



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA
COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

REPORT ON CIA BUREAU DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS 2014 – 2015

1. April 3, 2014

AXMER rule 11.2.2.

In order to be consistent with the AXMER rule 11.3.4 change approved by the 2014 CIA, the CIA Bureau approved the following AXMER rule change as proposed by the CIA RSC:

11.2.2 Unless otherwise stated in the task data, a landing at will is not permitted within a MMA where a target is displayed or if no MMA is set, within 200 meters of any goal/target set by the Director or selected by the competitor or any physical mark of the competitor (for penalty see distance infringements).

2. April 4, 2014

CIA Loggers rental contract

In accordance with the FAI President's and Secretary General's **Power of Signature for CIA Logger Agreements**, the CIA Bureau has decided to give this power of signature to the CIA NT SC chairman Claude Weber and the CIA secretary Paolo Oggioni.

3. April 18, 2014

AX Worlds 2014 Jury

Following the withdrawal of the appointed Jury member Mark Sullivan, and on a proposal from the CIA Jury Board chairman, the CIA Bureau has decided to appoint Mary Anne Stevens from Canada as Jury member to replace Mark Sullivan.

4. May 7, 2014

2nd FAI WOMEN'S WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

Following a proposal from the CIA EDS, the CIA Bureau has decided to grant the 2nd FAI WOMEN'S WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP in 2016 in Birstonas/Lithuania the requested CIA sanction.

5. May 11, 2014

2015 CIA Plenary

The CIA Bureau, having considered all the pertaining conditions for the organization of the 2015 CIA Plenary Meeting and in Palma de Mallorca, has decided that the **CIA 2015 Plenary will take place from March 18 to 21, 2015 in Lausanne**. The Spanish delegate is to be encouraged to present, if he so wishes, a formal bid to organize the 2016 CIA Plenary in Palma de Mallorca. Bids for the organization of the CIA 2016 Plenary are to be received in good time before the CIA 2015 Plenary Agenda deadline of December 31st 2014 in order to be included in the 2015 Agenda.

6. May 14, 2014**CIA's WAG 2015 AX Liaison Officer.**

The Bureau, on request from the FAI Marketing Director, has decided to appoint Mark SULLIVAN, CIA US delegate and Vice-President, as the CIA Liaison Officer for the 2015 World Air Games Hot Air Balloon event.

7. May 23, 2014**Gordon Bennett 2014 Event Director & Safety Officer**

On a proposal from the GB 2014 Event Organiser, the CIA Bureau has agreed to approve to the replacement of Markus Haggeneby with Stefan Händl as Event Director for the Gordon Bennett 2014 in Vichy. The Bureau has also agreed to approve Rainer Hassold (GER) as the Safety Officer for the Gordon Bennett 2014.

8. May 23, 2014**FAI AX Junior World Championship 2014 in Vichy**

On a proposal from the FAI AX Junior World Championship Event Organiser, the CIA Bureau has agreed to approve Rainer Hassold (GER) as the Safety Officer for the FAI AX Junior World Championship in Vichy.

9. June 6, 2014**Gordon Bennett 2014 Event Rules**

On a proposal from the CIA RSC AA WG the CIA Bureau approved the Event Rules for the 2014 Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett in Vichy/France.

10. June 13, 2014**FAI AX Junior World Championship 2014 in Vichy (France)**

On a request from the FAI AX Junior World Championship Event Director, the CIA Bureau has agreed to approve Gary Lacey (AUS) as the Deputy Event Director, replacing Nathalie Dantan (FRA).

11. August 29 , 2014**58th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, Vichy (France) 2014**

Due to an absolute disregard of existing rules by many involved and to the incompetence of the event organisers, the CIA has been led into a situation where, in order to prevent more harm being done, it seemed preferable to change the GB 2014 Event Rules to allow one Polish balloon team to participate in the GB 2014.

The following GB 2014 Event Rules modification has been proposed by the AA WG, has been recommended by the RSC and has been approved by the CIA Bureau for this event only:

2.2 PILOT LICENSES AND EXPERIENCE

*Both pilots must hold a valid LTA license (free balloon) and a FAI Sporting License issued by their NAC. Pilots must either hold a passport or an identity card from the nominating NAC's country, or they must have held a resident's permit from the nominating NAC's country for the preceding 5 years. **The pilot in command must have been authorized to be pilot in command of a gas balloon prior to the start of the Coupe and must have at least 50 hours experience as pilot in command by the start of the event and must be authorized to fly at night.***

The pilot in command must be able to communicate with Air Traffic Control in English and have sufficient experience in operating the navigation aids

The approved change is in effect from Friday August 29, 2014 12:00 local time Vichy.

12. September 6 , 2014

59th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, Pau (France) 2015

After having received the full sanction application, the signed FAI Organiser Agreement and the agreement to the special conditions set out below, the CIA Bureau has decided to grant the event organisers (FFA) the event sanction for the **59th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett** to be held from August 27th 2015 to September 4th 2015 in Pau (France).

The special conditions are as follows:

- Guarantee launch window for three days with hydrogen available, starting on Friday and ending on Sunday, without any interference or other strings attached.
- Agree to FAI designed and managed web site.
- Agree to Event communication in close cooperation with FAI Communication Manager and Marketing Director.
- Agree to adhere to published deadlines and rules.
- Agree that the entire event, especially ATC permissions, are to be under the control of the ED and that the process must start 90 days before the event.
- Agree that organizer options in the GB rules must be sent to the AAWG along with any rule change request no later than January 10th.
- Agree that the Awards ceremony for the GB must be a classy affair (and not a lunch social). Does not need to be as fancy as last year's French super awards but it does need to be special.
- Agree to the FFA and the Local Organising Committee closely cooperating with the CIA and the CIA appointed event advisor and eventually to one (or more if necessary) field visits in Pau.

13. October 25 , 2014

3rd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2015 / Netherlands

On a request from the Dutch CIA delegate, acting on behalf of the event organisers, the CIA Bureau has decided to agree to the following changes to the event particulars:

VENUE:	Change from Wezerperbrug	to	Bungalow park 'Landal'
DATES/TIMES:			
General Briefing:	Change from 15-09-2015 PM	to	14-09-2015 PM
1st Competition Flight:	Change from 15-09-2015 PM	to	15-09-2015 AM
Last Competition Flight:	Change from 18-09-2015 PM	to	19-09-2015 AM

14. November 25 , 2014**19th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship / Debrecen (Hungary)**

On a request from the Hungarian CIA delegate, acting on behalf of the event organisers, to increase the maximum number of competitors from 83 (80 + 3 medal holders) to 105 (100 + 5 medal holders), the CIA Bureau has decided to approve the following changes to the sanctioned event particulars:

Maximum number of participants invited:	101
Initial identical number of invitations per NAC:	4
Medal holders to be additionally invited:	- AX European Champion 2013
	- AX European Silver Medal 2013
	- AX European Bronze Medal 2013
	- AX Women European Women Champion 2012

These changes shall be communicated as soon as possible to those concerned, including all eligible NACs and the invited medal holders.

15. December 8, 2014**World Air Games AX competitors selection process**

The CIA Bureau decided to approve the following selection procedures for the AX event at the 2015 World Air Games:

- Invitations will be based on the 2014 CIA AX World Ranking List, from 1st place up to the maximum number of invitations.
- Invitations shall be for the Individual pilots and are not NAC based.
- No NAC may have more competitors than 10% of the maximum number invited.
- Invited pilots who do not take up their invitation may be replaced by the next available pilot of the same NAC ranked below rank 100 on the CIA AX World Ranking List. If no pilot of the same NAC is available below rank 100 then the pilot may be replaced by the next available pilot below rank 100.
- No previous medal holder shall be invited.
- The host NAC has the right to nominate 1 additional competitor.

16. December 23, 2014**World Air Games AX competitors invitations**

On a proposal from CIA 3rd VP and CIA WAG Liaison Officer Mark Sullivan, the CIA Bureau members have decided to accept the WAG organisers' proposal to invite 39 pilots plus 2 additional pilots from the UAE selected by the organisers. The CIA's WAG Liaison Officer is mandated to inform the organisers about this decision. The CIA president did not vote.

17. January 18, 2015**Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfières – Coupe du Monde des Dames 2015**

On a proposal from the CIA EDS the CIA Bureau decided to grant an FAI CAT2 – CIA Sporting Event sanction, in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Sporting Code Section One, to the

Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfières – Coupe du Monde des Dames 2015,
Mainfonds / Angouleme – France
31/07/2015 to 02/08/2015

18. January 20, 2015**2015 Canowindra International Balloon Challenge**

On a proposal from the CIA EDS the CIA Bureau decided to grant an FAI CAT2 – CIA Sporting Event sanction, in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Sporting Code Section One, to the

2015 Canowindra International Balloon Challenge
Canowindra, New South Wales, Australia
12/04/2015 to 19/04/2015