

IPC Judges' Committee
Annual Report 2004
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This was a very busy, but in the end, a successful year for the Judges' Committee, with a lot of turbulence and hectic periods involved. If I just look back at the Competition in Brazil, with all the last-minute and even last-second changes, it affected everybody, including the judges. But this is not the place to go into details, since this matter is far more complex. And then we also had the hassle with the Canopy Piloting competition that was supposed to be held in Florida during November. Of course, nobody can be blamed for this cancellation after hurricanes passed through the region. But still, arrangements had to be cancelled and new organized, after the competition was postponed to February 2005.

It is getting very complicated, if competitions are awarded during the year through the Bureau. As more competitions are being scheduled it becomes more difficult to find some "last minute Judges". And I think this goes for other IPC Staff as well.

The other important experience we had during the WPC's in Croatia is, that a competition with 3 or more events, definitely needs a person in the position of IPC Controller, Judging and Scoring. It was very time consuming, especially for the Chief Judges of the different disciplines, to co-ordinate some of the logistical problems presented during the meet. See also the Chief Judge reports of the different disciplines.

Training courses

There were Training Seminars held in Croatia for Formation Skydiving, Style and Accuracy and Canopy Formation. The seminar for FS was a big success, with many participants. Style and Accuracy had room for more and CF began with only one participant registered but ended up with two participating. A question that came from the organiser; should there be a minimum number of Trainees before such a program should proceed? At this point in time there isn't. After discussion among members of the Judges' Committee we will come forward with a proposal to cover this question. (see "Proposals")

Other than these courses we had several individual judges re-evaluated according to SC5 by sending out tapes to an authorised person in the relevant countries. This may be the way to go also in the future.

Proposals

We prepared 3 changes in the Sporting Code, Section 5, concerning the Judging, and this is the following:

4.3.3. (add)

(4) a minimum of 4 Trainee-Judges may be required by the organizer to conduct such a course. The Organiser may cancel the training course only after discussions are held with the Chair of the Judges' Committee, followed by approval of the Bureau, no later than 6 weeks prior to the start of the competitions. This information must be posted in a Bulletin.

4.6.8. (change)

- (1) At a First Category Event, the Chief Judge has the right to dismiss a Judge from the Panel of Judges if his work *and/or behaviour* is incompetent or unacceptable or.....

6.8.1. (change)

(2) At least 85% of the assessments for all disciplines, except Formation Skydiving, must agree with the approved score.

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(3) For Formation Skydiving, at least 75% of the assessments must agree with the approved score and no more than 20% of the assessments may be in disagreement with the approved score.

There may be more proposals presented during the open meeting. This will depend on the outcome of possible proposals coming from the different Technical Committees.

Committee work

Once more, my sincere appreciation is extended to the members of and advisers to the Committee. Vice Chair: Barry McAuley, members: Roger M. Flinn, Pia Berggren, Sara Sacchett and Klaus Wellens, Advisors: Silvia Wagner

During the WPC in Croatia, attended by all committee members except Silvia, who was at that time in Brazil, a meeting of the Judges' Committee was convened to discuss important issues which had arisen during the year. Discussions on these issues were very productive.

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