

CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT — 2020

This past year has been one that will be remembered for many years to come and although there has been no official FAI CP competition this year there have been many national competitions and other important CP events around the world. Life continues and so does our Sport.

During the year the CP Committee has held online meetings to continue working for the benefit of our discipline. Since there has been no official competition we feel that there is no need to make any modifications to the published CP and Freestyle CR Rules, 2020 edition.

Nevertheless, we have investigated and discussed some possible improvements to our rules which are still under debate before making a final request for approval to next year's plenary in 2022. Among other minor housekeeping issues, we have looked into a modification of the Carved Speed Course set up, having less buoys and also, we have discussed a simplification of the distance Course Measuring system both innovations would make judging easier. But like I mentioned it is still under deliberations and study. Some of these new ideas could be tested in the 6th Dubai International scheduled for February 2021.

We regret to inform that there was a Reevaluation Judges Training Course scheduled during the Pink Open in Klatovy, but this was cancelled by the Judges Committee, one week before the beginning of the course. Both organizer and Chief Judge of Training were informed just one week prior of the beginning of the course.

The 8th FAI World Championship of Canopy Piloting 2020 and the 2nd FAI World Championship of Canopy Piloting Freestyle 2020 were approved last year during the plenary and should have taken place with the Mondial in Tanay, Russia. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled but we hope the event will finally take place during 2021. As for other bids we have information that Skydive Arizona is intending to bid for a CP event in conjunction with the already approved 2022 competitions, but we will have to wait for further development of the COVID situation and the decisions taken during this plenary online meeting in regards to the scheduling of our World Championships and World Cups.

The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, scheduled for 2021 were also postponed for 2022, the selection competition remains Tanay and preparations are well underway. ISC Liaison Officer Dr. Hoenle has continued to work with FAI and the Organizing Committee to assure that CP and ISC will be well presented.

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