International Skydiving Commission
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In 2022 we receive input during the year with – as usual – a high amount during the last two weeks before the deadline. Some items follow out of items that pop-up during the year. The committee also received several proposals from the bureau, concentrating on finance (SC5) and attendance at events (SC%) and on governance (IR’s). Finally, the bulk of proposed changes are related to SC5, following out of issues which happened at FCE’s.

It should be noted that there are always issues at FCE’s. Quite a few have to do with not following the rules, not so much by the rules themselves. In that case, there is no need to change a. Also, changing a rule after just one incident needs caution. We tend to change pretty much all rules every other year, which other sport does that?

We also note that many times committees ask for our opinion. That is nice, but who are we as R&R to judge on changes which affect specific competitors? After all, these proposals come (or should come) from input received from competitors' meetings, or from the committees after attending an FCE. Proposals for changes from the Bureau we can evaluate as a committee, but then for quite a few it boils down to what the Plenary thinks of that. Perfect examples are the IR’s and the proposal to change the attendance benchmark from 4 to 6 different NAC’s. We understand there is no perfect answer. But we hesitant to advise in any way on a change proposal in SC5 which incurs the competitors (example, time for calling the jumpers). It would make it easier for R&R if competition committees have their proposals on their agenda only. Of course they can always ask for input from our side during the year.

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