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IPC-Judges Committee Annual Report 2001

It was in Granada, Spain, where the most of this years activity took place. Akita, Japan, was the place where we had the opportunity to again test the Olympic Games Parachuting event.

I'd like to give you a summary of our experiences and ideas coming from these year's competitions and meetings.

Training tapes

We still have plenty of training tapes left from last year, and therefore it was not our first priority to develop new tapes. Our first goal is to produce new and updated evaluation tapes. and we will use the jumps made during the WAG Spain 2001. Since I got the master tapes from Spain quite late, (due to transmission problems of the ordered tapes) the Judges Committee did not have time to look at the tapes and discuss the busts - some things are just too complicated to do by email/computer at home...

Judges Training Courses

During the WAG in Spain no training courses were available. Therefore nothing officially was planned for 2001. At the WAG the Committee had enough time to discuss the problem and were able to set a date for a training course in Formation-Skydiving in Kassel, Germany run by Klaus Wellens (Event Judge in Spain).

Florian Ebner (EJ Spain) also offered to hold a training course in Freestyle, Skysurfing etc. in Munich, Germany. Both Chief of Training Judges will submit their reports.

At this point I like to thank Klaus and Florian for the very professional organized Seminars.

Competitions 2001

The Chief-Judge of each competition has written a report, so I do not need to give any more information.

Proposals

1. The current rule(SC 4.3.3(1) says, the Organizer of a World Championship shall hold a Training course. Since we now work with a different Format, such as the WAG or the Mondial, it is not practical to ask them to offer a Training seminar for all the disciplines. There would not be enough technical equipment (OmniScore etc.) as well as of facilities and Chief of Training Judges.

2. During the open discussion in Spain with the Formation Skydiving Committee, the input came, to change the panel of Judges. Before we can come forward with a proposal we have to see in which direction the FS-Committee is heading.

3. For Mondials and WAGs, we would like to adopt the rule of using the IPC Controller for Judging and Scoring. The experience we made in Spain is, that this position is desperately needed at Multi-Events. Thanks again to Brenda Reid for her splendid job in Spain!

Proposals will be presented during the IPC Meeting.

Committee work

My sincere appreciation is extended to the members of and advisers to the Committee:

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IPC Judges Subcommittee

Report of the Judges' Training Course Oct. 17.-21.2001 at Kassel-Calden Germany

Trainees:

Firstname	Name	NAC
Rainer (EXI)	Hoenle	Germany
Inge	Kerzel	Germany
Karla	Cole	England
Eevastiina	Rindell	Finland
Frederic (Fred)	Ciccione	France
Yves	Letourneur	France

Chief of Judges Training Klaus Wellens Germany

All Trainees arrived in time.

Agenda:

Day 1 Theory

Day 2 Instruction in use of Omniskore; Training from Tapes (German Nationals 4-way)

Day 3 Training from Tapes (German Nationals 8-way, Portugal 8-way, Portugal 4-way)

Written Test

Day 4 Training from Tapes (Australia 4-way/8-way) Written Test

Day 5 Evaluation

All Trainees were able to speak and understand the English language (Sporting Code 5 § 6.3.2), and they showed a good knowledge of rules (Sporting Code 5 § 6.3.1).

During the training, we looked at about 250 Skydives. At day 2 & 3 we discussed some major busts and most common mistakes, as well as the interpretation on NJ.

The evaluation was taken in two groups on day 5 and 50% of the trainees passed.

(Eevastiina, Karla and Fred).

At the debrief all trainees found the written and the evaluation tape, very heavy. Even though, two passed at the first time.

The seminar was closed at Sunday Oct. 21 at 14:00.

Klaus Wellens

FAI Judge Germany

IPC 3D Judge Seminar Munich 26/10/2001 – 28/10/2001 Report

For the last 4 years there have not been any internationally sanctioned IPC judge seminars for the disciplines: skysurf, freestyle and freefly. The judge knowledge has been passed on at the World Cup or WAG to individuals who invested their own private time and money to travel to these competitions and by taking part in the judges' training held by the event judges prior to the competitions.

Competitors, on the other hand, didn't have access to these training courses and therefore left with a lot of questions about the judging procedure and actual handling of the judging criteria.

At the WAG in Spain the demand for new international judges and education of competitors was very high. To satisfy the rising need for education and information the SkyEuroCup organisers set up the IPC 3D Judge Seminar in Munich at the end of October.

The date was chosen in respect to the deadline for submitting changes to the rules for next year.

Considering the European focus of the seminar, the location, just outside of Munich, was chosen due to the accessibility of it by air, train and car. Accommodation was located 3 minutes from the train station and the seminar took place in the rooms of the local sports association, a 7 minute walk from the hotel.

Catering was located next door with the local restaurant providing reasonable priced local food and drinks.

The course timetable considered work and flight schedules.

The seminar started on Friday at 8:00 p.m. with a get together dinner followed by the first session dealing with rule knowledge, protest handling, judge behaviour, duties and basic organisational matters.

The Saturday session started at 9:00 a.m. and covered free routine judging in all three disciplines. Video material was presented via a video projector. The session ended at 9:00 p.m. with everyone having had an interesting and fulfilling time.

Due to the change of clocks to wintertime, the Sunday session started at 8:00 a.m. and dealt with judgement of compulsories in all three disciplines.

After the lunch break the participants took a written test.

The test consisted of three parts.

Firstly, the theoretical rule knowledge was tested by 24 questions submitted from the IPC subcommittee making 20% of the overall score.

Secondly, practical skills were tested in each of the three disciplines, making 60% of the test score. Two compulsories and three free routines from the WAG 2001 were shown and scored by the participants. Successful scoring was measured by comparison with the original WAG scores.

Thirdly, the final 20% came from an evaluation of the notes taken by the participants during the test. 3 points were given for legible and accurate descriptions of the presented dives, per discipline, down to no points for no notes at all.

The Sunday session ended at 3:00 p.m. allowing all participants the opportunity to depart on Sunday evening.

A total of 14 participants (10 national judges and 4 competitors) from 10 different nations attended the judge seminar and all passed successfully.

Each of the participants received a paper hand out (containing the presentations by F. Ebner, practice judging sheets, the practical test sheet, judge behaviour by R. Flynn and important parts of general section and section 5), a CD with the above material and a VHS PAL video cassette containing all the video material presented during the course and test. The cost, including lodging and breakfast, for the 3 day course was 250 Euro.

Conclusion

The training was a great success for all participants and demonstrated the great demand for education and training for judges and competitors all over Europe.

Training seminars should be held by the IPC officials or IPC approved persons, regularly at various places in Europe and all over the world.

This would improve the judging quality and increase the understanding, amongst the competitors, of the judging process resulting in an improvement of the 3D disciplines.

Furthermore, a continuous improvement of the rules would be ensured by encouraging participants of the seminars to write comments on the rules to the IPC subcommittee.

F. Ebner

IPC international Judge 3D disciplines