

AGENDA ITEM 13.2

Scoring Systems at CIVA Events in 2010



Synopsis

There were four CIVA international championships during the 2010 season, the ACRO scoring system being used to manage the contest data and provide the results at each event:

Event:

European Glider Aerobatic Championship, Jämijärvi, Finland
World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships, Jämijärvi, Finland
World Advanced Aerobatic Championship, Radom, Poland
European Aerobatic Championship, Touzim, Czech Republic

Scorer:

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The software was easily able to provide all of the local output required by the CD, CJ, Jury and pilots, and enabled the scorer to continuously update and publish a full local and web-based results service. There were some minor technical issues, but these were quickly resolved and caused no interruptions.

ACRO was also used at a number of non-CIVA national aerobatic events during 2010, including the Swiss and French Glider Championships, the US and Australian Championships, and many other events throughout Europe, Russia and South Africa. The open availability of the software and the growing range of contest files and associated results and judging data continues to provide pilots and judges with a rich source of reference material to assist training and development at all levels.

Perception Zeroes and the Ranking Index

Last year I outlined the need to treat “perception” zeroes in a new and different way, to allow judges more freedom to make such decisions without fear that their Ranking Index might be compromised depending on the grades recorded by their colleagues. Defining a good solution to satisfactorily resolve this problem has taken many months, and is this year presented by the Judging Sub-Committee as a separate item.

If this change is accepted by CIVA some further work will be required to adapt the software to provide a matching solution.

Judging analysis

The tabulated judging analysis that ACRO provides following completion of each sequence continues to provide informative feedback that is clearly of immediate interest to all judges.

Some additional data will be presented regarding the outcome of “perception zero” failures if the above subject is approved.

Scoring system developments

A range of minor improvements and simplifications have been added to ACRO during the course of 2010. Suggestions and feedback from users continues to provide the most significant subject areas for development, and I would encourage all users to make immediate contact whenever advice or added features are required.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Nick Buckenham'.

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