

CIA RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code Working Group (S1WG) Meeting Minutes

The Meeting took place at the

Royal Residence Hotel in Birštonas, Lithuania on Wednesday March 21st 2012 from 14:00 to 17:30.

WG Members present: J.C. Weber (LUX), chairman
Hans Akerstedt (SWE), member
Mark Sullivan (USA), member
Lindsay Muir (UK), member

Excused: Les Purfield (UK), member

1. Review of minutes and actions required from the S1WG 2011 Meeting

The following left-over from the 2011 Meeting was noted:

2011 Minutes item #4: Proposed SC Section 1 changes

1. Proposal for an amendment of the Invitation Rules in the SC S1
 - *As far as the No-Show rule is concerned, the WG recommends to delete the valid reason explanation "(force majeure, illness, death)" in S1 5.6.6.1, and thus give the ED responsibility to decide if a No-Show declaration is justified.*

This SC S1 modification will now be done as soon as possible.

2. FAI Statutes and By-Laws changes adopted by the FAI GC in October 2011

There were no Statutes and By-Laws changes affecting the SC S1

3. SC General Section changes adopted by CASI in 2011

There were no SC General Section changes.

4. Proposed SC GS changes

No SC General Section modification proposals were made.

5. Proposed SC Section 1 changes

Motion 1.

It is proposed to combine current sub-classes BA and BR into one sub-class and to introduce a new sub-class, BM.

Current definitions

- 2.2 CLASS B: AIRSHIPS
- 2.2.1 Class B airships shall be divided into four sub-classes each containing ten categories according to size. The sub-classes are the following:
 - 2.2.1.1 Sub-class BA: Airships which obtain at least 80% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas, and which are not included in sub-class BR.
 - 2.2.1.2 Sub-class BX: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy solely as a result of heating air. The envelope may contain no gases other than air and the normal products of combustion.
 - 2.2.1.3 Sub-class BR: Airships which obtain at least 80% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas, and in which the complete outer envelope is formed by a rigid framework.
 - 2.2.1.4 Sub-class BT: All other airships, including those in which more than 20% of the lift is obtained from the thrust of the power source.

Proposed new definitions

- 2.2 CLASS B: AIRSHIPS
- 2.2.1 Class B airships shall be divided into four sub-classes each containing ten categories according to size. The sub-classes are the following:
- 2.2.1.1 Sub-class BA: Airships which obtain at least 75% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas.**
- 2.2.1.2 Sub-class BX: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy solely as a result of heating air. The envelope may contain no gases other than air and the normal products of combustion.
- 2.2.1.3 Sub-class BM: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy both from a lighter-than-air gas and the heating of air and gas by an airborne heater.**
- 2.2.1.4 Sub-class BT: All other airships, including those in which more than **25%** of the lift is obtained from the thrust of the power source.

Motion 2**Junior Category Sporting Event**

At its meeting in Birstonas on Wednesday March 21, the CIA Bureau agreed, on a proposal from the RSC S1 WG to propose to the CIA Plenary to make the following changes to the Sporting Code Section 1:

5.1.1.	Old	Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either the general or feminine category of Sporting Events. In the feminine category all persons on board of the aerostat must be female and representing the same NAC, except for competition officials.
	New	<p>Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either of the following categories of Sporting Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General, with no gender or age limitation; - Feminine, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must be female, - Junior, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must be aged less than 27 years the year of the event
5.1.2.	Old	Unless an article refers specifically to a gender category or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
	New	Unless an article refers specifically to an age or gender category, or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
5.3.2.	Old	World Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
	New	World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
5.3.3.	Old	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
	New	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent.

6. AOB**a) Event Director overall operational charge**

On a suggestion from the Jury Board to review the role of the Event Director and the extent to which he can be expected to be in “overall operational charge” of the event, the WG decided to write an explanation paper for the 2013 CIA Plenary, to be given to the Officials SC for educational purposes. The paper will be prepared by Lindsay Muir.

b) Team Scoring

The WG decided to wait for the Plenary conclusions before discussing the proposal presented by Lithuania.

c) Montgolfier Diploma

Discussion of a proposed Motion from the UK (Don Cameron). The motion to be withdrawn at the Plenary under condition that it will be considered at a later stage by a Bureau WG. The WG decided to propose the creation of a Bureau WG of 4 to 5 people to study:

- the implications of the UK proposal on the Montgolfier Diploma
- the eventual creation of an Awards Screening Committee dealing with all CIA awards
- eventually necessary changes to the FAI Statutes Chapters 9 & 10, and FAI By-Laws Chapter 7.

The WG to present its conclusions to the CIA Bureau in good time for inclusion on the Agenda for the 2013 CIA Plenary Meeting.

d) CIA Internal Regulations

The WG decided to accept the proposal from the CIA Secretary to revise the CIA Internal Regulation during the year 2012.

e) Gordon Bennett and thunderstorms

The WG discussed the merits of a proposal received from Don Cameron to consider writing rules that would oblige Gordon Bennett EDs to set prohibited zones for areas at risk to develop meteorological hazards during the event.

The WG felt that it would be impossible to implement such a rule and that the EDs had already now the necessary tools at their disposal to prevent competitors to take unwarranted risks, or to penalize competitors who disregarded the rules. The WG encourages EDs to strictly apply the event rules and the Sporting Code rules.

7. Proposed Composition of the Working Group for 2011

- Mark Sullivan, chairman
- Lindsay Muir, member
- Hans Akerstedt, member
- JC Weber, member
- Hiromori Soejima, member

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