

ISC Plenary Meeting 2023
Rules & Regulations Committee
Proposals for changes PLENARY MEETING



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- **Richard “Buzz” Bennett**
- **James Hayhurst**

2023:

James Hayhurst will resign.

Gernot Rittenschober will join.

SC5

Overall check and update for new GS paragraph numbers

1.1.1 Principles, authority

(3) The competition skydiving disciplines are:

- Accuracy Landing (AL)
- ~~Freefall~~ Style (ST) **Accepted at S&A meeting**

At the request of the S&A committee. Style is always freefall, like formation skydiving and that discipline does not have “Freefall” in its name.

(6) The ISC shall name an approved International Sporting Event (First Category Event, Sporting Code, GS, Section 4.4.1.3), a **Skydiving** ~~Parachuting~~ World Cup / (or ~~Parachuting~~ World Cup **of Skydiving**), or a World Cup of Indoor Skydiving or by any other title. The title may not include the word “Championship. The relevant provisions of this Sporting Code, Section 5, shall apply to such a World Cup.

The term “parachuting” has been changed to “skydiving” in the commission

1.1.2 Definitions

(15) WINGSUIT: A garment of flexible material forming wings between a parachutist's arms, legs and torso, creating an aerodynamic planform designed to generate forward movement through the air using only the force of gravity. The parachutist's limbs and extremities must serve as the primary frame for the wings. **Secondary structural/aerodynamic components (e.g. non-flexible grippers, fins for directional stabilization) may be used. The span of any structural/aerodynamic components must not extend past the knuckle at the base of the index finger.**

At the request of the WS committee. Based on experiences at the WPC WS Eloy 2022.

1.1.3 Abbreviations

~~(5) WPC: World Parachuting Championship~~ (5) WSC: World Skydiving Championship

(12) WISC: World Indoor Skydiving Championship

~~(13) IS: Indoor Skydiving~~

The term “parachting” has been changed to “skydiving” in the commission, but the abbreviation WPC was still there.

The abbreviation WISC was missing in this paragraph but used in SC5 so it has to be added.

The abbreviation IS was stated here but is not used in SC5, so it can be deleted.

1.3. (3) The maximum wind speed at ground level for parachuting is 11 m/sec, unless a lower wind speed is defined in competition rules.

At the request of the S&A committee. They propose to add lower wind speeds for Style and for Accuracy. This also covers the lower wind speeds for Canopy Piloting.

3.2.8 SP Record

3.2.8.1 Highest average speed

(1) The record performance of an individual is the highest average speed of the individual achieved in any round in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

(2) The record performance of a team is the highest average speed of the team achieved in any round in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

3.2.8.2 Highest overall average speed

- (1) The record performance of an individual is the highest average speed of the individual for a completed competition program in accordance with the current Competition Rules.
- (2) The record performance of a team is the highest average speed of the team for a completed competition program in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

At the request of the SP committee. Adding a new record category for the team event.

3.3.2 CF Performance Records

Largest Formation & Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential

~~A grip is a hand hold or a foot hook on an "A" line or front riser~~

- (a) A hand hold on an "A" line or front riser
- (b) Contact with the "A" line from behind with the front of the lower leg or ankle, defined as between the arch of the foot and below the knee. (The arch of the foot needs to be clearly identifiable on the video footage submitted, for example: by tape in a contrasting color to that of the shoe). (Both as defined in the relevant Competition Rules).

Rationale: To update the wording with the change to the competition rules.

3.2.11 Categories of Competition Records

The categories of Competition Records shall be:

~~(1) AL, ST, PS and SP~~

~~Male Category – best performance achieved by a male or a male team~~

~~Female Category – best performance achieved by a woman or a women's team~~

(2) CP and WS Performance

General Category – best performance achieved by an individual

(3) CF, FS, VFS, IFS, IVFS and WS Acrobatic, AL, ST, PS and SP

General Category – best performance achieved

Female Category – best performance achieved by a **women or** women's team, only if such a team is included in the Competition Rules

S&A, SP and PS will discontinue the male category and have the general category instead.

There must be taken a decision that any current MALE record will be transferred to the GENERAL record category. But ONLY if there is not a better record set by a female, otherwise that female record would take the general record place. If that is the case, both males and females have a future chance to improve the general record set by a female.

3.3.8.2. (b) The vertical distance of fall, measured in metres, with a drogue, from exit altitude to the altitude at which the fall is terminated as measured by the required equipment, as per paragraph ~~(7)~~ (4) below.

Wrong reference.

3.3.9 *Categories of Performance Records*

- **SP**, AL and ST only: Junior Category – best performance achieved by a Junior

- SP, AL and ST only: Junior female category – best performance achieved by a Junior female.

As per SP and S&A committee's requests.

Largest Formation, Large Formation Sequential FS, VFS and CF only, Full Break Large Formation Sequential FS and CF only, Largest Formation WS no grip only, General Category - best performance achieved at night.

CF Committee request.

3.3.10 and 3.3.11 Joint Record Holders

Add: Two or more teams are distinct only if they have no common members.

Proposal from USA.

4.1.1.

(3) Applications to host a SCE (GS 4.5.3.) must be made by a NAC, an ISC recognised National Parachuting Authority or a potential Organiser on the Second Category Event Application Form available on the FAI website: https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/isc/documents/sce_application_form.pdf

The application will be subject to a licence fee determined by the ISC Plenary and available on the FAI Price List. The application must be submitted to the ISC President for validation and to the ISC Finance Secretary for issuing an Invoice.

New proposal from Bureau

4.1.2 Schedule of Organisation

(3) The schedule for other competitions is

- ~~2022 WPCs and World Cup of IS~~
- 2023 Parachuting Skydiving World Cups and WISC
- 2024 WPCs WSCs and World Cup of IS
- 2025 Parachuting Skydiving World Cups and WISC
- 2026 Mondial or WSCs and World Cup of IS

Regular update of the schedule and name change (as per 1.1.1 (6) above)

Mondial added in 2026. This should have been 2025 but with the date changes of FCE's due to COVID19 the Mondial would have been out of sync.

Chapter 3 update / General Section page 44 (para 7.6)

New text regarding record application and payment at FCE's: performance, world, continental

Bureau proposal

4.1.4 Arrival Days, Travel and Living Expenses

(4) The arrival days for officials are

- EJ and WS Judge Panel – 1 day

At the request of the WS committee. The WS judge panel needs to have more time to have their judges' seminar so that they are available to provide competitors with the practice jumps and other judging responsibilities, as required by the competition rules.

4.3.2 Judges' Conference

(new number, after 1) The CJ may schedule extra online training sessions prior to arriving at the competition site.
(new number) The arrival day of the Judges may not be counted as a conference day.

At the request of the AE committee, **this change will be moved to chapter 6.**

4.3.5 Meteorological Service

(2) At every landing area, the speed of the wind must be indicated by an anemometric system, **certified by an authorized entity,**

At the request of the S&A committee, more specific wording.

4.4.4. Withdrawal from an FCE

Separate proposal from Hungary and Spain.

4.6.1 Attendance at FCEs

(2) The number of FAI Skydiving Judges, including the CJ, required at a WPC/WISC is:

ISF: ~~7~~ 4 (+3 standby)

At the request of the AE committee. CJ + one panel of 3 Judges. A 2nd panel will be invited in case of more than 25 competitors, but no less than 5 in the junior category.

AE: 8 7 (+2 standby)

CJ + 2 EJ's + 4 for a competition with less than 15 teams in both events. The 8th Judge will be invited if more teams registered. The 9th judge is standby (replacement), in case someone cannot make it.

WS: 8 7

At the request of the WS committee. With the separation of the Performance and Acrobatic tasks, the event judge of each can serve on the panel of the other, thereby allowing us to reduce the number of judges required.

SP: 3 4, for an FCE up to 30 competitors, adding 1 Judge for every 20 more competitors.

At the request of the SP committee. Based on experience two Judges are always on duty evaluation jumps, if the CJ has to handle complaints/protest there is a very high risk that the competition has to be stopped because there is no Judge available for other judging tasks, like handling helmets (switch on and check that the SMD is working correct), weight checks, etc. The cost increase of one Judge per 20 competitors will be covered by more sanction fees.

“Standby” means: no flight booking until the number of competitors is approved. Since last minute tickets are more expensive sometimes, CJ will notify the judging committee and finance.

The numbers above may be reduced by the Judges Committee, in conjunction with the Organiser depending on the number of expected entrants. Judges who are not required will be informed within a week of the provisional entry deadline. Judges who are not required will be informed within a week of the provisional entry deadline.

Proposed text by the AE committee. Opinion of the Judges committee is separate.

4.6.2 Identification

Each ~~member of the Panel of~~ Judge (see above 4.6) must wear identification, which shall carry no reference to their nationality, ~~(either by country name or flag)~~ supplied by the Organiser to indicate their function as Judge.

Judges roposal after the discussion at the open meeting.

Judges should refrain from any national bias, regardless of clothing.

Chapter 6

Complete overhaul, as per Judges Committee proposals.

Video standards

Stays for the time being in CR's, there are too many differences between competition formats and wordings.

4.7. Jury composition

Extended bureau decision for proposal:

2023:

- Nominated Jury
- Jury President on site
- 1 Jury member on site
- 1 Jury member online
- If the online Jury member is not available: chose 1 Jury member on site, by JP and confirmed by ISC president, or FAI controller (SC5: 4.7.1.7 (a))

- For all 5 FCE's in 2023
- Proposal to empower the Bureau to write the required wording in SC5.
- JP's will evaluate this change during the year

FCEAD

Update of the annual examples for decision on application for bids (2.1.3)

3.4.6 No diplomas will be awarded, ~~unless otherwise described in Competition Rules.~~

Almost all committees stopped awarding diplomas. Overall consistency wanted / required.

FCEAD annex 2

2.14:...Wind Tunnel details: chamber diameter, wind speed settings including maximum sustained wind speed available to a VFS team during competition, height, door measurements, cameras (position and screen image), music system. Provision of information to spectators about competitors currently flying.

2.25: Details of on-site communications (radios, telephone, etc.) and method(s) of information dissemination to competitors/delegations.

VFS competitors, need to know what maximum sustained windspeed will actually be available during the whole of the competition, not just a theoretical figure. Information about who is in the chamber and those following soon should be made easily available for spectators as well as competitors.

Multiple changes as per Finance Committee

As per Finance Committee: euro to CHF, invoices, bank account, ISC fee table, etc.

Internal Regulations

Several proposals for change from the Bureau

1.7. Faust Vrancic medal

Possible re-instatement of these medals. 5 have been found so they can be awarded. If so, reinstate the old text as in Annex 2, 2020 IR's.

Annex 3 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma

This Diploma was created in 1970 by the FAI. ~~One~~ Diploma may be awarded each year to a person who has achieved one of the following criteria:

~~One~~ Up to five Diplomas ~~only~~ may be awarded annually. Why only one, as the criteria are very varied and there are quite a few eligible people.

Each year any Active Member of the FAI may submit the name of one candidate whose contribution was made within or on behalf of the territory for which they are responsible. The nomination must be in writing together with a suitably complete and detailed resume of the candidate's qualifications. This is an alignment with the Paul Tissandier and FAI Group Diploma of Honour, i.e. a NAC submits for their members only.

FAI Controller Handbook

Any update or change following out of SC5 and/or other regulations.

Jury Handbook

The following is a suggested outline of the procedures for meetings of the Jury:

10. The Jury President shall report the result and a summary of any relevant considerations in writing to the Meet Director and the protester without delay. Although the Meet Director will usually publish only the decision, the full report to go on file should be detailed enough to give persons reading the report a full understanding of the reasoning involved. Jury Presidents must understand that the detailed report of the proceedings **must be sent by them to the Meet Director, the organising NAC, the FAI and the ISC recording secretary.** ~~also be sent by the Meet Director to the organising NAC and to the FAI~~, and that in case of an appeal against the Jury decision this report is a vital document.

Annex 1:

IMPORTANT NOTE: This ISC Jury Notice should be sent by the Jury President to the Meet Director, the organising NAC, the FAI and the ISC Recording Secretary.

Request of the Bureau

Plus any other update or change following out of SC5 and/or other regulations.