Agenda

of the Annual Meeting of the
FAI Air Sport General Commission

To be held in Incheon, Korea
on 8 October 2009
CASI AGENDA - 8th OCTOBER 2009

“Songdo Convensia” Convention Center, Incheon Korea

Start time: 09h00

1. Roll Call of Delegates, Apologies, Proxy votes
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
3. Approval of Minutes of the CASI meeting held in St Vincent, Italy on 2nd October 2008.
4. Awards Ceremony Protocol - Attachment 1
5. Continental Records – proposed change to General Section – Attachment 2
6. Proposal from Greece regarding provision of insurance by Organisers - Attachment 3.
7. International Air Sports Board Recommendations re WAG – Attachment 4
8. Amendments to General Section proposed by FAI – Attachment 5.
9. Proposal from the IPC regarding a change to GS 2.7.7. – Attachment 6
10. Revision of SC 11
11. UK proposals – results of Working Group set up in 2008
12. Standards of Distance Measurement
13. Any Other Business.
14. Election of CASI President and Bureau for 2009/2010
15. Date and Place of next CASI Meeting
AMENDED PROTOCOL FOR AWARD-GIVING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

INTRODUCTION

In the past, FAI Sporting Events organisers following the existing Awards Protocol have had insufficient guidance on how to structure award ceremonies. As a result, the standard of these ceremonies varied greatly from one event to another and was sometimes of unacceptable quality.

To ensure consistency at all FAI Category One event ceremonies, and guarantee that minimum standards of dignity and protocol are adhered to, a standard format for Awards Ceremonies at FAI Category One events has been agreed.

FAI Air Sport Commissions have been invited either to use this standard document, or to publish an amended version that best reflects the traditions in their respective air sports and events, whilst respecting these minimum standards.

The standard FAI Awards ceremony format is described below.

AWARD CEREMONY PROCEDURE

1. This event shall preferably be conducted indoors, for instance in a big sports hall or hangar. If an outdoor ceremony is planned, an indoor alternative in case of rain or bad weather must be planned.

2. The dignity of the ceremony must be kept in mind. Athletes must be properly dressed and refrain from carrying sponsor material and other paraphernalia, such as non-national flags to the podium. The award presenters and the escorts from the ceremony staff shall also be properly dressed, preferably in official attires. All competitors are expected to attend the awards ceremonies. Only athletes receiving medals shall be permitted on the podium.
3. All movements to and from the podium by both the athletes and the presenters shall be led by escorts from the ceremony staff.

4. The awards podium and the flag poles shall be prepared in advance. The podium and the flagpoles must be of different heights, with the highest in the centre for the gold medal winner, and two lower ones to the left and right as seen from the spectators for the 2nd and 3rd placed competitors or teams.

4a. All anthems to be played will be checked prior to the ceremony for accuracy and quality. All flags to be raised will be checked for accuracy and size.

5. The announcer must be able to announce clearly in English and must also be capable of pronouncing even difficult names correctly. He/she shall start the proceedings by stating that the prize-giving ceremony of the official name of the event will start.

6. Speeches. There might be a few speeches, e.g. from the event organiser, politicians etc. These speeches must be maximum five minutes in length and even shorter if translation is required. The mayor of the event city or another politician shall speak first, then the representative for the organiser, finally a representative for FAI.

7. The president of the event jury shall then be given the opportunity to acknowledge that the event has been run according to FAI rules, that no protests are outstanding, that the scores have been verified and are correct. The announcer shall then announce the category or class where awards will be given, and the first ten in the category or class will march up to the podium in such an order that the three medal winners end up behind their correct podium.

8. The announcer shall mention who (with appointment or title) will award the diplomas, medals and trophies. The diplomas shall usually be awarded by an organiser official, the medals by the highest FAI official present, and the trophies may be awarded by a politician, VIP or special person, alternatively by the highest FAI official present.

9. The diplomas #10 to #4 shall be awarded first, starting with #10, as the announcer calls out each recipient’s name and country.
10. The medal winners shall be called forward by name and country, one by one separately, preferably in the order Bronze – Silver - Gold, or in the reverse order. The order chosen is a matter for each Commission to decide.

11. The medal winners shall step up onto the podium when called by the announcer and receive their diploma, medal and possible trophies.

12. After all medals have been awarded, the anthem of the Gold Medal-winning individual or team will be played as the three medal winners' countries' flags are raised to the top of the flag poles. If the winner is not representing a country, the FAI anthem shall be played.

13. After all individual diplomas, medals and trophies have been awarded, team cups or trophies shall be awarded, but only the winning team shall be called to the podium.

14. The winners will pose for photographs for a minute before stepping off the award podium and being escorted away. Photographers must not be permitted to impede viewing of the medal presentation ceremony by those present.

CLOSING CEREMONY

15. The FAI flag shall then be lowered while the FAI hymn is played. When lowered, it will be neatly folded and handed to the event director who will hand it to the highest FAI official present. He/she will in turn present the FAI flag to the representative of the organiser of the next event, if present.

16. The highest FAI official present shall then declare the event closed.

END
CONTINENTAL RECORDS

IPC has Continental Records already in operation. CIVL introduced them this year, but they are not yet in operation. IGC decided in principle to introduce them, but will not do so until next year. Broadly, all are saying that procedures must follow those in place for World Records. IPC and CIVL require record holders to be from the Continent concerned (IGC has not decided yet but is inclined to allow anybody to set any Continental record). CIVL also requires the record flight to be on the continent concerned. IGC intends to slightly modify the definition of the Europe/Asia continental regions insofar as Russia is concerned.

The changes to GS Chapter 6 need be all that far-reaching. The title would presumably become "International Records" rather than "World Records". A short introductory para would be needed explaining that International Records are sub-divided into World and Continental. And a new para, mirroring 6.1, would be needed defining Continental Records.

We would have to search through the GS for cross references.

Until the IGC has made its decisions, I feel it is a bit premature for CASI to go into the details of what each Commission's rules are. All that's really needed at present is a GS confirmation that Continental records are OK in principle.

PROPOSED CHANGE

INTERNATIONAL RECORDS

6.1 DEFINITION OF AN INTERNATIONAL RECORD. An International Record is a World Record and/or a Continental Regional Record. It represents the best performance certified by the FAI and established in a FAI Class, Sub-class, Category or Group as specified in the Sporting Code GS and/or Specialised Section. Classes ..... Replace all other mentions of World Record with “International Record”
TO : FAI Secretary General, Mr. Max Bishop  
      CASI President, Mr. Henk Meertens

Subject: General Section - Rule Change Proposal

We would like to propose an amendment to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.

**Article is 3.9.6 INSURANCE.**

We are proposing the following amendment to be included after the current text.

*If the organizers are able to offer any kind of insurance cover to competitors, the terms and conditions of such cover, should be included in Info Bulletin 1.*

**Reasoning**

In the past there are certain cases where the organizers are offering such cover, which afterwards proved to be not only below the FAI rules standards, but inadequate. There are even competition reports, which verify the fact. With the proposed amendment we hope that in the future, not such cases will exist.

Regards

Antonis Papadopoulos  
NAC of Greece – Vice President
Report from the WAG 2009 International Air Sport Board (IASB) regarding the Protest Appeal received from Svetlana Kapinana.

This report is intended to supplement the preliminary statement made by the IASB on the 12th June 2009.

The IASB refused the submission by Svetlana Kapinana requesting the reconsideration of her disqualification imposed by the Jury of the Aerobatics Commission on the 10th of June concerning her flight on that day.

Whilst there may have been some extenuating circumstances, the pilot by her own admission crossed the Deadline imposed to separate the performance from the spectators. This is in contravention of rule 5.2.3.1 in section 6 part 3 of the Sporting Code and 7.4 of the Local Procedures issued for this event.

During the hearing of evidence the IASB found several inconsistencies and issues that could have contributed to the pilot’s error and submit the following comments and recommendations to improve the quality of future World Air Games. It is acknowledged and appreciated that the rules for this event were new and both pilots and Judges had little or no experience of operating according to these new rules.

1. It is clearly stated in the rules that any crossing of the deadline will result in disqualification. However, the local procedures instruct the pilots to cross the deadline to join the landing pattern which is clearly shown as being directly over the spectators. Such conflicts erode the integrity of the rules and create conflicts which maybe confusing to officials and pilots. Such conflicts must be avoided.
2. To prevent any erosion of the integrity of safety limits during the World Air Games the same standards must be applied to all events. Infringements condoned during any one event will undoubtedly affect the attitudes of pilots in other events.
3. To avoid any misunderstanding due to poor translation or lack of clarity, any information affecting rules, procedures or safety requirements should be displayed on a power-point type presentation and issued in writing with copies retained until the end of the competition. This recommendation should apply to all FAI International events.
4. The Chief Judge and any other official must be enabled to pass instructions as required by the event rules on the same frequency the pilots are required to use.
5. The use of the word “Deadline” to describe both a physical boundary and a time deadline to identify the end of the performance can cause misunderstanding and confusion. It is recommended that a different name be used for a physical boundary on the ground, such as “Penalty line”.
6. We recommend that at all World Air Games each venue should conduct a daily general safety briefing attended by all event directors. The General briefing should improve communication between event teams and reduce the risks of misunderstanding and procedural violations.
7. We recommend that the WAG rules regarding IASB procedures should contain clear instructions on the composition of the IASB to hear any particular protest.

If the IASB is required to convene, the entire IASB as appointed and under the chairmanship of its President will decide if any member has any personal or other involvement in the protest that may influence their judgement. If necessary the IASB may appoint from within its members a chairman and two members to consider a specific protest.

This report has been prepared by.
Brian Spreckley, Acting Chairman of the IASB for this protest.
David Hamilton, IASB board Member
Robert Henderson, IASB board member
In consultation with the President of the WAG 2009 IASB
Michael R. Heuer
1. Add "CANS" to the list of Technical Commissions on Page 1-2 2.
3. Add “CANS” to the definition of "Commission" in the Glossary.
4. 3.11.2.3 [Doping]. Remove the word “Marijuana” as this is now included by WADA in all sports and it is therefore not an FAI to include it.
September 14, 2009

To the President of the CASI

Dear Sir,

The IPC would like to propose the following change to the General Section

Replace

2.2.1.7 Class G: PARACHUTE - A collapsible device designed to counteract gravity using forces exerted upon it by the air.

With

2.2.1.7 Class G: PARACHUTING – the act of exiting an aircraft, aerodyne, aerostat or space vehicle and using a parachute to return to earth; PARACHUTE A collapsible fabric device, designed to counteract gravity and intended to be used to return a suspended load or person safely to the surface of the earth.

Thank you in advance for taking this into consideration.

[Signature]

President, IPC