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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup
Event:	12th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting & 3rd FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting Freestyle, 2025
Location:	Skydive Arizona, Eloy, Arizona, USA
Date:	9-13 September 2025
Panel of Judges:	<p>Andrew Du Toit – Chief Judge</p> <p>Agnieszka Sobczynska – Event Judge Freestyle</p> <p>Marylou Laughlin – Event Judge Accuracy</p> <p>Meylin Sanchez – Event Judge Speed</p> <p>Craig Bennett – Event Judge Distance</p> <p>Jan Nejedly</p> <p>Nina Engel</p> <p>Liz Warner</p> <p>Jim Rees</p>
Scoring Equipment Used:	InTime
Details of the Judges Work: <i>(including judging statistics)</i>	<p>There were 54 competitors in the CP classic events and 39 in CP Freestyle. During OPP there were 316 jumps judged (65-zoneacc, 90-distance, 68-speed and 93-freestyle). During the competition were 565 jumps (including rejumps) judged (156-zoneacc, 153-distance, 164-speed and 109-freestyle). In total 881 jumps were judged. The competition had 5 rejumps take place. All were during the speed event. 1 rejump for weather, 1 rejump for interference on the water portion of the course (resetting breakaway bouy), 1 for a malfunction and 2 technical rejumps (no time recorded on exit gate). Two injuries occurred requiring the course to be closed after the 2nd one (1 during OPP, 1 during competition, both in speed event). During the OPP and competition, 3 yellow cards and 1 red card were issued to competitors. During OPP, the judges practiced both judging and various positions on the course. During OPP an official course closure drill was conducted as a full practice. The FAI Controller approved the system that was practiced.</p>
Recommendations for Organisers:	<p>1) Various meetings with key persons were held in the lead up to the event. This was extremely helpful and allowed a synergy to exist far before the event had started. This proved to be important as there were a number of technical setbacks very close to the start of the event with scoring systems changing due to non-readiness and camera/network operations due to</p>

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	<p>key persons pulling out on the organiser side, and these were easily resolved because of the relationships already in place and cemented. I thank the organisers for facilitating this process and highly recommend the same to future organisers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) The background organisation of meals, transport, accommodation etc was very well handled by the support staff in place and is appreciated. 3) The course was in good condition and met the requirements. The organiser moved infrastructure for the event slightly further away from the course after recommendations from previous events and I think this was safe and effective. 4) The CTD and crew were quick, professional and effective. The new issue coming into play is the resetting of the breakaway markers / buoys after being dislodged by a competitor (mostly in speed event). This is a new phenomenon since the creation of the new markers and needs to be addressed – do the markers be repaired / reseated immediately to prevent rejumps for following competitors (potential safety risk) or do the CTD and assistants stay out of the course until a break in competitors when it is completely safe to be on the side of the course, which however will probably incur rejumps at a cost to the organsier for those competitors choosing to not land in the course due to markers being down.
Rule Changes – Proposals:	<p>Various rule change suggestions were made at the competitor meeting after the event which have been forwarded to and will be discussed by the ISC CP committee. This includes the enforcing of breakaway style buoys / markers to be used at certain gates on the speed course for safety, as well as some rules that need to be tidied to prevent potential misunderstanding or contradiction. It was recommended to simplify the Freestyle DOD list by removing it from the rules and allowing it to become a living document of recommendations, thus allowing judges to amend it and update it during the year at the multitude of competitions held, as opposed to requiring annual updates at plenary level.</p>
Personal Remarks:	<p>Thank you to the plenary and judges for showing the confidence in selecting me to be CJ for this competition.</p> <p>The weather conditions were favorable at the competition, with winds being the only factor that slowed the competition at times. The meet director and organisers handled the time on course for competitors and judges well, and this prevented long hours in the hot sun leading to fatigue.</p> <p>I have been asked to make recommendations in any area applicable to try to help reduce the cost of hosting future Canopy Piloting events. I will be sending these remarks to the ISC CP Committee chair for discussion and feedback.</p>

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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.

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