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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

| Competition: | 20th Canopy Formation Championships |
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| Event: | 2 way Sequential, 4 way Rotation, 4way Sequential |
| Location: | Sawthooth, AZ |
| Date: | 10 - 17 October 2022 |
| Panel of Judges: | Chief Judge: Natasha Higman Event Judges: Jenni Plumridge (2 way), Agnieszka Sobszynska (4 way Sequential), Gail Bradley (4 way Rotations) Panel Judges: Patrice Moyeuvre, Percy Kristerrson, Craig Bennett |
| Scoring Equipment Used: | OmniSkore!HD |
| Details of the Judges Work: (including judging statistics) | 2 way Sequential: 88 jumps 4 way Rotation: 33 jumps 4 way Sequential: 48 jumps As is usual in CF, the Event Judge rotated onto the panel for the events they were not leading. One re jump was made in 4 way Rotation, see rule change suggestion below |
| Recommendations for Organisers: | None. Accommodation in Airbnb houses and on-site facilities were suitable. The judging equipment functioned most of the time and issues arising were resolved. This was only possible because the system developer (Ted Wagner) was available. One example was that a video file recorded up side down (relatively frequent with Go-Pros) appeared up side down for judging. Most are converted during the transcode process, this one was not. The tool for the Event Judge to "flip the video" unfortunately does just that, displaying the video as a flipped mirror image. This is acceptable for FS judging, in which mirror images can be flown. For CF 2-way sequential, mirror imaging is not permitted. Ted was able to update the code to rotate the footage, rather than flip it into mirror image, so the video could be judged. Had Ted not been available at the competition, this would not have been possible. We had a similar issue with some Sony cameras, which would not transcode. Again, Ted was able to investigate and change the sequence of transcoding the videos so that footage from these cameras could be judged. |

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| Rule Changes - Proposals: | Add the words "which must include a statement from the team" into the second paragraph of rule 4.10.3 of the CR so it reads: |
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| | "Evidence *which must include a statement from the team* of the malfunction or intention to abort the jump before the first complete formation for safety reasons must be provided by the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero. Amend rule 6.3 on Viewing when judging to include the option to view 2nd and 3rd views at 85% or 50% and to permit partial viewing on 2nd and 3rd views. |
| Personal Remarks: | This was my first opportunity to work as a CJ. |
| | During the selection process I found that there were few Category 1 CF judges, and at one point there was a risk that we would need to operate with fewer than the required number of judges on the panel. I have therefore been encouraging Category 2 CF judges to be re-evaluated and suitably qualified National Judges to ensure their NAC is aware of any interest they may have in an FAI course so that a possibility exists for additional CF judges to be trained. |

In accordance with the Sporting Code Section 5, 6.9.1. (11) this form is to be completed and sent to the Chair of the Judges' Committee and the IPC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the competition's completion.

| Name: | Natasha Higman |
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| Signature: | Dulcher Higura. |
| Date: | 1 November 2022 |

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