

# Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rules and Indoor Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rules 2016 Edition Rule Changes

The rules changes are as follows -

*Remove cut for FS & VFS ... all teams to be permitted to complete all rounds.*

## Chapter 3: The Events

2015 3.2.2.1 ~~If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied:~~

2016 3.2.2.1 If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied for determination of the final placings:

- i. one tie break round, if possible (for the first three placings only). The tie break round will be the next drawn round of the competition,
- ii. the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.

2015 ~~3.2.2.1.1 Remove completely~~

2015 ~~3.2.2.1.2 Remove completely~~

## Chapter 5: Judging

**2015 5.4.1** *If, after the viewings are completed, and within fifteen seconds of the knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed at reduced speed in accordance with 5.4. If the review results in a ~~unanimous~~ decision by the Judges on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly. Only one review is permitted for each jump.*

**2016 5.4.1.** If, after the viewings are completed, and within fifteen seconds of the knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed at reduced speed in accordance with 5.4. If the review results in a **minimum four to one judge** decision by the Judges on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly. Only one review is permitted for each jump.

*Identical change in the Indoor rule 5.3.1- although this was agreed by the Plenary, the use of only 3 judges in indoor competitions means a 2-1 decision would result in one judge making the ultimate decision which is contrary to the intention or the wish of the Plenary - **it has been left as a unanimous decision.***

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## Chapter 6: Rules Specific to the Competition

### 6.4. Program of Events:

2015 6.4.1. *The World/Continental Championships or World Cup is comprised of:*

*Formation Skydiving Events:*

- ~~• Up to 8 rounds considered as selection rounds, and~~
- ~~• Final rounds, consisting of one semi-final and one final round.~~

*Vertical Formation Skydiving:*

- ~~• Up to 6 rounds considered as selection rounds, and~~
- ~~• Final rounds, consisting of one semi-final and one final round.~~

2016 6.4.1. *The World/Continental Championships or World Cup is comprised of:*

*Formation Skydiving Events:*

- Up to 10 rounds

*Vertical Formation Skydiving:*

- Up to 8 rounds

2015 6.4.2. *Time must be reserved before the end of competition to allow for the completion of the ~~semi-final, final and~~ tie break round.*

2016 6.4.2. *Time must be reserved before the end of competition to allow for the completion of the tie break round.*

2015 6.4.3. ~~*The semi-final round will consist of the teams with the 10 highest placings after the selection rounds.*~~

2016 6.4.3. *The competition will be organised during a maximum time frame of 5 competition days. Exceptions may be made where a bid is received for multiple FCE competitions at one time.*

2015 ~~6.4.4. Remove completely~~

2015 ~~6.4.5. Remove completely~~

2015 ~~6.4.7. Remove completely~~

## Chapter 7: Definitions of Symbols

2015 ~~7.1.5~~

~~*Any side-body link-up requires an arm grip and a leg grip on the same person.*~~

*This is to remove the infringement of a hand-on-hand grip e.g.: block 19 – ritz-pick which is difficult to judge and results in many unnecessary judgement calls. No other formation is specifically defined.*

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## ANNEXES

### *VFS Formation name housekeeping:*

#### **Addendum E**

Block 10 - Change to **Bill/Bill** instead of **Boule/Bill**

Block 15 - Change to **Bolepi/Bolepi** instead of **Bipole/Bolepi**

Block 17 - Change to **Zins/Zins** instead of **Zin/Zan**

#### **Addendum F**

Random C - *currently has 2 names*. Use **Shoeshine**, remove **Foot Fetish**.

## **Indoor Formation Skydiving Rules Changes**

### **Chapter 4: General Rules**

~~2015 4.6.4. If a team member makes contact with the floor screen or the tunnel walls and the majority of the judging panel deem this contact to be intentional, one point will be deducted from the aggregate points scored in accordance with 4.6.1 for each such contact made.~~

*Experience has shown that contact with the wall/floor is disruptive to the team and in fact slows down the team performance so there is no need for an additional point score penalty.*

### **Chapter 5: Judging**

2015 5.3. Viewings/Review of the Video Evidence

*The Judges will watch the video evidence of each performance (1) one time at normal speed to determine points in time. The moment of freeze frame at the end of working time will be determined at the first viewing. If a judgement call occurs, a second viewing of the performance will be conducted at normal or reduced speed between ~~70-90~~ percent of normal speed. At the request of the Event Judge a (3rd) third view of part(s) of the performance can be conducted at normal or reduced speed. The speed of the second- and third viewings (normal or reduced) will be determined by the Event Judge. The Chief Judge will decide prior to the start of the Competition the percentage of reduced speed to be used for the different Events. The freeze frame from the first viewing will be applied on each viewing.*

2016 5.3. Viewings/Review of the Video Evidence

The Judges will watch the video evidence of each performance (1) one time at normal speed to determine points in time. The moment of freeze frame at the end of working time will be determined at the first viewing. If a judgement call occurs, a second viewing of the performance will be conducted at normal or reduced speed between **50-90** percent of normal speed. At the request of the Event Judge a (3rd) third view of part(s) of the performance can be conducted at normal or reduced speed. The speed of the second- and third viewings (normal or reduced) will be determined by the Event Judge. The Chief Judge will decide prior

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to the start of the Competition the percentage of reduced speed to be used for the different Events. The freeze frame from the first viewing will be applied on each viewing.

## Chapter 7: Definitions of Symbols

2015 ~~7.1.6~~

~~Any side-body link-up requires an arm grip and a leg grip on the same person.~~

As 7.1.5 FS & VFS Rules

*Adopt easier dive pool and less flights (8) for junior division*

### ADDENDUM C

#### 12 Foot Tunnel

Category	Sequence	Random Formations	Blocks
Open	5 to 6	A - Q	3,5,6,7,9,11,14,15,16,17,18,21
Junior	4 to 5	A - Q	6,7,9,11,14,15,18,21

#### 14 Foot Tunnel

Category	Sequence	Random Formations	Blocks
Open	5 to 6	A - Q	All Blocks except Blocks 1 and 13
Junior	4 to 5	A - Q	2,4,6,7,8,9,11,14,15,18,19,20,21,22

#### 16 Foot Tunnel or bigger

Category	Sequence	Random Formations	Blocks
Open	5 to 6	A - Q	All 22 Blocks
Junior	4 to 5	A - Q	1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22

#### Key:

Original unchanged text - 2015 Edition of the Competition Rules

~~Text to be removed/and or changed~~

New wording for the 2016 Edition

Clarification or explanation by the Committee Chair

The above Formation Skydiving Competition Rules changes are incorporated into the 2016 version of the FS Competition Rules which are posted on the FAI/IPC website.