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- 1 FAI Statutes,Chapter 1,para. 1.6
 - 2 FAI Sporting Code, Gen. Section,Chapter 4,para 4.1.2
 - 3 FAI Statutes,Chapter 1,para 1.8.1
 - 4 FAI Statutes,Chapter 2,para 2.1.1; 2.4.2; 2.5.2 and 2.7.2
 - 5 FAI By-Laws,Chapter 1,para 1.2.1
 - 6 FAI Statutes,Chapter 2,para 2.4.2.2.5
 - 7 FAI By-Laws,Chapter 1,paras 1.2.2 to 1.2.5
 - 8 FAI Statutes,Chapter 5,paras 5.1.1, 5.2, 5.2.3 and 5.2.3.3
 - 9 FAI Sporting Code, Gen. Section,Chapter 4,para 4.1.5
 - 10 FAI Sporting Code, Gen. Section,Chapter 2,para 2.2.
 - 11 FAI Statutes,Chapter 5,para 5.2.3.3.7
 - 12 FAI Statutes,Chapter 6,para 6.1.2.1.3

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Editor's Note:

The FAI Sporting Code for Hang Gliding (hang gliders and paragliders) consists of the General Section and Section 7 combined. In cases of doubt, consult the General Section to establish the principles before applying the specific rules which appear in Section 7.

Hang gliding (hang gliding and paragliding) is a sport in which both men and women participate. Throughout this document the words "he", "him" or "his" are intended to apply equally to either sex unless it is specifically stated otherwise.

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1 JUDGING

This is a Judging Code for judges at FAI 1st and 2nd Category Paragliding Accuracy competitions. It is an Annex to Section 7C and contains rules applicable to Category 1 Championships.

The main task of judges and judging teams is to provide fair judging decisions of pilots' performance by measuring and recording. Judges have to take their decisions alone, based on their observation of pilot performance. All nominated judges will be given a copy of this Judging Code, to which they must adhere.

1.1 Judging Team

A Judge is an official who is qualified to observe, mark and measure the performance of a competitor. Judges must have a character of high integrity and must be capable of making fair and unbiased decisions.

1.1.1 Composition

The Judging Team consists of at least the following number of judges. At FAI 2nd category competitions, a minimum recommended judging team shall be set.

Judge	FAI 1 (and pre-FAI 1 comp.)	FAI 2 (minimum)
Chief Judge	1	1
Event Judge	1	(1) Up to 50 pilots, Event Judge and Chief Judge roles can be combined
Target Judges	3	3
Total	5	5 (4)
Reserve	Minimum 2 x Target Judges	Minimum 1 x Target Judge
Nation mix of acting Target Judges + Event judge	3 nations minimum	2 nations minimum when international attendance is over 25%
Nation mix for Chief Judge and Event Judge	From two different nations	No obligation

1.1.2 Nomination

Members of the Judging Team are nominated by:

Judge	FAI Cat 1 Nomination	FAI Cat 2 Nomination
Chief Judge	FAI in consultation with the Organiser	Organiser
Event Judge	FAI in consultation with the Organiser & Chief Judge	Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge
Target Judges	Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge	Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge

For FAI Category 1 competitions the Organiser should announce the judging team composition with the Chief Judge at least 2 months before start of the competition.

1.1.3 Judging Team Selection

The judging team members must be selected, as far as possible, from those with appropriate levels of experience who are registered on the CIVL International Judging Database.

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1.1.4 Experience Levels

For FAI Category 1 competitions judges need to have the following experience:

Judge	Required Experience
Target Judge	Attended judging training in the last 12 months Or Attended judging training and performed as target judge twice (at least at FAI Cat 2 level) in the last 2 years
Event Judge	Attended judging training And Acted as target judge at least 4 times And Acted as Event or Chief Judge in at least one Cat. 2 competition in the last 3 years
Chief Judge	Attended judging training And Acted at least twice as Event Judge in the last 4 years (at least once at a Cat. 1 competition) And Acted at least once as Chief Judge in a Cat. 2 competition in the last 4 years.

For FAI Category 2 competitions judges need to have the following experience:

Judge	Required Experience
Target Judge	Attended judging training in the last 2 years Or Acted as target judge once in the last 3 years
Event Judge	Attended judging training And Acted twice as target judge in the last 3 years Or Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years
Chief Judge	Attended judging training And Acted as Event or Chief Judge in the last 3 years

1.1.5 Language Skills

For FAI Category 1 competitions: the official judging language is English. Target Judges must be able to communicate their observations and decisions in English or a translator must be present. The Event Judge and Chief Judge must be able to deliver briefings, instructions and reports in English.

For FAI Category 2 competitions the official language can be the language of the organizing nation but then a translator must be present to deliver briefings and judging decisions in English.

1.1.6 Revoking an Appointment

Judges may have their appointment revoked by the Chief Judge if they fail to maintain the standards of this code or are guilty of misdemeanours during the competition,

1.2 Responsibilities

1.2.1 Target Judges

The Target Judge team will consist of at least three members, their positions are set by the Chief Judge.

The Target Judges will observe all contacts noting the first point of ground contact of the pilot.

If an automatic measuring device is found to be defective and the first point of ground contact has been on it, Judges are to measure the score manually.

A minimum of one Target Judge must observe the competitors body position and decide whether the competitor's first point of ground contact is with left, right or both feet.

At least one of Target Judges will also signal (by one arm above the head) if a competitor fell.

If the first point of ground contact is off the automatic measuring device, but within measuring field, the Target Judges will mark and measure the perceived point of ground contact of the pilot.

In the event that the Judges consider that there was more than one simultaneous point of first contact, the farthest point of first contact will be measured.

Once measured, one member only of the team, who has been nominated as caller, will call the score to the recorder. The score will be repeated back by the recorder.

If more than three Target Judges are used they would use signals as follows:

- Fall signal: one arm above the head
- Left or right leg signal: left or right arm, as appropriate, fully extended at right angles to the body at shoulder height.
- Both feet signal: both arms extended in front of the body, waist height

1.2.2 Event Judge

The Event Judge is the team leader of the judging team and is responsible for:

- Checking the landing area setting.
- The smooth running of the target area.
- To produce a list of change of duties for short periods to one of the Judges.
- May also take over any of the duties within the target area.
- For observing pilots' separation in the air and during final approach.
- For observing pilots route from take-off to target.

If the Event Judge considers that conditions are becoming dangerous, the Event Judge has the authority to temporarily stop the competition after he has conferred with the Chief Judge and the Meet Director.

The Event Judge must hold a preparatory meeting for the Judging team and supporting roles before the training round of the competition.

1.2.3 Chief Judge

The Chief Judge is responsible for:

- Ensuring that correct judging standards are maintained by all members of the judging team.
- Checking the score sheet and signing to confirm the validity of round scores.
- Assembling and briefing all judges prior to the start of the competition.
- Ensuring that all required equipment is available and in working order.
- Attending all briefings of competitors and if necessary giving his own briefing to competitors.

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- Ensuring that at any time the required nations mix is represented in the judging team at the target.
- Keeping a record of the judges and their duties during the competition and providing this information to CIVL.
- Conferring with the Meet Director as soon as a request has been made to temporarily stop the competition.
- Deciding to start a video evidence review according to **Erreur ! Source du renvoi introuvable.**

The Chief Judge may provide judging training during the training rounds of the competition.

1.2.4 Dangerous Situations Signals

Any person should, on the command from Chief or Event Judge, wave with a red flag within the measuring field if the conditions in the target become dangerous. If the red flag is not readily available the judge can wave his hands or judging vest above the pad.. It signals that the target is closed and the pilot has to land outside the target.

1.3 Judging Equipment

1.3.1 Clothing

Target judges shall wear clothes (vests, t-shirts, etc.) of high visibility colours (red, yellow...)

1.3.2 Metering

Target judges shall be equipped with pointers which can be used for marking a pilot's first point of landing, but which does not disturb other pilot's landings. The tape measure shall be the same length as the measuring field radius.

1.3.3 Communication

The organiser must provide communication equipment to facilitate communication between the Meet Director, Chief Judge, Event Judge and Launch Marshal.

1.3.4 Shelter

The organiser must provide a shelter and refreshment for judges and supporting duties officers.

1.4 Supporting Services

Organisers must provide the following supporting services / duties:

1.4.1 The Recorder

The Recorder will repeat, in English, and record on an official log sheet a pilot's score, which is called by the Target Judge. The score shall be signed by the pilot.

The Recorder will record the start, finish and stand down times of the rounds on the log sheets.

1.4.2 The Wind Speed Monitor

The Wind Speed Monitor is a person observing the wind speed, by using the wind speed measuring device, in the period of 30 seconds before a landing by a competitor. If the wind exceeds the maximum value, he/she will record that on the official log sheet provided and notify an event judge. If the wind speed limit is exceeded in the period of 30 seconds before a landing of the pilot, he must inform the Event Judge who may offer a re-launch.

Wind speed signalling and recording can be done with automatic devices.

At FAI Category 2 competitions wind speed monitor service can be simplified by using mechanical instruments, and in case of high winds organiser must provide a person for observing and continuously reporting wind speed to the Event Judge.

1.4.3 Launch Marshal

The Launch Marshal is responsible for the smooth running of take-off operations. His duties are:

- To open and close take off.
- To call pilots to prepare.
- To allow every pilots take off according to the flying order.
- To allow take off out of flying order in special cases e.g. a re-launch.
- To record all pilot take-offs on each round according to the flying order list.
- To communicate with the CJ and MD regarding flying conditions and competition running.
- To communicate with pilots on take-off regarding safety and competition logistics.

Launch Marshals must have knowledge and experience of local weather and flying conditions.

1.5 Judging Training

Judging training is initiated and organised by a competition organiser or by an NAC. Trainers are senior judges appointed by CIVL. Depending on the availability of funds, CIVL may cover travel expenses for trainer.

1.5.1 Programme

Judging training consists of the following programme:

- Introduction to FAI, CIVL, FAI 1 and FAI 2 competitions.
- Overview of S7C and relevant chapters of GS.
- Importance of judging role for quality competition.
- Setting target area.
- Judging code.
- Judging situations and decisions.
- Practical exercises.

It is advisable that the practical part is performed in a competition environment.

1.5.2 Judging Database

The Judging Database is set up and maintained within the CIVL information system. All judges attending seminars and appointed to act as judges at sanctioned competitions are recorded in the judging database. Organisers and Chief Judges are responsible for collecting and submitting data on acting judges to CIVL.

1.5.3 Judging Logbooks and Database Check

All judges have to maintain judging logbooks and check their entry on the CIVL Judging Database is up to date. Chief or Event Judges must sign off Judging Log books at the end of competitions.