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Proposals to amend SC5, presented to the IPC Plenary Meeting 2004.

CHAPTER 4 : ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS

Change as indicated in **bold**

4.1.1.

(1) No change to the text, but **a revised FCESP document** is presented for approval. See attached document.

(5) The potential Organiser must submit a signed ~~Performance Contract~~ **Organiser Agreement** with the application. The ~~Performance Contract~~ **Organiser Agreement** will be signed by the IPC and FAI at the time when Sanction is granted. The ~~Performance Contract~~ **Organiser Agreement** will set out the rights and obligations of the Organiser and shall contain, but is not limited to, the following items:

- The program of the competition
- A commitment not to increase the stated entry fees
- A commitment to provide suitable transportation between the site of the competition and appropriate points (e.g. major cities, airports etc.)
- A commitment to follow the IPC Guide to the organisation of First Category Events, the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules.
- An agreement to pay the Sanction fee as per 4.1.3. below to the IPC.
- An agreement that the aggregate entry fee of one nation (**or more than one if necessary**) shall be deposited directly by that nation with the IPC Treasurer, to be paid to the Organiser upon agreement by the IPC **Bureau or** the IPC Plenary Meeting (**both after considering a report from the Jury**) that all contractual commitments have been satisfactorily completed. The IPC has the right to withhold the sanction fee from this amount. The Bureau shall decide which nation (**or nations**) shall deposit its entry fee with the IPC Treasurer.
- An agreement that the members of the panel of judges are approved and registered as Official Observers for the purposes of controlling and certifying competition records

(6). After approval, the program for the competition, which ~~is included in the contract~~, **is appended to the Organiser Agreement**, may not be changed without further approval from the IPC or Jury.

Delete, as duplicated in 4.1.4(1).

~~(9) The Organiser will pay any expenses connected with the duties of the FAI Controller and the IPC Controller (J&S).~~

4.2 COMPETITION RULES

- (1) The Competition Rules for a First Category Event must be drafted by the appropriate IPC Committee.
- (2) The NAC organising the First Category Event will complete the section named "Competition Information" of the Competition Rules and will submit them for approval at the latest to the IPC at its meeting before the First Category Event in question. After approval they will be posted on the FAI Web site no later than 30 days after the adjournment of the aforementioned meeting. Hard copies of the Rules will be distributed to all FAI member nations that have no E-mail address.
- (3) The Competition Rules must be distributed not later than two months after approval together with complete details concerning local meteorological conditions and all other information, which may be of use to delegation members.

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- (4) The Competition Rules for **any other International Competition Championships** may be made and circulated directly by the Organiser. They need not be submitted for the approval of the IPC. However, the date should be sent as early as possible to the Secretariat of the FAI for inclusion in the Sporting Calendar and they should include the same points as listed below.
- (5) The Competition Rules for a First Category Event must be written in English and include the following basic information:

- Aims of the competition
- Statement acknowledging ultimate IPC/FAI authority
- Date and place of the competition
- Provisional and definite entry date
- Entry fee
- General regulations and organisation
- Composition of delegations and teams
- Aircraft details
- Programme of competition and events, including timetable for daily jumping
- Date and time at which the last competition jump will be made
- Number of jumps in each event, minimum number of jumps for a valid event
- Specific rules for each event
- The work of the judges
- Members of the Panel of FAI Judges
- Determination of World Champions or World Cup Winners; Medals and Diplomas
- Protest Fee
- Prizes and awards

4.5.3 Organiser's Responsibility

- (1) The Organiser must ensure that completion of the competition takes precedence over leisure, pleasure and publicity activities.
- (2) ~~The Organiser is not responsible for accidents or damage, occurring during the competition, for which the Organiser cannot be blamed.~~ The Organiser is responsible for compensation for damage caused to third parties arising out of flights or jumps connected with the competition.
- (3) The immediate medical care (First Aid), of delegation members is the responsibility of the Organiser **during the official period of the event, including training days. Costs arising from accidents to delegation members on their way to and from the competition are not the responsibility of the Organiser.**

4.7 JURY

4.7.1 Members

~~The provisions of this section apply to the 2003 Mondial and FCEs in 2004 et seq. For other FCEs in 2003 the provisions of the 2002 version of Section 5 apply.~~

- 1) The Jury at a First Category Event is a Nominated Jury consisting of a Jury President and two Jury members.
- 2) ~~The A~~ members of the Jury may exercise no other function at the Event **nor may they act in any administrative or other capacity for any NAC or Delegation.**
- 3) The members of the Jury must wear identification supplied by the Organiser to indicate their function.
- 4) The Jury will work in accordance with the provisions of the Sporting Code, General Section and Section 5, the respective Competition Rules and the IPC Jury Members Handbook.
- 5) The President of the Jury and the two Jury members and eligible replacements will be appointed for each First Category Event by the IPC Plenary Meeting, upon recommendation by the Sporting Code

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Working Group, from the list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors. This appointment will be made no later than the IPC Plenary Meeting held in the year of the Event. **For the purposes of appointment a Mondial or multiple Championships in the same location shall be regarded as one FCE.**

- 6) In exceptional circumstances, where an appointed Member or eligible replacement is unavailable, the President of the Jury may, in consultation with the IPC President, or the FAI Controller if the IPC President is not available, appoint one Jury member from amongst any other qualified IPC Jurors or other persons present at the Event.
- 7) In order to fulfil their duties, all Jury personnel must be present on the Event site at all times during competition activity.
- 8) No Juror may serve at more than two First Category Events during one calendar year.
- 9) All **travel and subsistence** expenses connected with a Juror's duties will be borne by the IPC
- 10) The list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors, who may be no less than twelve in number, will be maintained by the IPC Sporting Code Working Group, which has the authority to propose qualified Jurors for addition to the list by majority decision of the IPC Plenary.

4.7.2 Duties and Rights

- (1) It is the responsibility of the Jury to ensure that the provisions of the General Section and Section 5 of the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules are strictly observed.
- (2) Any case or incident not provided for by these or other valid rules must be decided by the Jury.
- (3) Jury members have the right to be present at any time in any location on the competition site, unless stated elsewhere in the rules, provided they do not interfere with or disturb the competitors, judges or operational staff.
- (4) **At the conclusion of the FCE, the Jury will prepare a report to the IPC Bureau as to whether or not all the Organiser's contractual commitments have been satisfactorily completed (see 4.1.1.(5) above).**

5.2.1 Other Jumps

Competitors are not allowed any jumps, other than competition and official training jumps, during an ~~World Championship or International Championships~~ **FCE**, once the competition has started. Exceptions to this rule must be authorised by a common agreement between the Chief Judge, the Meet Director and the Jury.

5.2.6 Cameraman, interference and objects in the air.

- (1) A Videographer authorised by the Meet Director and the Chief Judge will be permitted to board the aircraft and exit with a team or competitor.
- (2) If in the opinion of the Chief Judge, the Event Judges and the Video Review Panel, a cameraman other than the team's freefall videographer interferes with the judgeability of a team's performance or through direct body contact adversely affects a team's performance, a rejump may be awarded. In this case the cameraman responsible will not be permitted to participate in further camera jumps during the competition.
- (3) A rejump may be offered if the Chief Judge, in agreement with the Meet Director and the FAI Controller, concludes that **the performance of a team or competitor** ~~a competitor's performance~~ has been adversely affected by an object in the air (e.g. aircraft, canopies). The Chief Judge's decision is no ground for a protest.

5.4 PENALTIES

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Except as specifically provided in 5.2.5 and 5.2.8, a competitor or team may be penalised by the Meet Director, with the consent of the Jury, in accordance with the principles set out in the Sporting Code, General Section, 5.2. (see below). The procedure and penalties are as follows:

- (1) The Meet Director will determine or, in the case of safety matters, be advised by the FAI Controller whether the infringement is Technical (SC GS 5.2.2.1), Serious (SC GS 5.2.2.2) or Unsporting Behaviour (SC GS 5.2.2.3).
- (2) When the severity of the infringement has been established and confirmed by the Jury, penalties will apply as follows:
 - (1) Technical Infringement
 - (1) Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style
For each technical infringement by a competitor or team in the Accuracy Landing or Freefall Style disciplines, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the maximum score for a jump will be added in determining the actual event score achieved by all the competitors involved..
 - (2) Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Artistic Events
For each technical infringement by a competitor or team involved in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation or the Artistic Events disciplines, a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the highest score of the team, to which the competitor belongs, for a competition round up to the time of the infringement will be deducted in determining the team's aggregate score for the event.
 - (2) Serious Infringement
 - (1) Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style
For each serious infringement by a competitor or team in the Accuracy Landing or Freefall Style disciplines, a penalty equal to 50% (rounded down) of the maximum score for a jump will be added in determining the actual event score achieved by all the competitors involved.
 - (2) Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Artistic Events
For each serious infringement by a competitor or team involved in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation or the Artistic Events disciplines, a penalty equal to 50% (rounded down) of the highest score of the team, to which the competitor belongs, for a competition round up to the time of the infringement will be deducted in determining the team's aggregate score for the event.
 - (3) Unsporting Behaviour
The competitor or team will be disqualified from participation in any competition activity. **For clarification purposes, unsporting behaviour does not include the use of prohibited drugs.**

5.4.3 Use of Prohibited Drugs. Text to be provided by P Girardin.

Extract from the Sporting Code, General Section
5.2 **PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

5.2.1 The Director of a Sporting Event may penalise a competitor as described in the rules for the event. These penalties may be in the form of an operational disadvantage, deduction of points, alteration of placing order, disqualification, or any other penalty designated by the Air Sport Commission concerned.

5.2.2 SEVERITY OF PENALTIES. The severity of the penalties which may be imposed may range from a minimum loss of points to disqualification indicated below, as appropriate to the offence.

5.2.2.1 Technical Infringements. Technical infringements of rules or failure to comply with requirements caused by mistake or inadvertence where no advantage has accrued or could have accrued to the competitor concerned should, as a guide, carry penalties leading to a reduction of not less than 2% of the best score or maximum available score for the task.

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5.2.2.2 Serious Infringements. Serious infringements, including dangerous or hazardous actions or repetitions of lesser infringements should, as a guide, carry minimum penalties leading to a reduction of not less than 5% of the best score or maximum score for the task.

5.2.2.3 Unsporting Behaviour. Cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, wilful interference with other competitors, falsification of documents, use of forbidden equipment or prohibited drugs, violations of airspace, or repeated serious infringements of rules should, as a guide, result in disqualification from the sporting event.

5.2.3 PUBLICATION. Penalties shall be listed on the score sheet of the day on which the penalty was given.

NB.

Assuming Canopy Piloting receives approval for its own Committee and an FCE is held in 2004, many additions to SC5 will be required dealing with that discipline.