

Recommendations to Rules sub committee

Minutes

Rule 4.1.4 in AX MER regarding the Event Director is in conflict with the sporting code and should be removed.

4.1.4 The Responsibility of the Event Director is limited to competition operations, and does not include any other activity within the event not related to competition operations.

All Working Groups need to review the new General Section and make sure their rules, guidelines and other documents are in line with the new version.

Recommendations

Rewrite of S 1 rule 5.6

## **5.6 INVITATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **5.6.1 INITIAL INVITATION TO NAC**

5.6.1.1 The organising NAC must issue initial invitations to participate to all eligible NACs. Copies of all invitations must be sent to the respective National Balloon Federations and CIA delegates, where these exist, for information.

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of at least two competitors to each eligible NAC.

5.6.1.3 Only the initial invitation must be sent by the organising NAC to eligible NACs, all further documents pertaining to the initial invitation may be addressed directly by the organisers to the nominated participants.

#### **5.6.1.4 Nomination of Entrants**

Each NAC wishing to enter a World or Continental Regional Championship shall nominate its own entrants by the time limit for entry published in the invitation.

#### **5.6.1.5 Invitation of current Medal Holders**

- The World Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medal holders shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next World Championship.
- The Continental Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medal holders shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Continental Championship.
- The Junior World Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Junior World Championship and by the organisers of the next World Championship in the following year

- The Junior Continental Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Junior Continental Championship and by the organisers of the next Continental Championship In the following year.
- The Women World Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Women World Championship and by the organisers of the next World Championship in the following year.
- The Women Continental Championship Gold medal holder shall be directly invited by the organisers of the next Women Continental Championship and by the organisers of the next Continental Championship in the following year.

#### 5.6.2 EVENT INFORMATION

The following information must be given to all eligible NACs with the initial invitation:

Competitor numbers:

- Number of eligible NACs invited,
- Number of pilots invited per NAC,
- Number of medal holders invited,
- Maximum total number of competitors,

Entry-fee:

- amount,
- what is included
- currency,
- refund policy

Deadlines:

- NACs acceptance,
- First round of invitations,
- Second round of invitations
- 60 / 45 day limit (World Championships / Continental Championships)

#### 5.6.3 COMPETITOR INVITATION PROCEDURE

##### 5.6.3.1 Round 1

After the deadline for NACs to accept their invitation to compete, invitations shall be sent out to nominated pilots up to the maximum number per eligible NAC as given in the Event Information.

##### 5.6.3.2 Round 2

After the closing date for Round 1 additional invitations will be sent out.

A pilot may only qualify for the second round of invitations provided their NAC has responded within the time limits and have taken up all their initial invitations.

Invitations for Round 2 shall be in accordance with the Ranking Method and up to the maximum allowed for the event.

### 5.6.3.3 Round 3

Following a request by the organiser to the CIA, a further round of invitations may be sent out as in Round 2.

Invitations will follow on from where Round 2 ended.

Invitations will only be sent out up to the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate.

Invitations will not be accepted later than 60 days for World Championships and 45 days for Continental Championships before the start of the event.

## 5.6.4 ENTRY CONDITIONS

### 5.6.4.1 Pilots-in-Command

Pilots-in-command shall have been authorized to act as pilot-in-command of the sub-class of aerostat for which the first category event is held. At least twelve months prior to the start of the event. Each pilot-in-command shall have accumulated at least 50 hours as pilot-in-command of aerostats of the sub-class by the closing entry date, except for the junior events where it shall be at the start of the general briefing

These experience criteria may only be modified by the CIA for a specific subclass of aerostat, under special circumstances claimed by the organising NAC.

### 5.6.4.2 Ranking Method

The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be determined by the results of the previous similar event. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.

### 5.6.4.3 Limitation

No NAC shall have more competitors than 10% of the total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate. The current medal holders, invited under rule 5.6.1.5 are not included in this limit.

## 5.6.5 DEADLINES

### 5.6.5.1 Closing Dates

The invitation of pilots for all rounds shall have their own closing dates for return of entry forms and payment of entry fee.

Organisers, NACs and entrants must adhere to published closing dates for entry.

### 5.6.5.2 Standby List

If an NAC fails to respond by the proper deadline or if an entrant fails to fulfil his obligations, the NAC or the entrant in question may lose their respective right to enter, but may be kept on a standby list should vacancies appear.

Competitors on the standby list will be offered places should they become available after Rounds 1 & 2.

Closing dates for entries for pilots on the Standby list will be absolutely no later than the 60 / 45 day limit before the event.

## **Current version of 5.6**

### **5.6 INVITATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR WORLD- AND CONTINENTAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **5.6.1 INITIAL INVITATION**

5.6.1.1 The organising NAC must issue initial invitations to participate to all eligible NACs. Copies of all invitations must be sent to the respective National Balloon Federations and CIA delegates, where these exist, for information.

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of at least two competitors to each eligible NAC. The current championship medal holders (top 3), if any, shall be invited in addition through their NACs.

5.6.1.2.1 The current champion (1st place) of the Women's and Youth World- or Continental Championship, if any, shall be invited to the next equivalent World- or Continental General Championship.

5.6.1.3 Only the initial invitation must be sent by the organising NAC to eligible NACs, all further documents pertaining to the initial invitation may be directly addressed by the organisers to the nominated participants.

5.6.1.4 The following information must be given to all eligible NACs with the initial invitation:

- the maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate,
- the total number of eligible NACs invited,
- the organiser's policy on entry-fees,
- the equal number of competitors to be invited from each eligible NAC in relation to 5.6.1.2,
- the organiser's policy and chosen procedure on invitations in relation to 5.6.2.1,
- the exact timetable for issuing further invitations (if any) and official entry forms,
- the date of the deadline when invited NACs must have responded and taken up their initial and further (if any) invitations.
- the deadlines for the return of all entries.

5.6.1.5 There may be a reserve list which shall consist of an additional number of eligible entrants not exceeding 10% of the maximum total number of competitors under 5.6.1.4. Only those NACs who have taken up all their invitations within the published time limits shall be considered for the reserve list.

The number of eligible entrants from each eligible NAC shall be according to each NAC's ranking positions in the final results in the previous similar event. Reserve places shall be allocated to each NAC in the same order as that NAC's ranking positions in the previous event.

## 5.6.2 ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS

5.6.2.1 The organisers may choose to accommodate more competitors than the minimum stated in

5.6.1.2, and the organising NAC may issue additional invitations to each NAC according to the ranking method in 5.6.2.2.

After the date of the deadline when invited NACs must have responded and taken up their initial invitations, only those NACs who have taken up all of their initial invitations within the published time limits shall be considered for additional invitations

### 5.6.2.2 The Ranking Method

The ranking method is as follows:

The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be according to each NAC's ranking positions in the final results in the previous similar event. Invitations shall be allocated  
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to each NAC in the same order as that NAC's ranking positions in the previous event.

The invitation of additional pilots may be performed in several steps, each with its own deadline for return of entry forms and payment of entry fee. A further round starts where the previous round ended.

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.

After the published deadline only invitations according to 5.6.5.2 may be issued.

### 5.6.2.3 Limitation

When using the ranking method in 5.6.2.2, no NAC shall have more competitors than 10% of the total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate. The current medal holders, invited under rule 5.6.1.2 are not included in this limit.

## 5.6.3 NOMINATION OF ENTRANTS

Each NAC wishing to enter a World- or Continental Regional Championship shall nominate its own entrants by the time limit for entry published in the invitation.

## 5.6.4 PILOTS-IN-COMMAND

Pilots-in-command shall have been authorised to act as pilot-in-command of that subclass of aerostat for which the World- or Continental Regional Championship is held, at least twelve months prior to the start of the event, and each pilot-in-command shall have accumulated at least 50 hours as pilot-in-command of aerostats in that subclass by the closing entry date, unless these experience criteria are modified by the CIA for a specific subclass of aerostat, under special circumstances claimed by the organising NAC.

## 5.6.5 DEADLINES

5.6.5.1 Organisers, NACs and entrants must adhere to published deadlines for entry.

5.6.5.2 If an NAC fails to respond by the proper deadline or if an entrant fails to fulfil his obligations, the NAC or the entrant in question may lose their respective right to enter, but could be kept on a standby list should vacancies appear.

5.6.5.3 Subject to consideration of currency export regulations in some countries, entrants may be requested to send an excess entry fee by a published date. This part of the total entry fee shall be returned when the entrant arrives at the event. If the organiser has reason to believe that the entry fee is not sent by the deadline, the organiser has the right to invite another NAC according to the ranking method in 5.6.2.2.

## 5.6.6 PROCEDURES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRANTS WHO FAIL TO APPEAR

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).

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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.

The S 1 group will divide the work load for transferring the GS into S 1

Hiromori will take chapter 1 & 2

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Deadline for committee members to complete project will be 8/31/2015

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