

FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT — 2020

COMPETITIONS IN 2020

Due to the Covid Pandemic no first category events were held in 2020.

The Indoor World Cup scheduled for April in Charleroi, Belgium was initially postponed until October, but with the ongoing Covid issues this had to be cancelled and the organizer has indicated intent to enter a revised bid to hold the meet in 2022.

Similarly, the 2020 Mondial in Tanay, Russia also had to be postponed and is now scheduled for August 2021.

FUTURE COMPETITIONS:

Slovakia has indicated that due to the ongoing Pandemic it is no longer able to host the 4th FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships which was scheduled for April in Liptovsky Mikulas, so this event has been cancelled.

The 2020 Mondial in Tanay, Russia is now scheduled for August 2021 and we hope that by that time improved world conditions will allow the event to proceed. A final decision will need to be made in the early part of 2021

My understanding is that the Bureau is in discussions with organiser of subsequent events that were awarded but nothing has been finalized yet as things are still in a state of flux.

An email has been received recently from the organiser of the Belgium Indoor meet making some suggestions for changes to the FS competition. The suggestions are that if a bid for 2022 is to be for a World Championship instead of World Cup then allow for more than one team per nation to represent in an event and then to also reduce the number of rounds from 10 to 8.

The FS committee is opposed to both suggestions.

The idea of multiple teams from the one nation at a World Championships has been raised more than once at plenary meetings and has been strongly rejected each time for various reasons so there is no need to re-visit old ground at this stage.

FS competition over ten rounds is strongly supported by the competitors as it completely exhausts the pool (when you include the jump off) allowing competitors to demonstrate all that they have trained for. Over the preceding years we have removed the cut to allow all teams to perform the full ten rounds and increased the VFS pool to ten rounds. The record classification of highest Average achieved in a competition also needs to stay at ten rounds to be comparable with previous records.

The suggestions made are obviously designed to help the organizer maximize team numbers and minimize costs. I understand the difficulties being faced by organizers in these turbulent times, but do not think it is within the purview of an organizer to propose competition rule changes to improve their bottom line.

With the absence of competitions and hence competitor's meetings in 2020 there have been no suggestions for any rule changes that are necessary for the upcoming year, so it is recommended that the FS rules for 2021 remain unchanged from 2020.

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My thanks go to all the members of the FS Committee:

Deputy Chair, Kirk Verner (USA)
Karla Cole (Germany)
Randy Connell (USA)
David Grauwels (BEL)
Egor Gusev (Russia)
Martin Lemay (Canada)
Trude Sviggum (Norway)

Martin Lemay has indicated his wish to stand down from the committee due to no longer being active in FS and seeking new directions. I would like to thank him for his service on the committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Szulmayer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Szulmayer
Formation Skydiving Committee Chair