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At the beginning of 2020 we had planned 5 FAI Judges Training Courses. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 situation, we had to cancel most of them.

With a “lock-down“ in most countries and the limitations on travel that were imposed, we managed to organise and run at least one course in Speed Skydiving.

With the awareness that we as an organisation also had the responsibility in times like this for our participants and for the CJT, we were able to run the course with two participants, both coming from the same country as the CJT.

A minimum of travelling was involved and no hotel and seminar room were needed.

Also a first, we tried Online Teaching as part of the course, in which Arnold and I were involved. The feedback was positive and it is certainly the way forward.

A new exam for Style was created and immediately tried out for a re-evaluation candidate.

Due to the great decision from the board that no judge’s ratings would run out this year, no one had to worry.

This year has already brought many changes and it has forced us to rethink many other things. The judge’s courses will need to be restructured in order to be carried out in the future.

Online training will play a major role in this. But of course, the practice and experience of a real competition cannot be simulated online.

Our next task is to create an online training course that not only teaches theory, but must also include interactive conversations and discussions as well as involving working groups.

I must give a big thank you to the Judges Committee during this unusual time, for all their support and to all the Chief Judges of Training, who constantly give their all, every time it was asked for.



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