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ISC Jury

Special note: *The use of the words he or his in this document does not imply gender but is used in place of he/she or his/her*

INTRODUCTION

This Handbook may be used by the Jury at all FCE's. (SC5 4.7.1)

- as an information source for ISC Jury Members,
- to assist ISC Jury Members to perform their duties at FCE's.

The duties and responsibilities of Juries are laid down in detail in the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, the Sporting Code General Section (GS) and Section 5 (SC5) and the respective Competition Rules. The Jury President is responsible for making sure that all Jury Members have obtained copies of these and any other relevant documents to enable them to carry out their duties.

All Jury Members **MUST** possess a thorough knowledge of all the above documents, and in particular the relevant sections governing their position, which are as follows:

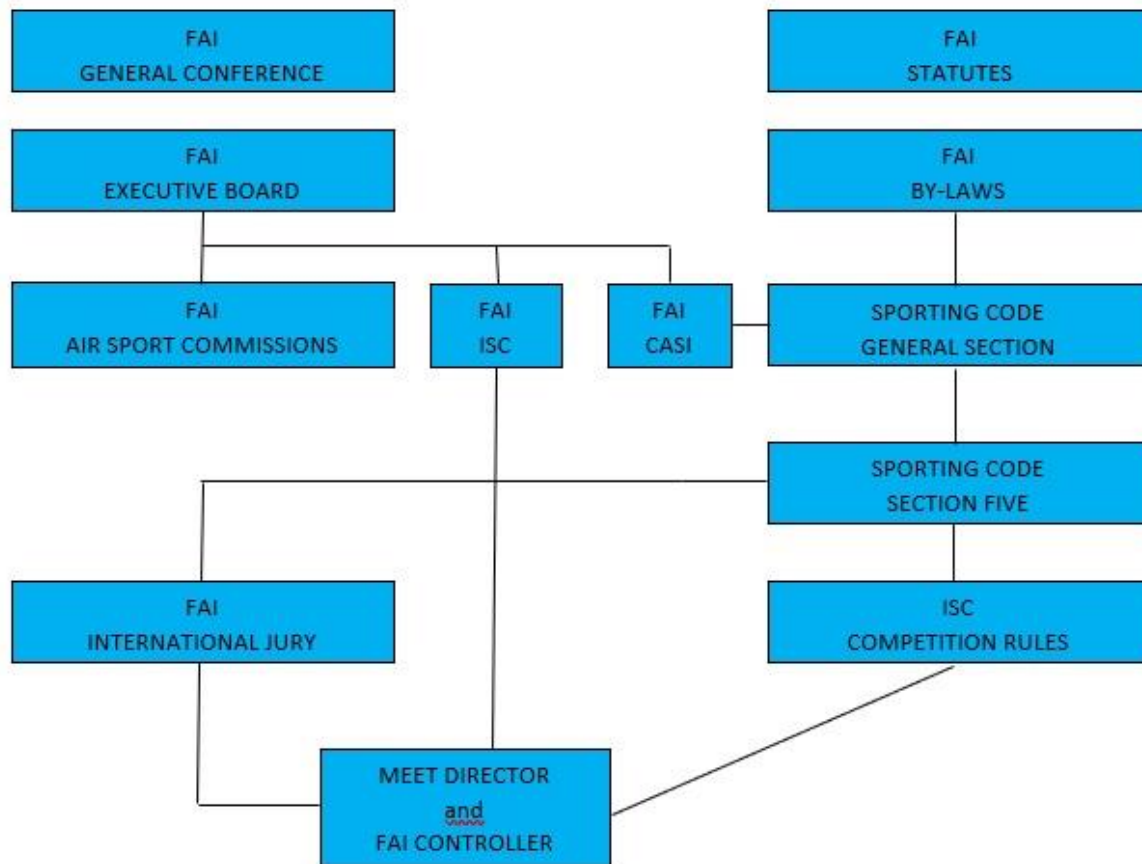
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This Handbook should be read in conjunction with these documents.

In the case of a disagreement between information or a requirement in this Handbook and that in an Original Document e.g. SC5, the Original Document takes precedence over this Handbook.

1 JURY MEMBER'S GUIDE

1.1 ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY



1.2 RESPONSIBILITY OF ISC BUREAU

The responsibility of the ISC Bureau is to:

- (1) Prepare, maintain and publish a list of ISC Approved Jurors, to be used for selection of Jurors to be appointed by the ISC to serve as a Jury at an FCE.
- (2) Establish a procedure to obtain and maintain case histories of protests handled in ISC FCE's.

Jurors approved by the ISC must have the approval of their NAC and/or their ISC Delegate.

Jurors having queries, problems or disputes regarding this Handbook or any other matter concerning their duties and responsibilities should contact a member of the ISC Bureau.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITY OF ISC RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the ISC Rules and Regulations Committee is to prepare, maintain and publish this ISC JURY MEMBERS' HANDBOOK.

1.4 APPOINTMENT

Any ISC FCE shall have a NOMINATED JURY (GS 5.2.4.3, SC5 4.7.1) consisting of three persons, a Jury President and two Jury Members, all appointed by the ISC from the approved list of ISC Jurors. For a Parachute-Ski FCE the appointment will be in accordance with the Parachute-Ski Competition Rules.

2 JURY DUTIES

2.1 ACTIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT

Each Jury Member is responsible for making his own travel arrangements in compliance with the ISC Expense Reimbursement Policy and care should be taken to obtain the most cost-effective means of transport. The Jury President should serve as interface between the Organiser and the on-site Jury Member regarding travel arrangements and accommodation and ensure that all have the required and relevant information. The Jury President will ensure that payment is made for the accommodation (Organiser package or hotel) either by the on-site Jury Member individually or by ISC/FAI directly.

The Jury President must establish the arrival and departure date for all on site Jury Members and must notify the ISC Finance Secretary of these dates, which will be used to determine expense reimbursement amounts.

The Jury President must establish, by mutual agreement, the technical means to be used for the communication with the remote Jury Member.

The Jury President should also contact the Event Organizer for assistance in arranging a suitable meeting room on site, with access to computers, internet and printing.

Jury Members directly represent the ISC and FAI and are not members of the competition operations or organisation staff and they do not represent their countries. They should wear some form of identification during the competition (badge or other).

2.2 THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JURY DURING THE EVENT

All Jury actions and meetings must be carefully minuted, preferably electronically, using the format in Annex 1. All Jury Meeting minutes will be posted on the official competition site information board as soon as possible after the meeting. The meeting procedure is outlined in GS 5.2.4.6.

Jury Members have a right to be present at any time at any location on the competition site provided they do not interfere with or disturb competitors or the organisation. Courtesy therefore dictates asking permission from the Meet Director and/or the Chief Judge for Jury Members to enter the operations room and the judging room during the event. Courtesy also dictates that a low profile is maintained at all times and care taken not to interfere with any of the staff or their work. Jury Members must take every opportunity to observe the general workings of the competition and have a feel for the general atmosphere. They must also attend all briefings and take notes on operational decisions or rule interpretations by officials.

The event may not begin until the Jury and the Chief Judge have given their approval (SC5 4.5.1). The Jury may not give its approval until

- (1) it receives confirmation that the required Deposit has been paid to the FAI or the required Guarantee has been provided (FCEAD 2.2.3),
- (2) the provisional estimate of the Sanction Fee (SC5 4.1.3) has been paid to the FAI and
- (3) the FAI Controller has reported that the state of organisation readiness is satisfactory.

A meeting will be held between the FAI Controller, the Chief Judge, the Meet Director and the Jury to confirm that the event can begin.

The President of the Jury has the responsibility to ensure that the organisers abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules, regulations and bulletins for the event. If the organisers fail to do this, the President of the Jury has the right to stop the event until a Jury Meeting has considered the situation. If the situation cannot be remedied, the Jury has the right to terminate the event.

Matters of advice, arbitration or rule interpretation shall also be the responsibility of the Jury. The President of the Jury (not the individual members of the Jury) must therefore be prepared to give advice and answer queries raised by the Meet Director regarding the rules and the general running of the event. However, when replying to such queries and giving advice, care should be taken not to just give an individual position but to represent the position of the Jury as a whole. Actions of this nature must be minuted.

Procedures for competitors' queries are fully covered in the event rules and a competitor with such a query should therefore normally be directed to any competition official.

Procedures for handling competitor protests are fully covered in SC5 4.7.3 and 5.3. Once a protest has been handed to the Jury by the Meet Director, the Jury President must call a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity. It must be remembered that a Protest must state the particular rule or rules about which the protest is made and no protest may be made nor shall one be accepted by the Jury that is not signed by the person authorised to do so (SC5 5.3.(1)), and/or deals solely with the evaluation of a jump/performance or the score given by the Judges. Information on how to conduct a meeting dealing with a protest is given in Chapter 3 of this document.

Record administration and claims

SC5 3.1.3.5 requires that the Jury President will manage the administration of record claims.

Verification of results and scores

The GS requires that the Jury "verify and approve the competition results". Verify is defined as "to determine or test the truth or accuracy of".

Throughout the event, a Jury Member, or Jury Members, delegated by the Jury President, must verify that the event is being scored fairly and in accordance with the Competition Rules. Jury Members with limited scoring experience should take every opportunity to work with other Jury Members, who have experience, to verify the scoring. In many cases the President will have all of the Jury work as a team to verify the results. Although contestants are usually reliable watchdogs of the results, Jury Members should still make sure they have a thorough understanding of the scoring process.

2.3 THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JURY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT

At the end of an event the Jury will stand by until the time period for protests after publication of all final event results has elapsed SC5 5.3.(1) and (3). The Jury will continue its functions until all reports of Jury meeting decisions have been made public by the Meet Director and the prize-giving is organised in line with the FAI Protocol for Award-Giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI Championships.

The final action of the Jury is to verify and approve the final competition results of the event. Provided the event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and rules for the event, and the decisions of the Jury, the Jury will declare the event valid and report this declaration to the Meet Director in writing (see Annex 2 for the Jury Report Form). The final competition results, approved by the Jury, must be published by the Meet Director prior to the prize-giving.

The Jury may not declare the event to be valid until it receives confirmation from the CJ that the competition results have been checked and are valid, and from the FAI Controller that the final amount of the Sanction Fee has been determined and been paid to the FAI. If the Sanction Fee has not been paid in full, the Jury may not declare the FCE to be valid (SC5 4.7.2.4.(b)) and will include, in its report to the ISC Bureau the fact that the FCE has not been declared valid by reason of non-payment of the full amount of the Sanction Fee.

In accordance with GS 4.10.2.1, the officially accepted entry list and results of an FCE shall be sent electronically to the FAI Secretariat if possible before the prize-giving and in any case within (24) hours of the end of the event. This responsibility lies with the Jury President.

In accordance with the SC5 4.7.2.(7), the Jury will, within eight (8) days of the conclusion of the event, prepare and submit a report to the ISC Bureau as to whether or not all the Organiser's contractual commitments have been satisfactorily completed and this report will be used by the Bureau to decide whether to refund the Deposit or to apply the provisions of Schedule 1, paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 and Annex 1 of the Organiser Agreement. A copy of Annex 2 shall be attached to the report.

Within eight (8) days of the conclusion of the event the Jury President must inform the FAI Secretary General of the number of protests made, together with the numbers of protests withdrawn, upheld or failed, and the respective Jury decisions (GS 4.10.2.3 - see Annex 3). The minutes of Jury meetings which record Jury actions, decisions made and the reasons, plus any copies of evidence shall be included in this Jury Report to the FAI Secretary General. (GS 5.2.4.6.3).

The record of Jury actions consists of a copy of all documentation used by the Jury when hearing a protest including, if applicable, the written complaint and complaint answer, written protest and protest decision, summary of statements of officials and witnesses, etc. If the protest involved scoring, a copy of the Score Sheet, Judge Report(s) and all the relevant published event results; in other words, all documents that determined the outcome, by the Jury, of the protest.

These reports, which are the only source of information available to FAI in case of appeals, shall also be sent by the Jury President to the ISC President to allow the ISC Bureau to establish case histories of protests handled, and to compile a reference book of rulings from previous events.

2.4 EVENT DEBRIEFING

After the event, it is customary for a Competition Committee to hold a competitors' meeting, that is usually chaired by a person from this Committee and concerns competition rules. It may also be considered necessary to hold a debriefing session regarding the running of the competition with officials and competitors. In this case it is suggested that the debriefing is organised and chaired by the Jury President.

2.5 APPEALS TO THE FAI

The right of appeal to FAI rests exclusively with the NAC concerned, and the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) is the institution responsible for the treatment of appeals.

Any protester who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Jury should discuss their dissatisfaction with their NAC. An appeal to FAI must be received at the FAI Headquarters within 90 days from the announcement of the decision leading to the appeal.

Should the appeal be accepted by the FAI, a Jury President will be given notice of the appeal by the FAI in good time and he should then be prepared to be called, as an interested party, by the FAI Appeals Tribunal.

3 PROCEDURES WHEN HEARING A PROTEST

Attendance at Jury meetings is compulsory for all Jury Members.

A QUORUM (the number of members who must be present for the business done to be legal and binding) for a Jury meeting is three, including the President.

There are some very important points to remember when hearing a protest. These include:

- (1) The Meet Director has full discretion to make operational decisions within the scope of the Sporting Code and the rules and regulations for the event and concerning all competitors, and these should not be grounds for protest unless they place a competitor at a disadvantage to others.
- (2) If there are no rules or penalties applicable to the facts, the Jury must look at the decision of the Meet Director and decide if this was an appropriate and fair decision under the circumstances.
- (3) It is not the function of the Jury to alter a rule in any way, or to change fixed penalties. They are required to confirm the Meet Director's decision as to the severity of an infringement.
- (4) The Jury shall hear both sides on the matter of any protest and apply correctly the relevant FAI regulations and rules for the event. The facts of any protest shall be established by hearing evidence from the competitor concerned, the Meet Director and any other relevant witnesses. Jury Members must make every effort not to pre-judge an occurrence.

- (5) Jury Members are not Competition Officials and, although they are required to monitor the conduct of the event, they must take care not to get involved in any way in the running of the event.

The following is a suggested outline of the procedures for handling a protest:

- (1) Except for a protest made under GS 6.3.1 (a protest prior to an event), a protest shall be presented by the Meet Director to the Jury President without delay. The Jury President shall note the time of receiving receipt on the protest document.
- (2) The Jury President shall verify:
 1. That the relevant dispositions concerning protests and the treatment of protests, as stipulated in the Sporting Code and the rules for the event, have been respected, especially as to whether the protest states the particular rule or rules under which the protest is being made (SC5 5.3.4). Any protest that is not signed by the correct person (SC5 5.3.1), and/or deals solely with the evaluation of a jump/performance or a score given by the Judges will not be accepted (SC5 5.3.5).
 2. That the published time limits concerning protests have been met (SC5 5.3.1(a) and (b)). Note: The two hours' time period is applicable when the competitors in the event are required to be at the competition sited and do not have competition obligations. (i.e. occupied with competition jumps/performance including the 15' call and the allowed minimum time to prepare for the next jump/performance as in SC5 5.2.5.(3).
 3. That the protest fee has been deposited with the Meet Director.

A protest made in good faith by a competitor, but failing any requirement not under his control, shall be accepted by the Jury President, who will call a Jury meeting at the earliest possible opportunity.
- (3) All protests shall be treated equally and separately unless, and only for protests by different competitors or teams concerning the same occurrence, all parties directly involved agree to treat the respective protests as one. A team protest is defined as a protest involving all the members of an officially entered team. It shall be identified as such and must have been presented to the Meet Director by the Team Manager (SC5 4.5.4(6)) or acting Team Manager (SC5 4.5.5(4)). A team protest shall be treated in the same way as a competitor's protest, except that all the concerned team competitors must not be heard if they decide to be represented by the Team Leader.
- (4) Before any Jury meeting is called to treat a protest, the Jury President shall make sure that all the relevant information and facts concerning the protest are available. Normally, the Meet Director will ask the Chief Judge to assemble information and facts concerning matters to be considered by the Jury.
- (5) When calling a Jury meeting, the President of the Jury shall allow for operational and competition priorities. Generally, witnesses and other concerned parties shall be called only during periods when they are not involved in competition activities.

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

- (1) The Jury President shall ensure that the full proceedings of the meeting are properly recorded by one of the Jurors.
- (2) The protest file, including all the relevant documents, information and facts, should have been studied and understood by the Jury before inviting interested parties to make their presentation or to give evidence.
- (3) The Jury President will make sure that all interested parties were given notice of the meeting in good time and that those concerned have been duly called to appear at the Jury meeting. Their absence from the meeting shall then not hold up the proceedings.

- (4) The Meet Director and the protester have a right to be present while evidence is being given and to give both written and oral evidence before the Jury. The concerned parties shall be heard by the Jury, meaning that they must be requested to make their presentation and to give evidence. The protester should be given the right to be assisted by an interpreter or assistant of his choice. All others may be allowed to attend only at the Jury President's discretion.
- (5) The Jury President has authority to conduct the meeting as he sees appropriate and in accordance with SC5 4.7.3.1 must ensure that, during the protest hearings/evidence taking, no member of the Jury expresses, orally or otherwise, a personal opinion and shall permit no discussion to take place between Jury members in the presence of the person(s) presenting the protest and in the presence of those giving evidence.

All speakers should address everything they say to the Jury President, and only one speaker should be recognized by the Jury President at a time. Normally the meeting will proceed as follows:

1. Opening statement by the Jury President (at this moment the Jury Member acting as recording secretary should record those persons invited and those requested to give evidence, both present and absent).
2. The Jury President will summarise the protest presented and state that the protest was made in accordance with the Sporting Code rules, that the protest fee was received by the Jury, and that it can therefore be admitted.
3. The Jury President will ask if the protester wishes to withdraw his protest. If the protester decides to withdraw, the protest fee shall then be returned and no hearing will take place.
4. The Jury President will invite the protester to present his protest, including evidence from witnesses.
5. The Jury President will invite the Meet Director to present his statement, including evidence from witnesses.
6. The Jury will hear evidence from any other persons relevant to the protest. The Jury President may allow witnesses to be questioned briefly by the protester and the Meet Director.

Note: The Jury Members may ask questions at any time.

7. The Protester and the Meet Director will be invited to summarise their respective positions and to make their final statement.
8. The Jury will retire for the deliberations and to reach their decisions (It is highly advisable to restrict the deliberations to the Jury Members).

Decisions shall be reached by a simple majority.

A secret ballot shall be held, if requested by a Jury member. (GS 5.2.4.6.5)

9. The last decision to be made by the Jury concerns the question whether or not the protest fee is to be returned to the protester. The Competition Rules stipulate that the protest fee is to be returned if the protest is upheld or is withdrawn, see item (3) above.
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 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. The report must also include whether the Jury decisions were unanimous or majority votes and all Jury Members must sign the written report. Jury decisions come into effect with the publication of the Jury report.
11. The Jury President shall make sure that the report is made public by the Meet Director and that, in cases where the protest fee is to be returned to the protester, the fee is

promptly returned to the protester. In case where the protest fee is not returned to the protester, the Jury President shall keep the fee until the end of the event, when it will be sent to FAI upon receipt of an FAI invoice (SC5 4.7.2.5).

ANNEX 1 – ISC JURY NOTICE



ISC JURY NOTICE

Title & Location of Competition
ISC Jury Meeting No:
Time and Date:
Subject:
Details:
Decision:

Signature: _____ Jury President

Date: _____ Time: _____

ANNEX 2 – JURY FINAL REPORT FORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This final report (required by SC5 4.7.2(7)) should be sent to the ISC Bureau, within eight (8) days of the conclusion of the event, with a copy to the Organiser.*

JURY FINAL REPORT FORM

We, the undersigned members of the Jury for the

(name of the FCE)

declare that:

- 1. In our opinion the FCE has / has not been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules.**
- 2. In our opinion, the Organiser has/has not met all contractual commitments.**
- 3. All protests have / have not been dealt with and all Jury reports have/have not been made public.**
- 4. The final results have/have not been verified and are/are not valid.**

NB: Any deficiencies noted above require a full explanation.

Position	Name	Signature
Jury President		
Jury Member		
Jury Member		(Email signature if member is remote)
Date and Place		

ANNEX 3 – REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE FAI

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This Report, together with details of all protests, has to be sent by the Jury President to the FAI Secretary General and to the ISC President within 8 days of the conclusion of the event.*

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

Secretary General
Maison du Sport Internationale
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Switzerland

(place and date)

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE FAI

EVENT DETAILS

TITLE/NAME	
DATE	
LOCATION	
ORGANISING NAC	
NUMBER OF JUMPS/PERFORMANCES	
NUMBER OF EVENTS	
NUMBER OF COMPETITORS	
DISQUALIFICATIONS: YES/NO	

EVENT PERSONNEL

MEET DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY MEET DIRECTOR	
CHIEF JUDGE	
SAFETY OFFICER	
FAI CONTROLLER	

ISC JURY

PRESIDENT	
MEMBER 1	
MEMBER 2	

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE FAI (continued)

COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTESTS ADMITTED	
NUMBER OF PROTESTS WITHDRAWN	
NUMBER OF PROTESTS UPHeld	
NUMBER OF PROTESTS FAILED	
AMOUNT OF PROTEST FEES RETAINED AND INCLUDED	
AMOUNT OF CHALLENGE FEES RETAINED AND INCLUDED	

Also included you will find the Jury decisions (reports as transmitted to the Meet Director) pertaining to the above protests, and all other documents regarding above protests.

I understand that the complete Jury Report file will be sent by me to the FAI, the ISC President and the ISC Recording Secretary.

DATE & PLACE	
JURY PRESIDENT SIGNATURE	

Comments:

JURY CHECKLIST

Before the event:

Copies of the following current documents to hand, for reference:

- Sporting Code, General Section
- Sporting Code, Section 5
- Signed Organiser Agreement
- Accepted Bid Document, including any accepted changes to the original document.
- Bulletins
- Jury Handbook
- Event Rules and Regulations, as per agreement with ISC and any agreed modifications
- Official entry list (teams/competitors entered)
- FAI Anti-Doping Guidelines
- FAI Code of Ethics

Additionally

- All Jury members approved by the ISC Plenary are still available
- Travel arrangements for Jury planned
- Technical means for communication with the remote Jury Member in place and tested.
- Pick up from arrival point in country planned and Jury informed
- Accommodation and meals for Jury arranged
- Jury room (lockable) available at competition site (with telephone and e-mail access if possible)
- Jury transportation – car available, car park/access, refuelling, car pass, person in charge of Jury car
- Jury members' identification badges/passes (without reference to a country)

Arrange a pre-event meeting with the Meet Director and check

- Any complaints by NAC(s) regarding entry and/or eligibility
- All Sporting Code required personnel available (Judges, etc)
- Respective ISC Trophy/Medals available (if any)
- FAI (and ISC) flags available
- FAI anthem available
- All current world and continental records
- Briefing room available, with access, with table and adequate seating
- Competition venue(s) arrangements – access permission
- Permission to use equipment if required (telephone, fax, copiers, computers, etc)

- Communications during the event (officials' phone/fax numbers list; MD's Jury calling procedures during the event; Complaint and Protest transmission procedures; Place of Jury mail and info. box; arrange for fast transportation of the following documents during the event – one copy for each Juror).
- Official Competitors' list (after roll-call at General Briefing)
- Meteorological information available (prior to Team Managers meeting)
- Event information and related documents (prior to Team Managers meeting)
- All published RESULTS (as soon as practicable)

During the General Briefing

- Jury Members present, on site or in a remote location
- Announcement of place for official notice board and competition site for announcements
- Announcement of publication time (as soon as possible) and place for replies to complaints
- Announcement of possibility for shortened time limit for complaints and protests (only at the end of the competition schedule, if necessary)
- Announcement of ISC Injury Protocol, Safety and Competition limitations

Pre-event – General

- Check with the FAI Controller that the Deposit has been invoiced and paid to the FAI bank account or the required Guarantee has been provided
- Check with the FAI Controller that the Sanction Fee has been invoiced and paid to the FAI bank account.
- The Jury and the Chief Judge must give approval before the event may begin.
- Minutes of above verifications and decisions posted
- Approve notification system and designate competition site for announcements

During the event:

- Is the event being conducted as per current FAI Sporting Code, current Rules and Regulations and the published Bulletins for the event? If not, a Jury meeting must be called.
- Each Jury meeting, including any decisions taken must be minuted must be minuted and then posted as a Jury notice using Annex 1.
- Verify that the event is being scored fairly and in accordance with the Competition Rules
- Handle World / Continental records application procedure (SC5 3.1.3.5(a))

At the conclusion of the event:

- Verify and approve the competition results and post notice re same
- Verify that prize-giving is planned in accordance with the FAI Protocol for Award-giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI championship
- Jury Final Report to ISC President with copy to Meet Director (Annex 2)
- Report of the Jury President to FAI and the ISC President (Annex 3)
- Conduct Event debriefing (if necessary and appropriate) and send the report to the ISC Bureau and the relevant ISC Competition Committee(s)

- Ensure that the attendance of all Jury Members has been confirmed by the FAI Controller
- Send the list of entrants and competition results electronically to FAI within 24 hours (GS 3.16.2)
- Confirm that the final amount of the Sanction Fee has been invoiced and paid to FAI
- Advise ISC Finance Secretary of any retained protest and/or challenge fees, to be invoiced and paid to FAI.
- Review the Jury Handbook and make proposals for changes to the Rules and Relations Committee if considered necessary.



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