SPEED SKYDIVING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- Deputy Chair: Elisabet Mikaelsson (SWE)
- Arnold Hohenegger (AUT)
- Thomas Moritz Friess (GER)
- Bert Ham (NED)
- Michael Lovemore (GBR)
- Michael Cooper (USA)

Due to Russia being suspended by FAI, we lost two committee members in the early months of 2022, chair Aliya Ananina and member Kirill Tupanov.

I thank them for their work and hope to include them in the committee in the future.

COMPETITIONS IN 2022

2022 was the 4th FAI World Speed skydiving Championships at Skydive Arizona, USA.

32 competitors from 9 NACs were competing and we saw a lot of new records; World, Continental and National.

Congratulations to the Champions and the World Record holders.

World Record General: Marco Hepp (GER) highest average speed 529.77 km/h and highest overall average speed with 527.19 km/h.

World Record Female: Natisha Dingle (AUS) highest average speed 491.99 km/h and highest overall average speed with 478.18 km/h.

World Record Junior: Massimo Caramel (ITA) highest average speed 508.08 km/h and highest overall average speed with 496.19 km/h

JUDGING COURSES

Speed Skydiving Judge Training Course, 18-22 October Chief of Judge Training was Bert Ham. Steve Hubbard, Alix Raymond, Kevin Drivas and Ted Chen all USA. All four trainees passed and got a FAI rating. Welcome to the Speed Skydiving Community.

Re-evaluation 19-27 October, Chief of Judge Training was Arnold Hohenegger. Mike Pennok (NED), Percy Kristersson (SWE) and Angelika Mittasch (AUT) all passed their re-evaluation.

Both Courses were held in Eloy, AZ, USA.

SCORING SYSTEM

During the year the Judges Committee together with the SP Committee approved a new scoring system for SP “InTime” from Namespace Technologies.

We are happy to have another scoring provider adopting Speed Skydiving.

COMPETITIONS IN 2023

The 4th European Speed Skydiving Championships and the 5th World Cup of Speed Skydiving in Prostejov, Czech Republic 22-26 August 2023.
PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO THE 2023 RULES

Summary:

CR 2.5
Technical Scoring Director should be the Scoring System or Software Provider or a Judge with at least a current national Speed Skydiving rating and sufficient knowledge of the scoring system used. If a Scoring System/Software Provider is not available at the venue the organiser has to ensure remote support by the provider.

CR 3.1.2
Classification: Open, Female and Junior. One classification for Juniors, not divided into Junior Female and Junior Male.
Reason: This will reduce the number of medals. Keep the classification for Female and Junior to attract more competitors and to give them the opportunity of setting a Record. Records are highly important for competitors and NACs. Records are an additional way to present to sponsors, media and public performances.

CR 4.1.6
Position of the SMD, to the satisfaction of the CJ. Could be any other place than the helmet.
Reason: In case of weak GPS reading the placement on the helmet only is limiting the CJ to mount the SMD in a different, better position.

CR 5.5.1 and 6.3.1
Clarification how to calculate the total and average score (rounding). Each round is rounded and for the total average use the rounded scores from each round.

SC5 4.6.1
Number of judges at an FCE, 4 judges including Chief Judge for a competition up to 30 competitors, 1 additional judge per + 20 competitors (=50).
Reason: Based on experience two judges are always on duty evaluation jumps, if the CJ has to handle complaints/protests there is a very high risk that the competition has to be stopped because there is no judge available for other judge tasks, like handling out helmets (switch on and check that the SMD is working correct), weight checks, etc. The increase of one judge per 20 competitors will be, covered by more sanction fees.

SC5 3.2.8
Records: Add a Team Record Category – highest average combined score.
Highest average Team speed
The record performance of a team is the highest average combined speed achieved in any round in accordance with the current Competition Rules.
Highest overall Team average speed
The record performance of a team is the highest average combined speed for a completed competition program in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

Add Flysight Viewer to the Approved Scoring System List.
Reason: Flysight Viewer is the reference software for approving new scoring systems. Flysight Viewer would also be a plan B if an approved scoring system crashes, it would also be an additional tool for exit point detection if an approved software has problems with that.

My appreciation goes to the members of the SP Committee 2022 for their time and work!

Elisabet Mikaelsson
Speed Skydiving Committee Deputy Chair