

Subject:	PROPOSAL TO AMEND SC5, 3.1.2 & 3.3.4 – MULTIPLE FREEFALL FORMATIONS	Annex No. -	36
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Proposed New World Record Category for Skydiving: *Multiple Freefall Formations*

Proposed additions to Sporting Code Section 5:

3.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1.1 Sub Classes of Records

- (1) Competition Records
 - Accuracy Landing Records
 - Freefall Style Records
 - Formation Skydiving Records
 - Canopy Formation Records
 - Canopy Piloting Records
- (2) Performance Records
 - Accuracy Landing Records
 - Altitude Records
 - Largest Formation Records (FS - belly-to-earth, CF, VFS - head down orientation)
 - **Largest Formation, Sequential – Multiple Freefall Formation Records**
 - Canopy Piloting Records
 - Speed Records

3.3.4 Largest Formation, Sequential – Multiple Freefall Formation Records

The record performance is **largest sized group (equal to or greater than 32 or _____) to complete multiple formations of either two, four or eight formations as described below.** A written plan describing the formation to be attempted and the personnel involved must be submitted in advance to the judges. The formations must be completed as described with all named personnel in each of the formations.

- (1) **A separate record is set for the largest formation completing two, four, or eight formations, which must be declared in advance in the written plan (for example, a group of 150 completes two sequential formations, a group of 50 completes four sequential formations, a group of 32 completes eight sequential formations, etc.).**
- (2) All persons in the completed formations must be attached by at least one hand grip—either their hand gripping another person in the formation, or another person in the formation taking a hand grip on them.
- (3) When sequencing from one formation to the next, a minimum of 10% of the persons in the preceding formation must release their grips, or have the grips on them be released. None of the released grips included in this 10% may be retaken in the subsequent formation.

Benefits of implementing this new record category:

1. Provide an opportunity for FAI large formation world records to be set in the future. Currently, the bar has been set so high for single large formation world records, it is no longer practical/possible to use civilian aircraft to support the event. While suitable government/military aircraft is available for such record attempts, access to these aircraft is very difficult to obtain.
2. Rekindle enthusiasm among skydivers to pursue large formation skydiving. Due to the remote possibility of setting a new large formation world record, many large formation enthusiasts are becoming less interested in pursuing this historically important IPC record discipline.
3. Media Attention. Large formation world records – especially when certified by the FAI – are very popular with the local, national, and international media. Positive media exposure of any air sport helps promote all air sports.
4. Improving Safety: By requiring fewer aircraft flying in formation, lowering the required exit altitude, and by reducing the number of skydivers in the air, large formation record attempts will become significantly safer.
5. Revenue: While income should not be a primary factor in deciding to introduce new FAI record categories, it should be noted that the homologation / certification of new world records will generate revenues for the IPC/FAI and the FAI's Air Sports Members.