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## SPEED SKYDIVING COMMITTEE Annual Report - ISC MEETING 2024



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### Committee members 2023:

**Chair** Gernot Rittenschober, Austria

**Deputy Chair** Elisabet Mikaelsson, Sweden

#### Members

Arnold Hohenegger, Austria

Marco Hepp, Germany

Thomas Moritz Friess, Germany

Bert Ham, the Netherlands

Michael Lovemore, UK

Michael Cooper, USA

**New member after 2024 plenary:** Sara Lundqvist, SWE

### Historical remark:

Speed Skydiving was accepted at IPC plenary 2014 in Vienna and has now a 10-year ISC anniversary.

The sport is still young and growing, but at the same time stable in terms of rules and profitable in ISC financial terms (expenses versus income by Sanction Fee)

### Competitions – 2023

**August 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> World Cup and 4<sup>th</sup> European Championship – Prostejov, Czechia.**

We could experience a very well organized championship, all key players worked together to the benefit of all competitors and the common goal to have a smooth and successful event.

Several new records were established and no complaints or protests were brought forward.

The feedback during the competitor's meeting was positive and two proposals were brought up- see rule change proposals below.

Big Thanks to the host Martin Dlouhy and his staff, to FAI controller Arnold Hohenegger and Chief Judge Bert Ham with his panel, for their professional work.

#### Participation:

31 participants including 9 female, 3 junior and 7 teams

### Other Competitions – 2023

#### ISSA

There were 5 ISSA World Series events of which one (Fano/ITA) was also registered as Second Category Event (SCE)

<https://www.issa.one/issa-world-series-2023/>



ISSA also maintains an eternal ranking list with the personal best of every Speed Skydiving athlete.

Only competition results and only new (since 2019 GPS) results are listed. With 240 names on the list, it shows the worldwide potential of Speed Skydiving.

(historic view: the archived barometric list 2000-2018 includes 455 names)

<https://www.issa.one/speed-skydiving-eternal-ranking-gps/>

Several nationals and smaller scale SP competitions were organized worldwide.

## Change to competition rules 2024 (1)



As one outcome of the competitor's meeting in Prostejov the attached proposal was drafted and **2024 plenary approval for the change is requested.**

Key points:

- In the unlikely event of injury or any other reason that prohibits one of the three designated team member in SP, CP or WS from continuing to jump for the team score, a reserve team member (alternate) will allow the team to continue with reasonable scores.
- The proposal does not want (one as in FS 4way and all CF team events or two as in FS 8way) additional alternates who are just on site in case the team wants to change a member any time
- It should be a real emergency measure to replace one team member who is then not jumping any more for the rest of the competition, the scores until then remain valid.
- Only 3 medals per team are awarded, in case the alternate scores are used, it is up to the team how to distribute the 3 medals.

As the team composition in SP, CP, CP Freestyle and WS Performance is similar, this rule change has been synchronized with all three c'tees and will be a joint 2024 CR proposal.

**There is no impact on the 2024 FCEs** (other than modified calculation of total team score in case the alternate will be needed)

## Change to competition Rules (2) 2024 or 2025? TBD at open plenary meeting

The second proposal that was brought forward at the competitor's meeting and was already tested unofficially in Prostejov and at other ISSA events:

### Mixed Speed Skydiving Team

In order to encourage NACs to further increase female participation a new additional format will be introduced in 2024 and added as annex 1 to SP Competition Rules.

This mixed team format may also already be used at 2024 5th FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships. The decision about 2024 will be made by the organizer and needs to be specified in bulletin 1.

**A 2024 plenary approval of this rule change is requested.**

### Rationale:

The Mixed Team competition aims to reward the fastest 2-person teams, especially promoting female skydivers. Each team must consist of two members of different gender.

It is expected that more women (or individuals of other genders) can be attracted to this new event, thereby increasing overall FCE participation numbers.

It shall be an additional event after the regular competition is finished (similar to CP freestyle)

Only regular participants who have already paid their entry fee and sanction fee can participate.

Jump ticket cost for additional mixed team jumps to be determined by the organizer (e.g. similar to training jumps) and stated in bulletin 1.

### Increased female participation

In connection with the intention to increase female participation also the number of possible participants per NAC shall be revised in 2024 edition of SP CRs:

8.1. ...

*A maximum of ~~eight~~ **ten** competitors for a World Parachuting Championship – seven places open to male or female competitors and ~~one~~ **three** places exclusively for a competitor from whichever is the gender minority.*

*A maximum of twelve competitors for a World Cup or a Continental Championship – ~~ten~~ **nine** places open to male or female competitors and ~~two~~ **three** places exclusively for competitors from whichever is the gender minority.*

### Rationale:

The rule about additional female participants is already in place, the only change is that there are three additional slots instead of only one at future WSC and WCs.

**A 2024 plenary approval of this rule change is requested.**

In addition to these two changes, a few housekeeping changes of SP CRs will be presented at the open meeting and included in the plenary documents. (e.g. typo in table of content 7.1 and add CJ to 4.1.9)

### **Future Competitions:**

The SP c'tee is ready to "solicit bids for future FCE's"<sup>1</sup>

### **FCE 2024**

..... **2024** – 5<sup>th</sup> World Championship, ..... (open after IBD 005)

### **FCEs 2025/ 26**

? hosts for

6<sup>th</sup> SP World Cup and 5<sup>th</sup> European Championships 2025 and

6<sup>th</sup> SP World Championship 2026

bids are welcome

### **SCEs / ISSA**

The ISSA plan for 2024 is:

- to continue with the World Series Events
- to have ISSA Events (potential SCEs) on continents outside Europe (USA, Australia)
- to test the mixed team rule

My sincere thank goes to the c'tee members who do the work that keeps Speed Skydiving as a stable and steadily growing ISC competition discipline.

Namely Michael Cooper with his technical expertise and Flysight device and Arnold Hohenegger who is our link into JC and to ISSA, are to be credited for a huge portion of the successfully working SP c'tee.

Best Regards,

  
Gernot Rittenschober  
Speed Committee chair

attached: Alternate team member proposal 2024\_final draft\_1\_0  
Speed\_Skydiving\_Mixed\_Team\_draft 1\_0

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<sup>1</sup> according to c'tee task in ISC Internal Regulations Annex 5 2. (5)

## Attachment 1 to SP c'tee annual report and ISC plenary agenda annex

### **Draft rule to implement a reserve team member in SP, CP, CP Freestyle and WS Performance Initiated by SP competitors at the competitor's meeting at WC/EC in Prostejov, August 2023- final draft as proposal to ISC plenary 2024 and to be implemented in 2024 competition rules**

#### Rationale:

In the unlikely event of injury or any other reason that prohibits one team member in SP, CP or WS from continuing to jump for the team score, a reserve team member (alternate) will allow the team to continue with reasonable scores.

Also FS/ VFS, CF and AL have the option of replacement but under a different regime, AE has two teams at WPC and no limit at WCs.

The current proposal does not want (one as in FS 4way and all CF teams or two as in FS 8way) additional alternates who are just on site in case the team wants to exchange any time (and who receive additional medals). Also the 4 scores out of 5 in each round like in AL is not the choice and neither should it be possible to wait for some rounds and then to replace one team member with less scores for the team total.

**It should be a real emergency measure to replace one team member who is then not jumping any more for the rest of the competition.**

**Only 3 medals per team are awarded.** In case the alternate scores are used, it is up to the team how to distribute the three medals.

As the team composition in SP, CP, CP Freestyle and WS Performance is similar, this rule change has been synchronized.

#### SP CRs 2023

##### 8.2 FORMING NATIONAL TEAMS

8.2.1 For delegations with 3 registered competitors, the competitors will automatically form the national SP team upon registration, unless the Head of Delegations or Team Manager disagrees.

8.2.2 For delegations with more than three registered competitors the NAC may nominate 3 of its competitors to form the national SP team. This must be done before the starting order is finalized. There is only one SP team per NAC.

8.2.3. In addition to the three team members a reserve member (alternate) may be nominated together with the team and used with following restrictions:

The alternate has to be a registered NAC competitor who participates in all rounds.

In case of any pertinent reason that prevent one of the three original team members from further competition jumps, the scores achieved until then remain valid in the team total and the scores of the alternate will be used for all remaining rounds (no back and forth).

The team can only declare to use the scores of the alternate once and only if the team member is unable to continue jumping for the entire competition (no partial replacement due to daily performance or short time absence)

There are no additional medals awarded to the alternate, regardless if the scores have been used for the team or not.

#### Same proposal on behalf of CP & WS c'tee:

#### CP CRs 2023

##### 3.3. Composition of a National Canopy Piloting Team

3.3.1. For delegations with three registered competitors, the competitors will automatically form the national CP team upon registration unless the Head of Delegation or Team Manager disagrees.

3.3.2. For delegations with more than three registered competitors, the delegation may nominate three of its competitors to form the national CP team. This must be done before the exit order is finalised at the competitors meeting.

3.3.3. as above SP CRs 8.2.3.

#### CP Freestyle CRs 2023

##### 3.3. Composition of a National Canopy Piloting Freestyle Team

3.3.1. For delegations with three registered competitors, the competitors will automatically form the national CP team upon registration unless the Head of Delegation or Team Manager disagrees.

3.3.2. For delegations with more than three registered competitors, the delegation may nominate three of its competitors to form the national CP Freestyle team. This must be done before the exit order is finalised at the competitors meeting.

3.3.3. as above SP CRs 8.2.3.

### **WS CRs 2023**

#### **8.4 COMPOSITION OF A NATIONAL WINGSUIT PERFORMANCE FLYING TEAM**

8.4.1 For delegations with three registered performance competitors, the competitors will automatically form the national WS-P team upon registration unless the Head of Delegation or Team Manager disagrees.

8.4.2 For delegations with more than three registered performance competitors, the delegation may nominate three of its performance competitors to form the national WS-P team. This must be done before the exit order is finalized at the competitors meeting.

8.4.3. [as above SP CRs 8.2.3.](#)

## Attachement 2 to SP c'tee annual report and ISC plenary agenda annex

### Annex 1 to Speed Skydiving Competition Rules

#### **Speed Skydiving Mixed Team**

The rules for jumping and scoring of the individual competition also apply to the Mixed Team competition, except for the following specific regulations:

##### Competition Objective:

- To create an additional event at Speed Skydiving competitions if time and weather permits
- Awarding gold, silver, and bronze medals and records to the fastest 2-person Mixed Teams

##### Number of Rounds:

- 3 rounds
- Jumps from the regular individual competition cannot be counted for the Mixed Team competition (i.e. new jumps/ performances - no virtual classification)

##### Team Composition:

- 2 individuals of different genders representing the same NAC
- The team members shall be registered NAC competitors who participated in regular SP rounds
- Team composition must be determined before the start of the Mixed Team competition

##### Scoring of Jumps:

- The results of the two individual team members are added together and presented as the collective average team score.

##### Execution:

- The Mixed Team competition starts after the completion of the regular individual competition
- There is no additional entry fee, jumps are paid as on training days

##### Result Presentation:

- The results list should include the respective individual results and the cumulative average of the team's performance per round and total

##### Rationale:

The Mixed Team competition aims to reward the fastest 2-person teams, especially promoting female skydivers. Each team must consist of members of different genders. This focus allows for a broader audience of skydivers to be engaged and strengthens the concept of mixed gender teamwork.

It is expected that more women (or individuals of other genders) can be attracted to this discipline, thereby with the demand to be regular participants this will increase total participation numbers.