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Proposals to amend SC5 presented to the IPC 2005 Plenary Meeting

a) Amend 1.1.1.4 as follows:

(4) The disciplines of Sport Parachuting are:

- Freefall Style ~~and Accuracy Landing~~
- Accuracy Landing
- Formation Skydiving
- Canopy Formation
- Para-Ski
- Artistic Events
- Canopy Piloting

b) Amend 4.1.1.5 as follows:

(5) The potential Organiser must submit a signed Organiser Agreement with the application. The Organiser Agreement will be signed by the IPC and FAI at the time when Sanction is granted. The 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 follow 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 to pay the Deposit specified in Schedule 1 of the Organiser Agreement. This Deposit will be refunded in full to the Organiser unless the provisions of Schedule 1, paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 and Appendix 1 of the Organiser Agreement apply. ~~The IPC Bureau will decide which nation (or nations) will deposit entry fees with the FAI to constitute the Deposit.~~
- 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

c) Amend 4.1.1.6 as follows

(6). After approval, the program for the competition, which is appended to the Organiser Agreement, **and all detailed items in the approved and sanctioned bid document** may not be changed without further approval from the IPC **Bureau** or Jury.

d) Amend 4.1.1.7 as follows:

(7). The organisation of the competition shall be controlled by a person appointed by the IPC (FAI Controller) upon recommendation from the relevant IPC Committee. This person may not be from the Organiser's country. The FAI Controller's duties, which commence upon appointment, are:

- To ensure that the Organiser follows the terms of the Contract, the Sporting Code and the Competition rules as they pertain to the organisation of the competition
- To physically inspect the competition site at a suitable time during the preparation thereof
- To report to the Jury as to the state of organisation, before the Jury gives its approval to start the competition (4.5.1)

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- To be responsible for Safety during the competition
- To approve and facilitate the travel cost reimbursement of the personnel listed in 4.1.4(1).
- **To approve the Jury Member expense reimbursement claims and then submit them to the IPC Treasurer**
- To liaise with the Organiser and Meet Director during the competition to ensure adherence to the program of competition, the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules. Any deviation must be reported to the Jury.
- To establish the number of participants who pay the sanction fee. **The FAI Controller shall first establish a provisional estimate, so that an amount can be paid to the FAI before the Jury give their approval for the competition to begin (4.5.1). The FAI Controller shall then establish the actual number of participants to allow for a final settlement before the Jury approves the competition results and declares the event to be valid.**
- To submit the Athlete Profiles received from the organiser.

The FAI Controller will not report to the IPC, unless issues have arisen that require consideration or a decision by the IPC at its next Plenary Meeting. If no report is required, the FAI Controller need only report verbally or in writing to the Chair of the relevant Committee

e) Amend 4.1.2.2 as follows:

- (2) The schedule for other competitions is:
- 2005: World Cups, World Games
 - 2006: Mondial/WPCs
 - 2007: World Cups
 - 2008: Mondial/WPCs
 - 2009: World Cups, World Games
 - 2010: Mondial/WPCs

It should be understood that, for an even numbered year, a bid for a Mondial will receive priority over a bid for an individual WPC. **This provision would not apply to a WPC that has already received sanction.**

f) Amend 4.1.4.2 as follows

- (2). The Organiser of a First Category Event will also pay food and living costs for the members of the panel of International Judges, who are FAI Parachuting Judges (not covered by 4.1.4.(1)) included in the selected list ~~approved by the IPC~~ (see 4.6).

g) Amend 4.2.2 as follows

- (2) The NAC organising the First Category Event will complete the section named "Competition Information" of the Competition Rules **in accordance with all detailed items in the approved and sanctioned bid document** 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.

h) Amend 4.3.4 as follows:

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4.3.4 Aircraft and Pilots

- (1) The Organiser must provide sufficient aircraft and qualified pilots for the events being conducted to be completed. **The aircraft will be as specified in the approved and sanctioned bid document.**
- (2) If an aircraft that is different from the one stated in the Competition Rules **or from that specified in the approved and sanctioned bid document is used**, the speed and power settings shall be determined by the relevant Committee or Competition Jury (as appropriate) after consultation with the Chief Pilot and the Meet Director.

i) Amend 4.4.1 as follows:

4.4.1. Deadlines for Entries

- (1) The provisional entry of an NAC for a First Category Event must reach the Organiser at least 75 days before the beginning of the competition. The Organiser must then circulate the provisional entry list to all those NACs that have made a provisional entry not more than one week after the provisional entry date. In the case of an International Competition, **other than an FCE**, this deadline is set by the Organiser.
- (2) The official entry of an NAC for a First Category Event must reach the Organiser at least 45 days before the beginning of the Competition. In the case of an International Competition, **other than an FCE**, this deadline is set by the Organiser.

j) Amend 4.5.1 as follows

4.5.1 Start of Competition

A competition may not begin before the Jury and the Chief Judge have given their approval. **The Jury may not give its approval until the Sanction Fee (4.1.3) , based on the FAI Controller's provisional estimate, has been paid to the FAI.**

k) Amend 4.6 as follows:

4.6 JUDGES

The Panel of Judges at a First Category Event shall consist of

- Chief Judge
 - Chief of Judge Training
 - Event Judges
 - Judges selected as per 4.6.5.2
- ~~All appointments must be approved by the IPC or, in the case of replacements at a WPC, by the International Jury.~~

4.6.1. Chief Judge

- (1) The Chief Judge (CJ) is nominated by a panel composed of the Chair of the Judges' Committee, the Chair of the relevant discipline Committee and the Organiser. The Chief Judge must not be from the organising country. **This appointment must be approved by the IPC.**

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4.6.2 *Assistant to the Chief Judge*

- (1) An Assistant to the Chief Judge will be nominated by the Organiser and will normally be from the country of the Organiser, unless the IPC decides otherwise. The appointment must be approved by the IPC.

4.6.3 *Chief of Judge Training*

- (1) Chief of Judge Training (CJT) is nominated by the Judges' Committee following discussions with the Organiser and the Committee of the relevant discipline. The CJT must be completely familiar with current developments in the discipline and the training methods. **This appointment must be approved by the IPC**

l) Amend 4.6.5.2 as follows

(2)The members of the Panel of Judges except as noted in 4.6.1, 4.6.3, and 4.6.4, will be selected by the nominated Chief Judge and the Judges' Committee from the Judges nominated in accordance with 4.6.5(1). **Notwithstanding this provision, the selection of the Panel of Judges for a Para-Ski FCE will be governed by the specific provisions set out in the relevant Competition Rules.**

m) Amend 4.6.7.3 as follows:

- (3) If judges from the ~~approved~~ **selected** Panel are not present at the required time or an insufficient number of Judges are present; the Chief Judge may choose replacements from any FAI Parachuting Judges present. The Jury must approve such replacements.

n)Amend 4.7.1 as follows:

(2) The members of the Jury may exercise no other function at the Event, **except that the President may act as a member of a Video Review Panel (FS and CF) where the Panel's decision is not subject to appeal or protest and may represent the IPC at official functions if no other more senior IPC officer is present**, nor may they act in any administrative or other capacity for any NAC or Delegation.

(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 individuals for addition to the list by majority decision of the IPC Plenary. **Any individual wishing to be proposed for addition to the list must make an application to the IPC Sporting Code Working Group. The application must contain details of the individual's experience and suitability and must also have the approval of the individual's NAC and/or IPC Delegate.**

o)Amend 4.7.3 as follows:

4.7.3 *Treatment of Protests*

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In addition to the provisions of the General Section:

- (1) The President of the Jury must ensure that no member of the Jury expresses, orally or otherwise, a personal opinion and shall permit no discussion to take place in the presence of the parties concerned.
- (2) ~~All voting will be by secret ballot.~~ **Decisions shall be reached by a simple majority vote. A secret ballot shall be held, if requested by any Jury member (Sporting Code,GS 4.3.2.6.4).**

p) Add 4.7.5

Notwithstanding the provisions above, the composition of the Jury for the skiing event at a Para-Ski FCE will be as stated in the relevant Competition Rules, but its work will be governed by the provisions and principles of 4.7.1 to 4.7.4.

q) Add to 5.2.5 as follows

(4) The 30 minute minimum time, referred to in (3) above, does not apply to tie-breaking jumps for Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style and such jumps will be made as soon as possible after the previous jump.

r)Amend 5.2.10 as follows

5.2.10 Scoring

- (1) Once any jumper other than a ~~formation skydiving~~ team's freefall videographer has left the aircraft, the jump will be evaluated.

NB Committees should consider this amendment and determine specifically if the provision as it now reads is applicable for their discipline

s)Amend 5.3 as follows:

5.3. PROTESTS

5.3.1 Procedure, Time Limitation and Content

- (1) A protest (**Sporting Code, GS 5.4**) **whether arising as the result of a complaint (Sporting Code, GS 5.1) or not must be made in writing, in English and must be handed to the Meet Director within two hours of the knowledge of the grounds for protest, together with the prescribed protest fee.** The protest may be presented by the Team Manager but must be signed by the competitor or Team Captain on whose behalf he acts. The Meet Director must give the protest to the Jury President **without delay** and advise the Chief Judge of its contents as soon as possible. A Jury meeting must be called by the Jury President at the earliest possible opportunity.
- (2) Each protest must state the particular rule or rules ~~under~~ **about** which the protest is being made.
- (3) ~~A Judges' assessment cannot be protested.~~ **No protest may be made nor shall one be accepted by the Meet Director or Jury President that deals with the evaluation of a jump or a score given by the Judges.**
- (4) A protest may be withdrawn at any time before the final vote **by the Jury, in which case the protest fee will be refunded.**
- (5) **The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.**

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t)Amend 6.1 as follows:

6.1 ~~Categories~~ **Parachuting Judge Ratings**

Parachuting Judge Ratings are issued for these disciplines:

- (1) Accuracy landing
- (2) Freefall Style
- (3) Formation Skydiving
- (4) Canopy Formation
- (5) Artistic Events
- (6) Canopy Piloting

u)Amend 6.3 as follows:

6.3 Requirements for F.A.I. Parachuting Judge Ratings (~~All Categories~~)

The IPC sets the minimum requirements for an F.A.I. Parachuting Judge Rating. NACs are encouraged to enhance the IPC's minimum standards in order to ensure experienced and technically competent F.A.I. Parachuting Judges for FAI/IPC sanctioned competitions.

Proposal to amend First Category Event Sanction Procedure Document

Schedule 1, Finance

1. SPORTING EVENT DEPOSIT

The Organiser warrants and undertakes as follows :

- 1.1 **to pay a Deposit (see SC5 4.1.1.5) to the FAI, no later than 30 days before the starting date of the Sporting Event and in a manner acceptable to the Commission. This Deposit will be equal to (except as provided below):**

**Mondial US\$ 50,000
WPC FS and S/A US\$ 16,000
WPC Other disciplines US\$ 8,000
Other FCE's 75% of the above amounts.**

In the case of other FCE's, if the circumstances warrant it, a lesser amount may be agreed by the Commission, upon recommendation from either the IPC Bureau, IPC Sporting Code Working Group or the Competition Committee(s) for the discipline(s) concerned.

- 1.2 **to pay to the FAI, before the Jury gives its approval for the Sporting Event to begin (Sporting Code, Section 5, 4.5.1), the sum of US\$....**

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(insert the figure decided by the IPC) for each member of all the National Delegations entered in the Sporting Event by way of sanction fee ("the Sanction Fee"). The amount paid before the Jury gives its approval will be based on the FAI Controller's provisional estimate. The actual final amount as determined by the FAI Controller will be paid to the FAI before the Jury approves the competition results and declares the event to be valid.

Current wording is:

SPORTING EVENT DEPOSIT

The Organiser warrants and undertakes as follows :

- 1.1 to agree that the aggregate entry fee of one participating nation (or more than one if necessary to reach the minimum amounts indicated below), the nation (or nations) to be determined by FAI, shall be paid by that nation (or nations), no later than 30 days before the starting date of the Sporting Event and in a manner acceptable to the Commission, to FAI, by way of deposit ("the Deposit"). This Deposit shall be a minimum amount as follows:

WPC FS and S/A US\$ 16,000

WPC Other disciplines US\$ 8,000

World Cups 75% of the above amounts.

The Deposit shall not exceed the minimum amount by more than 10%; and

- 1.2 to pay no later than 30 days after the starting date of the Sporting Event the sum of US\$.... *(insert the figure decided by the IPC)* for each member of all the National Delegations entered in the Sporting Event by way of sanction fee ("the Sanction Fee").

Proposals to amend the IPC Jury Members' Handbook.

Chapter 3, Part 1

Sporting Codes and rules and regulations

The President of the Jury has the right to require the organisers to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. **The event may not begin until the Jury and the Chief Judge have given their approval (Sporting code Section 5, 4.5.1). The Jury may not give its approval until the Sanction Fee (Organiser Agreement, Schedule 1, 1.2), based on the FAI Controller's provisional estimate, has been paid to the FAI. If the organisers fail to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event, the President of the Jury has the right to stop the event until a Jury Meeting has considered the situation. The Jury has the right to terminate the event if the organisers fail to abide by the FAI Sporting Code or the published rules and regulations.**

Chapter 3, Part 2

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Procedures for handling a protest:

Amend as follows:

b) The Jury President shall verify:

- that the relevant dispositions concerning protests and the treatment of protests, as stipulated in the Sporting Code and the rules for the event, have been respected, especially as to whether the protest states the particular rule or rules under which the protest is being made (SC5 , 5.3.1.2.) Any protest that deals solely with the evaluation of a jump or a score given by the Judges will not be accepted (SC5, 5.3.1.3.).
- that the published time limits concerning protests have been met,
- that the protest fee has been deposited with the Meet Director.

A protest made in good faith by a competitor, but failing any requirement not under his control, shall be accepted by the Jury President, who will call a Jury Meeting at the earliest possible opportunity.

Chapter 3, Part 3
Duties at Conclusion

Add:

The Jury may not approve the competition results and declare the event to be valid until it receives confirmation from the FAI Controller that the final amount of the Sanction Fee has been determined and has been paid to the FAI.

In accordance with SC5 4.7.2.4., 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. A copy of Appendix B shall be attached to the report.

Amend as follows:

These reports, which are the only source of information available to FAI in case of appeals, shall also be sent by the Jury President to the IPC ~~Jury Board~~ **Sporting Code Working Group** Chairman to allow the IPC ~~Jury Board~~ **Sporting Code Working Group** to establish case histories of protests handled, and to compile a reference book of rulings from previous events.

Amend APPENDIX B

IMPORTANT NOTE: This final report has to be presented to the Meet Director at the conclusion of the event and a copy should be sent to the IPC Bureau together with the report required by SC5 4.7.2.4 as to whether or not all the Organiser's contractual commitments have been satisfactorily completed .

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