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Leonardo da Vinci Diploma – proposal to amend:

This Diploma was created in 1970 by the FAI. One Diploma may be awarded each year to a person (man or woman) who has achieved one of the following criteria:

- ~~Obtained at least three consecutive times the title of National Parachuting Champion;~~
1. Been ~~at least three times~~ an Individual Champion or a Member of a Champion Team at an International Sporting Event in Parachuting ~~(two of which must have been a World Championship)~~
 2. Established ~~at least three~~ a World Parachuting Record;
 3. Have been an FAI/IPC Official at an International Sporting Event (Chief Judge, FAI Parachuting Judge, FAI Controller, IPC Controller of Judging and Scoring, International Jury Member)
 3. ~~Fulfilled the function of~~ Have been ~~at least three times the Chief Judge twice at an International Sporting Event in Parachuting (two of which must have been a World Championship)~~
 4. ~~Have been at least three consecutive times an FAI Parachuting Judge at a World Parachuting Championship;~~
 4. Have been ~~at least three times~~ a Competition Director at an International Sporting Event in Parachuting ~~(one of which must have been a World Championship)~~
 6. Have been elected President of Honour of the IPC;
 7. Have been ~~at least three times the FAI Controller at an International Sporting Event in Parachuting (one of which must have been a World Championship)~~
 8. ~~Have been at least three times a member of the International Jury at an International Sporting Event in Parachuting (two of which must have been a World Championship)~~
 5. Have been ~~for at least ten years~~ the Chair of an IPC Committee (IPC Internal Regulations 6.7) or an IPC Bureau Member.
 9. ~~Have been for at least ten consecutive years and still be a Delegate to the IPC~~

Each year any Active Member of the FAI may submit the name of one candidate. The nomination must be in writing together with a suitably complete and detailed resume of the candidate's qualifications.

The nomination and the resume must be sent to the IPC in accordance with 3.7.3 so as to be included in the published Agenda for the Plenary Meeting. The resume must not exceed 250 words (See FAI By-Laws 10.1.3.3)

The vote to award the Diploma shall be taken by secret ballot at the next regular

Plenary Meeting after a full discussion in closed session, at which the candidates may not be present. Outside observers will not be permitted to attend the discussion nor will any minutes be taken. Should an IPC Delegate be nominated, he shall be assumed to have cast a ballot for himself. ~~and may not be present during the discussion and the voting which follows.~~

Each Delegate present shall have one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. ~~The forbidding of proxy votes and the closed discussions will ensure that the qualifications of all candidates are fully explored and understood by all Delegates prior to the casting of ballots.~~ The ballot will be conducted as follows:

A first ballot shall determine by simple majority if any Diploma shall be awarded that year. ~~If the decision is affirmative, the Delegates shall vote on the candidates and the Diploma will be awarded to the candidate who obtains a simple majority.~~

A vote shall first be taken on whether or not to award the Diploma in the year in question. If the result of this vote is affirmative and if more than one nominee is under consideration, a secret ballot shall be held to determine the recipient of the award.

An absolute majority is required to determine the recipient of the Diploma. If, after the first ballot, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority, a new ballot shall be held between the two candidates who have polled the greatest number of votes. If the second ballot leads to no decisive result, a third ballot shall be conducted in the same way. If an absolute majority is still not obtained, no Diploma shall be awarded in that year.