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FAI CONTROLLER'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	8th FAI Junior European Style and Accuracy Landing Championships 11th FAI European Style and Accuracy Landing Championships
Event:	Style and Accuracy
Location:	KLATOVY/ CZE
Date:	07 – 13 July 2025
Summary of the Preparations prior to the event:	Preparations by the organizer was done in close co-operation with the S&A chair, with the scoring system provider and with the ISC officials (CJ, JP, FAI-C).
Financial obligations:	<p>All financial obligations were met by the organizer ahead of schedule.</p> <p>It is suggested to simplify the ISC process and to reduce the number of bank transfers to – from FAI.</p> <p>For example if there really would be a few hundred CHF sanction fee missing on the start of the championships (due to unexpected surprise participants) the final settlement could easily be done by deducting this amount from the performance bond return.</p> <p>ISC should not write rules that are based on the assumption that an organizer would <u>not</u> fulfil the contractual obligations.</p> <p>The timelines for reporting, invoice and payment deadlines could be clarified/ simplified. [current rules are based on the time, when there was no mandatory FAI invoice, nowadays no payment is possible without an invoice and every invoice has a due date]</p> <p>(e.g. 10days vs. 21 days:</p> <p>2025 FAI-C handbook: <i>"The FAI Controller shall first establish a provisional estimate and notify that to the ISC Finance Secretary ten (10) days before the start of the competition."</i></p> <p>Current instructions by ISC Financial Secretary were to report the number on 16jun two weeks prior to due date (30jun) i.e. 3 weeks prior to the start (which makes sense to have time for FAI to issue an invoice and have time to pay, but of course this reduces the accuracy of the estimate)</p>
Venue set up:	<p>The S&A specifics (Target, ground to air video, style judge room) were built up on 5th July in presence of the CJ and me, it was finalized on 6th June.</p> <p>All other dropzone infrastructure like restaurants, manifest, restrooms,... are permanent on LKKT.</p>
Infrastructure:	The Klatovy dropzone infrastructure has all necessary installations for Pink boogies and the DZ had already hosted other FAI competitions.
Opening And Closing Ceremonies:	<p>The ceremonies were conducted according to FAI standards although there are different and partly unclear guidelines and references.</p> <p>The official FAI document download only has: "Protocol for Award-Giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI Championships" (oct09 upload</p>

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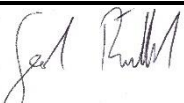
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	<p>2017)</p> <p>A more comprehensive document “1. Guidelines for Opening and Closing Ceremonies” (18 pages) which includes also opening ceremony guidelines (e.g. oath) is existing, but was never released officially. The official FAI “Protocol for Award Giving” contains a sentence: <i>“The medal winners shall be called forward by name and country, one by one separately, preferably in the order Bronze – Silver - Gold, or in the reverse order. The order chosen is a matter for each Commission to decide.”</i> I am not aware of any ISC chosen order.</p>
Conduct of the event:	<p>In spite of the very difficult weather conditions and several weather holds due to clouds, wind and rain, all events could be validated with at least the minimum number of rounds.</p> <p>The organizer did a very good job with first load up 07:45 local time whenever the weather permitted, last load in evening twilight and so no competition time was lost due by a fault of the organization.</p>
Comments to Officials, Meet Director Judges, Jury	<p>a) Meet Director Marek Novy as MD and Jan Becka as head of the OC (and acting Assistant CJ) were very co-operative and adhered to any guidance they did receive from different ISC Officials.</p> <p>b) FAI-C: The main work of the FAI Controller (FAI licences, Sanction fee, advise to the organizer) is completed, when the competition starts. E.g. <i>“inspect the site to ensure that all is in readiness (Judges’ room, Jury room, toilets and team tents, power supply as needed, etc.)”</i></p> <p>To monitor safety in addition to a local Event Safety Officer and to <i>“monitor adherence to the Sporting Code, Competition Rules, Organiser Agreement and the Approved Bid, together with any accepted changes to that Approved Bid”</i> and <i>“Any deviation must be reported to the Jury”</i> seems to be a redundancy to the Jury and/or CJ tasks.</p> <p>To avoid this duplication it should be considered to move the FAI-C into a jury role (JP or on site juror) when the championship starts (or vice versa give the JP the tasks of the FAI-C during preparation phase, let him arrive one day earlier and check jury room, toilets etc. himself).</p> <p>c) Judges Due to the fixed sequence of events with 2 days Style and 3 days Accuracy Landing there was only one panel of 7 (double rated) in addition to the CJ. This is the absolute minimum for Style with one mandatory observer judge at the camera, 5 judges on the monitors and the EJ and the only reserve was the CJ himself.</p> <p>While such a setup is technically possible with the split schedule, it does not allow any flexibility (e.g. continue Style on the three AL days in case of high winds and immediately go back to AL when the wind goes down, because the Style panel is still occupied). Also on the reserve day for EC only participants, this situation limits the possibility to do Style and Accuracy without a break in between although especially on this day the time pressure is highest.</p>

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Recommendations for the Organisers:	<p>Keep the positive attitude and friendly way of hosting, but be more strict with NACs and participants who do not do their job properly (e.g. do not reply in time, do not send proper registration or do change half the team upon arrival)</p> <p>A deadline is a deadline!</p>
Rule Changes – Proposals and considerations:	<p>There are many ISC handbooks and checklists in addition to the official regulations. Some tasks in the handbooks are redundant and required to be done by different ISC officials in parallel. E.g. a list of officials and judges is part of the CJ handbook annex 2, there is a FAI-C report form and the same is part of the "jury report to FAI" form.</p> <p>or</p> <p>there is a requirement for the FAI-C to check all Sporting licences (with a list of participants) but also the ISC Jury handbook requires the JP: "Before the event: Copies of the following current documents to hand Official entry list (teams/competitors entered)"</p> <p>The suggested changes for the S&A CRs were discussed directly with the S&A c'tee chair on site. It should be considered to modify the limits for team overall ranking in order to motivate participants to do style and get a valid team overall result list also for female teams (e.g. used 2024 rules instead of discouraging the style participation by high entry fee)</p>
Personal Remarks and any other topics:	<p>My sincere thank for good co-operation goes to Jan and Marek with their whole team, to all FAI officials and judges, namely Arnold, Rina and Dare with the whole judge panel and to the scoring system providers Michael, Günter and Rudi.</p>
<p>In accordance with the Sporting Code Section 5, 4.1.1.2 this form is to be completed and sent to the ISC Bureau within 30 days of the competition's completion.</p>	

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