

ANNEX 3C

MISSION PLAN - TASK FORCE 6: SYNCHRONISATION

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The Task Force (TF) was delayed in her work this year by the cumbersome development of WAG 2001. The scheduled meeting of the Task Force with IPC officials and competitors did not take place. However, some work has been accomplished, mainly by computer communication.

Goals 2001

In May, the TF published bulletin #1, setting 4 goals.

- Goal 1: guide the relevant competition Committees of the IPC to make sure the synchronisation objectives are followed, and within the set timeframe. This speaks for itself. However, it seems that it is easier said than done. The TF feels all IPC noses should point the same direction. Discussion and agreement is needed.
- Goal 2: rearrange the set up an layout of the relevant competition rules. This has been done and draft number 1 is in the agenda.
- Goal 3: rearrange the relevant competition rules in such a way that separation can be established between the team/judging part and the organisers/competition part. This follows out of goal 2. It also takes care of old and persistent ideas about having separate entry fees and related services provided by organisers. Again, this is easier said than done and accomplished easily.
- Goal 4: Integrate the IPC Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Committee within T6. The TF needs to find a stable communication partner in this Committee.

Status

As shown above, a lot of work still needs to be done. The time frame of the original version of the MP might be affected too, as the Mondial 2003 might be too soon for MP to accomplish all its goals. One option is to delay till 2005. Another option is to downsize or reduce the number of MP goals. The TF will discuss this with MP leader B.J. Worth, taking the Mondial 2003 and a possible WAG 2005 in mind.

At present, a lot of Formation Skydiving competitors have joined forces in arguing against some ideas of the TF. Some proposals of the FS Committee have been withdrawn in October. This clearly shows, we, the whole IPC must agree on the goals (and possibly, the means!) of the MP. It also shows we must communicate even better on what we try to accomplish. It seems e-mail has only changed the speed of communication, not the effectiveness of communication (e.g. the people behind it). This is a serious issue which needs constant and full attention.

The MP can not be fulfilled without the support and active co-operation of future organisers. Plans and goals are perfect, but will fall flat on their face if an organiser will not put effort and commitment into them. WAG 2001 is just an example, while World Games Japan is a positive example.

Proposals 2002

Furthermore, the above stated goals are still not fully implemented. As such, the TF proposals for 2002 will be the same as the 2001 goals.

Teamwork with the Team Members

My appreciation goes to the members of the team: Pal Bergan (Norway), Exi Hoenle (Germany), Graeme Windsor (Australia), Olav Zipser (USA) and, last but not least, Ashley Crick (Australia). Forces combined, we enjoy our work. It is a challenging but rewarding task to discuss fundamental IPC matters.

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