

## JUDGES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT — 2020

As every year, I have to inform this assembly of the activity of the Judges' Committee since the last plenary meeting. In Moscow we heard about the contagion of Corona Virus 19 in China. It seemed worrying but so far. The future has shown the opposite and we have had to deal with this pandemic which has had a serious impact on our sport.

I would like to immediately thank the members of my Committee. They remained available, responsive, and operational and were very supportive. I would also like to thank the members of the ISC Bureau who have had to manage this unprecedented and brutal crisis to the best of their possibility.

Our committee's activity can be summed up as follows:

- Management of the 2nd FAI EUROPEAN INDOOR SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 AND 4th FAI WORLD CUP OF INDOOR SKYDIVING 2020 in Charleroi Belgium. MONDIAL Tanai Russia.
- Asiana
- Management of Judges' Selections for FCE 2020/2021
- Proposal of changes
- Library
- Other Questions

### MANAGEMENT OF THE 2ND FAI EUROPEAN INDOOR SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 AND THE 4TH FAI WORLD CUP OF INDOOR SKYDIVING 2020 IN CHARLEROI-BELGIUM- AND THE MONDIAL IN TANAI –RUSSIA-

After the FAI Judges' selection decided by the Chief Judges designated and approved at the last plenary, it became apparent that this FCE was of interest to many nations and that the number of competitors would be very large. After a simple calculation it appeared that it would be impossible to meet the expectations of competitors in Formation Skydiving to obtain a quick judgment with the official number of judges. On our proposal the Bureau was initially asked to add 2 additional FAI judges. The final decision was to increase by 1 FAI judge on the official panel. The budget of the Judges' Committee supporting financially this exceptional expense.

The postponement in October 2020 to 2022 of this competition forced us to decide on the cancellation of the selected panel of judges. Our proposal is based on the postponement in 2022 of this competition and the impossibility of maintaining a college of judges for 2 years. A new college will then be appointed by the new chief judge proposed to the plenary. (The judges' committee may then select or not the Chief Judge initially appointed.)

For the Mondial in Tanai, pending the evolution of the health situation and the decisions of the Russian NAC and the ISC Bureau, we remain on the selections decided by the Chief Judges. On the proposal of the JC it should be noted that, in agreement with the Bureau, FAI judges selected or not selected in 2020 keep their qualification unchanged until 31 December 2021, unless it has been revalidated before that date.

### ASIANA

At the express request of the Bureau, we have provided him with an argument to answer the questions of the Asiana's General Secretary. In other questions, he regretted the non-selection of Asiana FAI judges for the CFEs and questioned the objectivity of the selections.

We have sent our response to the Bureau, which I can summarize as follows:

- The allegations mentioned are digitally invalidated.

- The CISM and the Judges' Committee have set up several training courses in different disciplines.
- The judges presented by the Asiana despite the regulations do not fully meet the requirements of access to training courses which cannot escape its General Secretary.
- Candidate judges are insufficiently prepared and informed.
- Before proposing his request, the Secretary General should have checked the selections of judges Y1 Asiana or members of the Jury for Tanaï in particular.

## PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

Despite the approval at the last plenary of the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules, we felt it necessary to make a correction in Sporting Code Section 5. Indeed, the notion of Event Judge has completely disappeared in the competition rule of this discipline. This contravenes the existing texts that we wish to amend.

These changes relate to the following chapters:

### 6.6. JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS FOR FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

#### 6.6.1. Chief Judge

#### 6.6.2 Event Judges

They will be developed in a separate document.

## TRAINING COURSES

This chapter is the subject of an annex document prepared by Karla Cole responsible for the training courses of FAI Judges.

At the initiative of the JC and with the agreement of the Bureau a new training tool has been put in place for selected or unselected FAI judges. Free access to the FAI video library was facilitated so that those who wished could practice judgment with a debriefing of a member of our committee in the discipline under consideration if necessary. At the time of transmission of this report, it must be recognized that this initiative is a failure.

## THE LIBRARY.

The report of the librarian Tamara Koyné is attached to the present. Great thank you to her work.

## OTHER QUESTIONS.

The Bureau, through its coordinator with the JC, has requested that we return from our budget the sum of 5000 Euros dedicated to a seminar organized by Karla Cole at the next plenary and voted by the last plenary, considering the financial situation, and the impossibility of organising this seminar in the current state of the world health situation. Before making a decision, the JC unanimously wished to obtain accounting elements of the financial situation of the time (September 2020) from the ISC Financial Secretary. Satisfaction was not possible and as a result the JC did not make a decision and deferred to the Bureau's decision.

To complete the vacancy of our committee, I proposed to Thierry Courtin FAI Judge to join us. He agreed and the French Association, officially, appointed him Observer for the circumstance. His candidacy will be submitted to this plenary for approval.

Finally, on November 21, I received an e-mail from the President with a copy to the other members of the bureau with the exception of the 1st VP, in which she made in an attachment a proposal to change the TOR of the Internal Regulations.

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She wrote also : *"The Judges Committee is there to serve the competitors and the close, friendly relationship between all the Committees is vital to the success of the sport" and "I believe, having watched some of the battles between committees and the JC, that shouldn't happen if we have our competitors' interests to heart"*.

I immediately relayed these two texts to the other members of the JC for comment. All recognized the exact purpose of these proposals and strongly refuted our lack of interest from competitors. I would add that for there to be a battle we need an enemy and in this case we are designated responsible for this situation.

Personally, I do not accept these biased and disrespectful allegations. I do not accept being told that the members of the JC do not carry in their hearts the interests of the competitors and that it is suggested that we are not working for the success of our sport.

This is not true, I can testify to you by all means of communication.

If there is friction with other committees, it proves that we are not in the single thought or in the absolute search for consensus.

As a result, I have made it known to this plenary meeting for approval with a copy to the Bureau that I no longer wish to serve as Chair of the ISC Judges' Committee.

My well-considered decision is final and irrevocable.

From December 2, the activities of the JC will be carried out by the deputy chair in accordance with the regulations.

**Bernard Nicolas**  
Judges' Committee Chair