

No-Shows at FAI World Air Games, World or Continental Regional Championships

Guide for CIA Juries 2014

CIA Jury Board 2014-05-25

General Rules: Sporting Code Section 1, version 2014: 5.6.6 and 5.6.2.2

Penalty Rules: Sporting Code Section 1, version 2014: 5.6.6.4

Jury actions: Jury Handbook 2014: 3.1

History

The No-Show rules were first introduced by CIA in year 2000 following several cases when pilots had failed to inform event organisers in due time that they did not intend to compete or they simply did not show up at the event. In Championship events the number of places are limited. Invitations can not be sent after a specified deadline and a No-Show will prevent another possible entrant to compete.

Entrant (GS 3.2.1)

A person or NAC from whom a completed entry form has been received for participation in a sporting event

Invitation deadlines (S1 5.6.2.2 part)

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Invitations may be sent out until all available places are taken, up to the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate, but in no case later than 60 days for World Championships and 45 days for Continental Championships before the start of the event.

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Replacement – withdrawal

After those deadlines in S1, 5.6.2.2, an entrant can only be replaced by another pilot from the same NAC upon appointment by that NAC.

An entrant can withdraw without any consequences before the deadlines in S1, 5.6.2.2, provided that proper notice has been given before the deadline to the organiser.

No-Show (S1 5.6.6.1)

An entrant who withdraws after the deadlines in S1, 5.6.2.2, without giving a valid reason of force majeure (see s1, 5.6.6.1) shall be qualified “No-Show” but only by decision of the International Jury.

Deadlines applicable to 2014 CIA Championship Events

Event	General Briefing	Days before	Deadline for withdrawal without penalty
21 st AX Worlds	19 Jul 2014	60	20 May 2014
2 nd Junior Worlds	31 Aug 2014	60	2 Jul 2014
1 st Woman Worlds	8 Sep 2014	60	10 Jul 2014

Jury procedures after the General Briefing

The Jury will work with the Event Director and the Event Organiser, who should have a complete file of pre-event correspondence (and the lack of it).

The Jury will then evaluate the evidence and decide on NO-Show matters.

The Jury shall report any entrants determined to be a No-Show to the CIA president, who will inform the appropriate NAC.

Note: The Sporting Code Section 1, 5.6.6.2, states that the Event Director shall forward the NO-Show decision to the the NAC concerned. In 2014, the CIA decided that the Jury will do that through the CIA President in order to relieve the ED of work when he is normally very busy.

Applicable Sporting Code rules

Sporting Code, Section 1

5.6.6.1

An entrant who fails to appear at an FAI World Air Games, World or Continental Regional Championship events is defined as an entrant who is absent at the time of the roll call of the General Briefing of the event, without giving valid reason of force majeure (see note) after the time limits stated in 5.6.2.2, and has not been replaced by another competitor from the same NAC. An absent entrant shall be qualified "No-Show" only by decision of the International Jury.

Note: The event proposed as force majeure must pass three tests:

- 1. Externality: The entrant must have nothing to do with the event's happening*
- 2. Unpredictability: If the event could have been foreseen, the entrant is obligated to have prepared for it. Being unprepared for a predictable event leaves the entrant responsible. Lack of resources (equipment, finances, crew, and time) is a typical example of things that can be prepared against, and cannot therefore constitute a valid reason.*
- 3. Unpreventable: The consequences of the event must have been unpreventable (illness is only acceptable if the entrant can prove that his physical condition would have prevented him to exercise his pilot licence privileges during the event)*

5.6.6.2.

After the roll-call of the General Briefing and before publication of the official final entry list, the event director shall inform the Jury President of any entrant absent at the time of the roll call of the General Briefing of the event. The Jury must consider all available case-relevant information before qualifying an entrant as a "No-Show". The Jury's decision must be recorded in a written declaration to be published on the official notice board. A "No-Show" decision must be forwarded by the event director to the NAC concerned without delay.

5.6.6.3

A no-show entrant shall be prominently mentioned as such on the official entry list published after the General Briefing, or in case of a declared "No-Show", after the Jury's decision. He shall not be qualified as a competitor and shall not be considered in the ranking calculations.

5.6.6.4

A no-show entrant shall be disqualified from participating in any FAI Category 1 event for the rest of that year and an additional period of two calendar years. For the next event of the same type, a no-show's NAC will have its entitlement to entries reduced by the number of its no-shows in the previous event.

5.6.2.2 Part

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3.1. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JURY DURING THE EVENT

No-Shows

It is the duty of the International Jury to decide regarding No-Shows in cooperation with the Event Director. The event Jury must consider all available information before the decision. The Jury's decision must be recorded in a written document to be published on the official Notice Board and forwarded by the jury to the CIA president who will inform the concerned NAC without delay.

3.3. THE JURY'S DUTIES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT

Before the end of the event the jury president shall inform the CIA president about any decision regarding No-Shows.

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B. DURING THE GENERAL BRIEFING

1. CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

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- NO-SHOWS. Decide on No-Shows upon information from the Event Director. Report to the CIA President who will inform the NAC concerned. See Sporting Code, Section 1, 5.6.6.