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Chief Judge's Report

10th World Parachuting Championships of Canopy Formation
Gap, France

Report filed in compliance with SC5 – 6.9.1 (11)

Team Data

4way Sequential - 6 nations - all rounds completed
4way Rotations – 10 nations - all rounds completed
8way Speed – 4 nations - all rounds completed

Judging Panel

Linda Rochow-Williams – Event Judge – Australia
Anders Wallender – Principal Judge – Sweden
Roger Flinn – Principal Judge – Ireland
Mikhail Sushilin – Principal Judge – Russia
Desiré Mingam – Principal Judge – France
Percy Kristersson – Principal Judge – Sweden

Judge's Conference

The judges' conference commenced on Thursday, 4 September and continued through 6 September, using pre-recorded cassettes and Official Training Jumps as warm-up tools. According to rule (4.5), the teams are required to perform and have assessed an Official Training Jump prior to making their first competition jump. This requirement again had the potential to hold up competition. Some teams seemed unwilling (or unaware) to take part in the training jump requirement, thereby delaying the requirement the scores be assessed and posted. This process was still taking place during the Team Captain's meeting on Saturday afternoon.

It is recommended that the Official Training Jump requirement be modified so that teams may have practice jumps judged – time permitting – during the Judges' Conference. The requirement for teams to perform an Official Training Jump should be abandoned.

Competition

Competition jumps for the Canopy Formation events were scheduled from 06:45 until 13:00 hours. This time frame seemed to mesh well with other disciplines active during the same time period. Although there seemed to be an abundance of down-time the

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competition was finished prior to the published finish time. Better communication between the judging area and manifest would have helped alleviate some of the staff restlessness due to being uninformed.

Competition Facilities and Equipment

Equipment assigned for judging the competition events was excellent. The use of all-digital recording and playback equipment afforded judges a consistent media for viewing. Monitors were also of studio quality. OmniSkore™ was used for all events and operated very well after a few program revisions by Ted Wagner.

Judging facilities were roomy with noise kept to a minimum by allowing only those videographers who were actively down-loading in the dubbing area. Organisational staff ensured that cassettes were rewound to the correct position for judging – saving judging staff considerable time and frustration.

Organisation

Overall the CF judges felt the competition was well organised. The only complaints were associated with communication between manifest/meet director and the judging area when specific events went on hold. The judges were unable to hear the public address system from inside the hanger therefore some frustration was evident when no videographers appeared for extended time periods. Also, some complaints were voiced over the long line-ups at meal times.

Initially, there was some difficulty getting results to the master scoreboard but this issue was resolved by the second round. Score sheets and summaries were placed in each nation's mailbox after each round.

The facility set aside for the judges' lounge was excellent – with tea, coffee and water readily available. The area designated for the Chief Judges was well supplied with needed accessories and the onsite photocopier was a welcome addition.

The CF judges were housed in a hotel approximately 10 kilometres up the mountain from the DZ. The adventurous drive each morning provided the judges with an additional few moments to wake up before their judging duties began. The organisers supplied a mini-bus for the exclusive use of the judging panel – a much appreciated arrangement as CF events are usually on a different time schedule than most other disciplines.

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Rejumps and Protests

One rejump was awarded after review of SC5 5.2.6(3) and CR 4.7.1. The jury awarded a rejump to a team after a protest was filed pertaining to a courtesy dive-sheet which did not include all canopy designators. Also, the jury issued a directive to the panel to re-judge a specific point of a team's performance – the reassessment confirmed the original score.

The Panel of Judges

Attending judges met the requirements of SC5, 6.6.2, prior to competition jumps, and all teams were judged with the same fairness and impartiality.

Copies of scoring summaries and judge's assessments were forwarded to the Chair of the Judges Committee. Other files were left in charge of organisational staff.

In summary, my thanks to the judging panel for their excellent work, the organisers for an exception job of staging the Mondial and to all those who offered advice and constructive criticism during these events. Also, considerable time was spent by members of the judging panel updating the language of the CF Competition Rules - an effort to assist the CF Committee in publishing a document more understandable to all concerned. Copies of this revised document have been send to the Committee and the judge's request they take a serious look at the efforts.

Sincerely,

Barry McCauley – CF Chief Judge