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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	<p>11th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2023</p> <p>2nd FAI World Cup of Freestyle Canopy Piloting 2023</p> <p>5th FAI European Championships of Canopy Piloting 2023</p> <p>1st FAI European Championship of Freestyle Canopy Piloting 2023</p>
Event:	Zone Accuracy, Carved Speed, Drag Distance and Freestyle
Location:	<p>Skydive Arizona</p> <p>Eloy, USA</p>
Date:	18 - 22.10.2023
Panel of Judges:	<p>EJ Distance: Meylin Sanchez, Argentina</p> <p>EJ Speed: Gundel Klement, Germany</p> <p>EJ Zone Accuracy: Bjorn Korth, Austria</p> <p>EJ Freestyle: Andrew Du Toit, South Africa</p> <p>Julia Wedel, Germany</p> <p>Liz Warner, UK</p> <p>Jami Pillasch, USA</p> <p>Jan Nejedly, Australia</p>
Scoring Equipment Used:	<p>OmniSkore!HD</p> <p>ALGE-Timing system</p>
Details of the Judges Work: <i>(including judging statistics)</i>	<p>Judges training started in in September online as per rule 7.1.1 (Freestyle). Total amount of 4 online sessions were conducted prior to arrival to Eloy. Each judge participated in at least 3 sessions. All sessions covered preparation of judges for Freestyle and allowed for practical judging videos. Last session included introduction to video system used – this meant that any judge was prepared to take position of the video judge. It also created a strong well working together team.</p> <p>57 competitors participated in Standard Events (Speed, Distance and Zone Accuracy)</p> <p>41 competitors participated in CP Freestyle</p> <p>Total judged numbers:</p> <p>Speed 173 (+ 130 training)</p> <p>Distance 168 (+ 59 training)</p> <p>Zone Accuracy 166 (+ 100 training)</p> <p>Freestyle 124 (+ 52 training)</p>

One yellow card was granted to a competitor for dangerous approach and unsafe flying.

One red card was granted by MD and CJ to competitor for dangerous approach and unsafe flying, resulting in disqualification.

There was one minor injury during Freestyle, as competitor twisted his ankle after landing.

There were 7 challenges resulting in no scores reversed.

Judges Team worked well together. Even thou the OPP was shorter due to weather conditions (dust devils), judges had enough practice.

There was constant communication and full understanding between Meet Director, FAI Controller and me as Chief Judge.

Course closing drill was conducted and approved by FAI Controller.

In line with the rules, Organiser has provided additional 4 persons to assist. One person has been replaced before start of the competition. All the official helpers had National or Regional CP rating. They performed outstandingly and can be recommended as a part of any CP judging team.

Accommodation – all judges were placed in one large Airbnb house and two cars were made available. Rooms allocation and sharing was a challenge. Such a solution obviously can be risky, if one of the judges gets sick. However, sharing the house means judges work better as a team.

Judging system used during both competitions was a serious problem. Any Chief Judge should be able rely on stable system. Instead, the software was worked on constantly. Not only to fix problems, such as functionality not aligned with current rules, but undergoing constant modifications on the fly. This put unnecessary pressure on all people involved, but mainly judges and Meet Director.


Judges must be supplied with approved scoresheets during competition. I also expected to receive detail scores for checking before signing and publishing. Instead, the only way to verify and locate errors in the results, was to have judges manually calculate all scores, by hand or by means of other software and compare. This way we were able to pick up all errors of wrong calculations.

Setup like OmniSkore!HD might be good enough for national competitions, but First Category Event deserves reliable solution.

In addition, during the World Cup, priority should be supplying detailed results to judges for verification and publishing results to FAI web site. Unfortunately, while judges had to wait for results and manually check and correct, list of competitors did not even show on official FAI results page. At the same time OmniSkore!HD personal web site had all details available for competitors to view.

	<p>I would be happy to discuss the list of problems directly with Judges Committee and Canopy Piloting Committee, as in current form the OmniSkore!HD Judging and Scoring system is not acceptable for FCE.</p> <p>---</p> <p>ALGE-Timing system used for speed caused number of issues during the OPP (time was not being recorded by the scoring system but only displayed). We used additional camera to record and to avoid any possible re-jumps.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Another concern was the size of safety area and how close competitor tents, and other fixtures or trees were situation in relation to the pond. I am aware, that the distance from the pond has been increased since last year. It was still within the current rules.</p>
<p>Recommendations for Organisers:</p>	<p>Any organiser bidding for First Category event has experience in hosting number of national events. However, the checklist of items necessary for running FCE competition could be distributed to CJ and CP Committee for advice from previous experiences in advance.</p> <p>First Category Events require more hands, faster printers, more ink cartridges, and safety vests. Chief judge and event judges often have extensive experience and can spot an obvious missing element when there is still enough time in advance to organise.</p>
<p>Rule Changes – Proposals:</p>	<p>Challenge 50 CHF – change to 50 CHF or equivalent in local currency. Reasoning: during the competition, I have accepted the challenge to be paid in USD. Requirement of Swiss francs in cash seems to be hard to accomplish outside Europe. If competitors are forced to arrive with such currency, they will for sure take full advantage of using the money – this can cause abuse of the system.</p> <p>Addendum D – General course specifications A.5 All courses must have a safety zone of 5 metres along both sides – increase the safety zone and specify the zone size if only one side of the pond has such a safety zone.</p> <p>Course markers – safer solution needs to be worked.</p> <p>Freestyle Addendum C Routine Description Sheet for Freestyle Event needs to be made easier to distinguish the option A and B.</p>
<p>Personal Remarks:</p>	<p>Technical Course Director, Emily Wallace, lost her right hand and best friend in fatal accident during the official arrival day. She has done an outstanding job from the start of the competition till the last competitor landing. While it was really hard time for her, she was professional, precise and constantly ready to do her job.</p> <p>Special gratitude to the organiser, who purchased yoga mats for judges – this has been a great tool when judging water gates during Zone Accuracy. Highly recommended part of equipment.</p> <p>--</p> <p>I would like to say a special thank you to:</p>

	<p>Judges Committee and Canopy Piloting committee for confidence in appointing me as Chief Judge.</p> <p>Organiser for professional co-operation, especially in hard time many of team members personally had.</p> <p>Meet Director and FAI Controller for support.</p> <p>All competitors for fair competition and respect.</p> <p>Team of judges and official helpers for doing outstanding job.</p>
<p>In accordance with the Sporting code Section 5, 6.7.1(5) this form is to be completed and sent to the Chair of the Judge's Committee and the ISC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the competition's completion.</p>	

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