in this report.

Without a shadow of a doubt, competitors want FAI recognition of Indoor activities both for World titles and for records and it is clear that the FAI wants Indoor activities too.

A number of lessons have been learned following this first experience and questions still remain to be answered.

First of all we need to look at our rules.

We did not differentiate sufficiently from the requirements of a classic parachuting event and an Indoor event. The lead-time prior to the competition can be reduced to a minimum and only one full day is necessary for the judges and the officials to verify that all is in order and familiarise themselves with the layout.

We probably need to have the World Championships in odd years so that there is no clash with the Outdoor events. It is possible (likely) that same teams participate in both and two World Championships in the same year is not really feasible or financially viable for the teams.

The age for juniors could be raised to 15. Most countries allow people to jump from the age of 16 so it seems logical to allow those under 16 to participate Indoor. At least one other FS team would have been present in Austin if this had been the case because one of the team members was 14 ½.

The rules need to evolve as all rules and Ron Miasnikov who I thank for picking up the Chief Judge role at short notice (following the unfortunate but understandable withdrawal of Chanel Gibbens Robinson) has given her report to the Committees concerned (FS and AE) so I look to both Chairs to follow-up with competitors to find out what changes are necessary.

If we are to evolve with Indoor Skydiving we should consider including dynamic events (both 2 and 4-way).

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A question that needs to be answered is why there were so few competitors at the first World Cup. We can only suppose the reasons even though feedback enables us to have a good idea.

The competition was decided late (February 2014) and many teams had already planned their budget for this World Championship year. The entry fee was very high. Some countries do not recognise Indoor and would not register a team.

Why was the entry fee so high? Certain choices by the organiser definitely increased the cost and the FAI/IPC infrastructure that the Organiser has to pay for was also impacted by this choice.

This infrastructure could have been reduced by a shorter time on site of the judges and FAI Controller. The FAI Controller has a role to play (together with the Chief Judge) prior to the start of the competition but once the competition starts, the role is less than for an outdoor competition as security issues not the same. The Controller could consequently hold another role such as Juror.

It is highly possible that Indoor Skydiving will be part of the World Air Games 2015 as a demonstration event.

Indoor Skydiving is here to stay, we have candidates for competitions in 2015 and 2016, we have had enquiries from potential organisers for 2016 and beyond.

I believe that we need to ensure that we give visibility to this aspect of our sport and I would highly recommend holding the 1st World Championship of Indoor Skydiving in 2015 rather than in 2016 and it would be regrettable to wait until 2017. Of course, the future Organiser would need to agree.

I am happy to have been instrumental in bringing this activity on board and I wish the very best of luck to those who continue looking after Indoor Skydiving within the IPC. I certainly hope to be able to contribute further in another capacity such as judge.

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