

Annex 9

INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTE COMMISSION CANOPY FORMATION

Annual Report - Year 2001

The attention of the CF committee in the last year was focussed primarily on the World Championships at Granada, Spain.

Despite the many problems that occurred with these Championships, the committee was pleased that all CF events were completed in time, and that a new World record of 22 points was established in the 4 way rotations event by the Russian team.

A competitor's meeting was conducted towards the end of the competition, and the proposals for the future of the canopy formation discipline were discussed.

I wish to thank the members and advisors in the CF committee who provided support during the year.

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Canberra
5 November 2001

**AGENDA FOR OPEN MEETING OF IPC CANOPY FORMATION
COMMITTEE
LAUSANNE - 2002**

1. INTRODUCTION

2. COMPETITION RULES

The Committee will continue its work to clarify and simplify the rules. The Committee will review any responses and suggestions received in respect of the proposed rule change that has been published since the World Championships in Spain 2001. (see Appendix attached)

3. NEW FORMAT - The Committee will listen to any suggestions to change its current 8 round (with one throw away round) format. The committee is of the view that as there are only 7 rounds counted in the total score, the format already synchronises with proposals put forward previously for other disciplines.

4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CANOPY FORMATION, 2001

The Delegate for Spain will present a report on the 9th World Championships in Canopy Formation, conducted at Granada, Spain as part of the 2nd world Air Games.

5. WORLD CUP, PORTUGAL - 2002.

Information on progress will be presented.

6. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2003

Information on progress will be presented.

7. FUTURE WORLD CUPS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organisers are invited to present bids for hosting and organising future IPC World Cup and World Championships. The existing IPC schedule proposes the following opportunities:

- 2004 World Championships in all Canopy Formation events.
- 2005 WAG – competition in all CF events (for review)

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Appendix

Canopy Formation Directions

Following the completion of the World Championships at Granada, Spain, 22 June to 2 July 2001, the Canopy Formation Committee is considering adopting only one change for the next World Cup in 2002.

Please send comments to Graeme Windsor, CF Committee, at graeme@apf.asn.au or by post to PO Box 144, Deakin West ACT 2600, Australia

Change	Reason for Change
Number of viewings by the judges.	Following the competitors' meeting at Granada in 2001 it was generally agreed to allow a 3 rd viewing as directed by the Event Judge. The committee will liaise with other Competition Committees in an effort to harmonize the rules between disciplines, while retaining the opportunity to reach an accurate judgement without too much delay.

WAG 2001
World Parachute Championships in Canopy Formation

Report of the Chief Judge

Location. Armilla military airfield, Granada, Spain

Accommodation. In various hotels located in Granada and outskirts. All judges were accommodated in the same hotel, of very good standard.

Transport. This was undoubtedly the weakest part of the organisation. Frequently transport was late or non-existent. Future organisers should pay attention to this, perhaps dedicating transport for judges' exclusive use.

Panel of Judges.

Barry McAuley, Event Judge 4-way
Lindy Rochow-Williams, Event Judge 8-way
Lori Bartlett-Harness
Percy Kristensson
Anders Wallinder

Mikhail Sushilin

One of the judges originally selected to the panel, Peter Scheutheuer of Germany unfortunately died after his nomination. A minute's silence was held at the main briefing in deference to his contribution to Canopy formation over more than eight years.

This is the number of judges specified in the Sporting Code. It does not allow for much choice or variation in the panel, particularly if the number of judges nominated at the IPC meeting is only one or two above the number specified in the Sporting Code.

I strongly believe that the tradition of giving an allegiance of each judge to an NAC should cease at major competitions. The judges at such a competition are International Judges and their only allegiance at the competition should be to the FAI, and this should be seen so on all official notices and identification labels.

Pre competition Judges' Conference. **This was held over a period of two days. Unfortunately, this was only the second World Championships using air to air video. Despite requests being made to various people, including the chair of the Judges' Committee, for tapes from the last WPC for training purposes, none was forthcoming. The result of this is that the panel of judges did not have the preparation that either the Event Judges or I had hoped.**

FAI Controllers. The job of FAI Controller that has been used at the last few WPCs, was supplemented by a new post of FAI Controller for Judging and Scoring. From my point of view as Chief Judge this was an excellent innovation, particularly for a World Air Games or Mondial. For conventional World Championships, if we ever see one again, I do not think such an appointment is necessary, but the experience and information gained certainly will. The work undertaken by the traditional FAI Controller was very extensive and probably amounted to too much for a single individual. I know that the Sporting Code states that the Controller is responsible for seeing that The Sporting Code and Competition Rules are adhered to. There was some overlap of duties particularly of scoring and unquestionably one decision made, which necessitated changing the computer scoring program, was wrong.

Protests. There were no protests at this competition

World Records. One world record was broken during this competition. Details are on the FAI web site.

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Brenda Reid for doing a magnificent job looking after all the aspects of judging and scoring, including acting as an accuracy scorer.

Rainer Hoenle ("EXI") for his hard work and companionship

All the Panel of Judges for performing an impeccable task as a unified team, led by two excellent Event Judges.

My one disappointment in respect to the air games was from the aspect of the computer backup. Last year I was asked by the IPC to write software to manage the WPC in Japan. Most of this was used very successfully. Again this year I was asked to extend the administrative aspects of that program to the World Air Games. This was done, sent across on CD in a fully working condition, but to my chagrin, never used. Please note all future organisers, this administrative database is freely available for use.

On a similar vein I was emailed from Spain 24 hours before my departure to Spain asking if I had software for the Accuracy Event. I immediately started writing, and spent much of the first four days in Spain generating it. That software too, was never used. A very large amount of time and money wasted.

Roger Flinn