

CHAPTER 5

COMMISSIONS AND OTHER BODIES

5.1. GENERAL

5.1.1. *Most of the basic work of FAI shall be carried out by its permanent and temporary bodies.*

5.1.2. **Permanent Bodies**

5.1.2.1. - *FAI Air Sport Commissions, which shall administer air sports, astronautics and related matters;*

5.1.2.2. - *FAI Technical Commissions, which shall administer non-sporting activities;*

5.1.2.3. - *Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees, established for a special purpose;*

5.1.2.4. *General Conference may establish or disestablish Permanent Bodies by a 2/3 majority vote of the Active Members present or represented and for an indefinite period of time.*

5.1.2.5. *FAI Commissions may establish or disestablish Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or represented and for an indefinite period of time.*

5.1.2.6. *FAI Commissions shall be responsible to the FAI General Conference. Permanent Working Groups and Permanent Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.*

5.1.2.7. *Permanent Bodies established by the General Conference shall be listed in the FAI Statutes.*

5.1.2.8. *Each FAI Commission, other than the FAI Air Sport General Commission, shall determine, by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present or represented, whether the Bureau shall be elected for one-year or two-year terms. FAI Commissions may determine the duration of the term at the end of the current term of the Bureau. The same term shall be applied to all members of a Bureau.*

5.1.3. **Temporary Bodies**

5.1.3.1. *Temporary Subcommittees or Temporary Working Groups may be established for a special purpose and a definite period of time as follows:*

5.1.3.2. - *By the General Conference by a 2/3 majority vote of the Active Members present or represented;*

5.1.3.3. - *by the Executive Board;*

- 5.1.3.4. - *by FAI Commissions by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or represented.*
- 5.1.3.5. *Temporary Working Groups or Temporary Subcommittees shall be responsible to the body which established it.*
- 5.1.4. *In all cases the record of action establishing a new Permanent or Temporary Body shall include its mission directive, its duties and powers and such instructions on composition, duration and disestablishment as the establishing body shall deem appropriate.*
- 5.1.5. *Rules regarding composition of and representation on FAI Permanent and Temporary Bodies, responsibilities and duties of officials, voting rules and other procedural matters are set forth in Chapter 5 of the By-Laws, in the Sporting Code and, where appropriate, in the internal regulations of the bodies concerned.*

5.2. THE FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS

FAI Air Sport Activities shall be conducted generally under the direction of the following FAI Air Sport Commissions:

- 5.2.1. - *The FAI Air Sport General Commission with duties and powers as listed in Paragraph 5.2.3.1. and 5.2.3.2.*
- 5.2.2. - *Specialised Air Sport Commissions with duties and powers as listed in Paragraph 5.2.3.1. and 5.2.3.3.*

5.2.3. FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSION DUTIES AND POWERS

5.2.3.1. *FAI Air Sport Commissions shall:*

- 5.2.3.1.1. - *Perform assigned tasks within the scope of FAI activities; and*
- 5.2.3.1.2. - *conduct studies and make recommendations on designated subjects or matters of interest.*
- 5.2.3.1.3. - *On matters beyond their delegated authority, Air Sport Commissions shall submit recommendations to the Executive Board, which shall either decide on the matter within the limits of its own competence or submit it to the General Conference.*

5.2.3.2 FAI AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION

The FAI Air Sport General Commission shall promote FAI aims and objectives and shall have voting powers at the FAI General Conference. It shall seek to further the unity of all air sports within FAI through implementation of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code. It shall specifically

- 5.2.3.2.1. - *seek to further the development of air sports ;*
- 5.2.3.2.2. - *establish and keep current the General Section of the Sporting Code;*
- 5.2.3.2.3. - *advise the General Conference on appropriate measures to develop and encourage air sports which appear to be outside the mandate of existing FAI Commissions ;*

- 5.2.3.2.4. - *when so directed by the Executive Board, serve as the FAI final court of appeal in all disputes or difficult cases concerning international sporting events and record attempts;*
- 5.2.3.2.5. - *in the event of an appeal against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature, investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal ;*
- 5.2.3.2.6. - *carry out other tasks related to air sports as assigned by the General Conference or the Executive Board.*

5.2.3.3. FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS

The specialised FAI Air Sport Commissions shall promote FAI aims and objectives in their special fields, and shall have voting powers at the FAI General Conference. They shall seek to further the unity of all air sports within FAI through implementation of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code. They shall also:

- 5.2.3.3.1. - *Seek to further the development of their respective branches of air sports and related aviation activities;*
- 5.2.3.3.2. - *establish and keep current their respective sections of the Sporting Code which shall include rules and criteria for FAI air activities and records, FAI badges, safety at world sporting events, and technical standards;*
- 5.2.3.3.3. - *deal with all technical problems that concern flight safety, training, air space, equipment, records and sporting events;*
- 5.2.3.3.4. - *exercise delegated executive powers with regard to their respective air sports and related technical matters;*
- 5.2.3.3.5. - *exercise delegated executive powers with regard to promotional and financial rights relating to FAI events;*
- 5.2.3.3.6. - *carry out such other tasks related to their respective air sports as assigned by the General Conference or the Executive Board.*

5.2.3.3.7. *The specific duties and powers of the FAI Air Sport Commissions shall include:*

5.2.3.3.7.1. FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION

All matters relating to balloons and airships.

5.2.3.3.7.2. FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION

All matters relating to general aviation (except helicopters) and to air touring and air racing.

5.2.3.3.7.3. FAI GLIDING COMMISSION

All matters (except aerobatic competition) relating to gliding.

5.2.3.3.7.4. FAI ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION

All matters relating to rotary wing aircraft.

5.2.3.3.7.5. FAI PARACHUTING COMMISSION

All matters relating to parachuting.

5.2.3.3.7.6. FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION

All matters relating to flying aeromodels and spacemodels.

5.2.3.3.7.7. FAI AEROBATICS COMMISSION

All matters relating to aerobatics, including aerobatic competition for gliders.

5.2.3.3.7.8. FAI ASTRONAUTIC RECORDS COMMISSION

All matters pertaining to space and aerospace records.

5.2.3.3.7.9. FAI HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING COMMISSION

all matters relating to hang gliding and paragliding.

5.2.3.3.7.10. FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION

all matters relating to microlight (ultralight) aircraft.

5.3. THE FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

5.3.1. *FAI activities other than Air Sport Activities shall, in general, be conducted under the direction of the following FAI Technical Commissions:*

5.3.1.1. FAI AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION COMMISSION**5.3.1.2. FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION****5.3.1.3. FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION****5.3.1.4. FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION****5.3.1.5. FAI COMMISSION ON AIRSPACE AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS**

5.3.2. *The FAI Technical Commissions shall promote FAI aims and objectives in their special fields and shall have the following general duties and powers:*

5.3.2.1. - *Study and assist in defining FAI's policy in technical or other fields which are of common interest to various branches of FAI activity.*

5.3.2.2. - *Report to the General Conference; however, direct contact between FAI Air Sport Commissions and FAI Technical Commissions for the transfer of relevant information is encouraged.*

5.3.3. *The specific duties and powers of the FAI Technical Commissions shall be as follows:*

5.3.3.1. FAI AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Dissemination of aeronautical and astronautical knowledge, particularly among the young.

5.3.3.2. FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION

The promotion of design, construction and operation of amateur and home built aircraft, and the restoration of vintage aircraft.

5.3.3.3. FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION

All medico-physiological matters relating to FAI air sport activity.

5.3.3.4. **FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

- *To evaluate studies concerning the influence of air sports on the environment;*
- *to develop an FAI policy aimed at maintaining and improving conditions for the development of air sports while respecting realistically demonstrated environmental interests;*
- *to advise General Conference and Air Sport Commissions on environmental matters affecting air sports.*

5.3.3.5 **FAI COMMISSION ON AIRSPACE AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS**

Co-ordination and dissemination of knowledge and information within and on behalf of FAI on Airspace rules, regulations and policy, and Air Navigation Systems, as they may affect the types of aviation in which FAI is involved.

5.4.	PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS AND SUBCOMMITTEES
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5.4.1 **COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' GROUP**

5.4.1.1 *The Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions shall serve, ex-officio, as members of the Commission Presidents' Group. If a President of a Commission is unable to attend, he may appoint a current member of his Commission to attend in his place.*

This body shall meet not less than annually to:

- 5.4.1.1.1. - *Consider the work and matters of common interest of the various Commissions;*
- 5.4.1.1.2. - *create areas of common policy on sporting matters for General Conference determination;*
- 5.4.1.1.3. - *review proposed and past expenditure of FAI funds derived from air sport events;*
- 5.4.1.1.5. - *present to the General Conference appropriate advice or recommendations.*

5.4.1.2. *The President of FAI shall be the chairman of these meetings.*

5.4.2. **STATUTES AND BY-LAWS WORKING GROUP**

5.4.2.1 *The Statutes and By-Laws Working Group is a Permanent Working Group of the FAI General Conference established by the 97th FAI General Conference under the provisions of Statutes 3.4.1.9 and 5.1.2.3.*

5.4.2.2. *The mission of the Statutes Working Group is:*

5.4.2.2.1. *To examine any proposals for changes to the Statutes and By-Laws appropriately submitted for inclusion in the agenda of the next General Conference, and to perform any other tasks related to the Statutes and By Laws as assigned by the General Conference.*

5.4.2.2.2. *To examine and provide advice on any matter relating to the interpretation, enforcement or applicability of any provision of the FAI Statutes and By-Laws submitted by the FAI President.*