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Reports from safety officers during 2014

Date	Event	Safety Officer	Report Received
18 – 27 July, 2014	21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship , Rio Claro, Brazil	Felicity Clegg (RSA)	yes
28 Aug - 6 Sep. , 2014	58th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Vichy - France	Rainer Hassold (GER)	Yes
31 Aug. – 6 Sep. , 2014	2nd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship , Vichy - France	Rainer Hassold (GER)	Yes
08 – 13 September, 2014	1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship , Leszno - Poland	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	Yes
19 – 24 November, 2014	2014 Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship 2014 Hot Air Balloon Honda Grand Prix Final round	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)	yes

Comments to the reports

- The Safety Officer shall together with the Event director and the Organisers make sure that there are an ***Emergency and Contingency Plan*** in action for the event.
- ***Antidoping and alcohol policy*** must be distributed to the competitors. An updated example version of this can be found in Appendix 6 in the ***Safety Officer Handbook***.
- It is recommended that the Safety Officer together with the Event Director publish “Safety Guidelines” for the Event. Example of this can be found in Appendix 3 – 5 in the ***Safety Officer Handbook***.

Safety officers for events in 2015

Date	Event	Safety Officer
11 - 17 August 2015	19th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Debrecen, Hungary	György Punka (HUN)
27 August - 6 September 2015	59th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett 2015, Pau, France	Rainer Hassold (GER)
15 - 19 September 2015	3rd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Drenthe, Netherlands	Klaus Hartmann, (GER)
28 October - 4 November 2015	2015 Saga International Balloon Fiesta, FAI Pre World Hot Air Balloon Event	Bengt Stener (SWE)



Update of handbook

The Handbook has updated with:

- Chapter 4.1.5 - Create an emergency and contingency plan.

4.1.5 CREATE AN EMERGENCY AND CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Safety Officer shall together with the Event Director and the organisers create an emergency and contingency plan. See chapter 5.

- Chapter 4.2.1 - Added monitoring the weather during launch.
 - Sudden changes in the weather situation.
- Chapter 4.2.1 - Added monitoring the weather during flight.
 - Sudden changes in the weather situation.
- Chapter 4.3 – Event Responsibilities - The Safety Officer shall inspect balloons for sharp objects at the earliest possible time.

The Safety Officer shall inspect baskets for sharp objects that can make damages to other balloon envelopes. This can be done during the first mass inflation from a common launch field. When required he shall order sharp objects to be covered to avoid risk to other balloons. When using nylon straps (Zip Tie Straps) are used to attach basket banners must they be set (closed) from the inside of the basket!



Update of handbook

• 4.3.1 Monitor the Weather

- b. Use internet sources to get a second opinion of the weather information you received from the weather officer on site.

As Safety Officer shall you continuously monitor the weather developments using online weather radar, if it is available for the competition area?

- g. If the competitors shall launch from individual launch areas the Safety Officer must be out in the same area to have an “on-site” understanding of the weather. If he then sees deterioration in the weather, he must advise the Event Director.

- Appendix 3 – Balloon and Flight operation
- Appendix 6 – Antidoping and alcohol policy

MOTION:

- That the updated Safety Officer's Handbook be accepted by the plenary.