

## **ANNEX 8**

### **ANNUAL REPORT IPC FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE**

The FS Committee had one meeting in 2001 during the World Air Games in Spain in the end of June, 2001 with the rest of the communication by email. Spain hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Air Games including the World Championships of Formation Skydiving. The first World Championships in the Female category in four way were held in conjunction with the World Air Games. The Committee conducted an open meeting with the competitors, FAI judges and organisers at the World Air Games. Japan hosted an excellent event of four way Formation Skydiving at the World Games in Akita. The proposed dive pools for 2002 were made available to the teams in October 2001.

#### **COMPETITION RULES**

Only minor changes were adopted in the 2001 FS rules from the previous year. The changes on collating scores and the use of the video evidence from only one camera did not present problems during the WAG 2001.

At the IPC meeting in San Diego, several major changes were proposed for 2002 based on the discussions on synchronisation of the events. The primary changes for the competitions in this aspect are the shortening of events and laying the grounds for the simultaneous running of different events for the Mondial style of events.

The FS Committee proposed the shortening of the available time for the competitions from 2002 to a maximum of 5 days. This format was approved for the World Cup competition in Portugal in 2002.

These rules have been discussed with competitors and teams during 2001. A vocal majority of competitors strongly oppose the reduction of rounds from 10 to 7. The main arguments are that the IPC must first ensure appropriate organisation and airlift capability before the competitors are required to reduce the number of rounds to shorten the events. With the experience from previous competitions where competitors only have made one or two jumps per day, this argument seems understandable from the competitors' point of view.

The proposed shortening of the dive pool does not necessarily mandate the shortening of the number of rounds. With the proposed shortening to 20 blocks and 14 randoms, the dive pool can be used for up to 10 rounds, with the chance of a few scoring formations being repeated during the draw.

*(See proposal for rule changes for FS 2002)*

#### **2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF FORMATION SKYDIVING, 4 AND 8 WAY, AND 4 WAY FEMALE CATEGORY:**

The 13<sup>th</sup> World Championships of Formation Skydiving was held in Granada, Spain from June 20<sup>th</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2001, as a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Air Games.

The World Air Games will have a separate section as a report in the agenda, and in regards to the event, the Formation Skydiving was completed under the same organisational aspects as the World Air Games as a whole.

The first World Championships of Formation Skydiving Female Category was also held during this competition. 10 countries fielded teams, which was a higher number than anticipated. The competition itself proved very competitive and exciting, and the sport results were high.

The "Live dubbed judging" worked well from the judges' side, although the display of the competition jumps was far from adequate.

The FS Committee wishes to thank Elisabet Petterson, (Sweden) who served as Chief Judge together with her staff of Judges.

#### **FEMALE CATEGORY 4-WAY:**

Ten countries fielded female teams at the World Air Games in Spain, and the competition showed a high quality of performance and competitiveness.

With the results of the competition, both the number of teams and the results, the female category seems to have proven it's ground, and that it meets the criteria to become a separate category.

There is concern that the introduction of a female category also must mean that the general category we have today in Formation Skydiving must be changed to a male category, or a male category be added. This is an

opinion that the IPC needs to consider carefully before any final decisions are made. If the introduction of a female category automatically should lead to a change towards a male event, then the female category should not be introduced, as the results of this will make it even more difficult for females in several countries to compete, get competition practice, or be selected for national teams.

The FS Committee is of the opinion that the inclusion of the female category must only be made as a separate addition, and not at the expense or change of existing events. With the relatively few female teams in the world, this should for now be limited to four-way competition.

## **OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING**

The committee hosted the open Committee meeting with the teams and judges after the completion of the competition in Spain. The topics were the proposed changes for 2002.

The IPC President made a presentation to the competitors on the development of the Mission Plan and the future.

The proposed rule changes were discussed at length. Much of the discussions were based on the experience from the World Air Games event.

The main issues of the competitors was that the IPC should do its utmost to award competitions to organisers that are competent of running competitions with adequate organisation and air lift capacity so the rounds would be completed faster than what is standard today. It is of little or no interest to the competitors to shorten down the number of rounds before trying to be more effective on the practical running of the competitions.

The major countries (USA, France, Norway) argued that the costs of competitions were of little or no concern to them, and that they would rather pay more for competitions to get a professional running of the events. This standpoint did not receive support from other countries.

## **WORLD GAMES, AKITA, JAPAN**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Games that included Parachuting were held in Akita, Japan, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August. An extensive report from the competition is available in a separate section in the Agenda.

It is, however, a need to emphasize this competition as a perfect picture of what the IPC has been working to achieve over many years. Everything that has been laid out by the rules was in place, and the organisational showed an enormous commitment by everyone working to run the competition.

The competition was very successful for everyone involved, competitors, media and public. It also showed there is necessarily no discrepancy between conducting competitions that are mediagenic, and also valuable for the competitors. It is my opinion that this competition should be recognised as a norm of what the IPC is trying to achieve for future competitions.

My thanks to the Japanese Aeronautical Association for the well performed organisation of the skydiving competition, and making it possible for me to contribute at this event.

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

My appreciation is extended to those members and advisers of the Formation Skydiving Committee that have contributed this year. The members of the FS committee are:

Mads Larsen (Denmark), Marc Hoornweg (Netherlands), Fiona McEachern (Australia), Exi Hoenle, (Germany), Sven Mörtberg (Sweden), Anatloy Zhirov (Russia), Frank Mahut (France), and Jerome David (France).

Oslo, 10.11.01

Pål Bergan

Chair IPC Formation Skydiving Committee

# **AGENDA FOR OPEN MEETING OF IPC FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE LAUSANNE – 2002**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **COMPETITION RULES**

The following points are brought to the agenda as proposals for discussions and changes to the competition rules for 2002.

- Synchronisation of events - Number of rounds in the event (10 - 7)
- Five day competition period
- Dive pools: Reduction of dive pools to 20 randoms and 14 blocks; Remove Overlaps; Remove three-point blocks in 8 way.
- Number of viewings per jump reduced to 2
- Change procedures for tie breaking rounds to only one tie breaking round.
- Fewer teams to semi final and final rounds: 8 for semi finals and 4 for finals
- Reduce of number of judges per panel from 5 to 3
- Introduction of Female Category

### **WORLD CUP AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OF FORMATION SKYDIVING 2002, 4 & 8 WAY**

Representatives of the Portuguese Parachute Federation will present information on the progress of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Cup of 4- and 8-way and the the 5<sup>th</sup> European Championships of Formation Skydiving.

### **FUTURE WORLD CUP AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Organisers are invited to present bids for hosting and organising future IPC World Cup and World Championships:

- 2002 World Cup and European Championships in all events - PORTUGAL
- 2003 Mondial for all events - FRANCE
- 2004 World Cup and / or Continental Championships in all events - OPEN

Oslo, 10.11.00

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## CHIEF JUDGES REPORT – WORLD AIR GAMES – FORMATION SKYDIVING

### COMPETITION PARTICIPATION

Open 4-Way	34 teams
Female 4-way	10 teams
8-way	10 teams

### RECORDS

Some national records were established

#### *4-way*

Round 4	Argentina	9 points
Round 4	Zimbabwe	4 points
Round 10	Italy	24 points
Round 10	Switzerland	26 points

#### *Female 4-way*

Round 8	Spain	9 points
Round 10	Great Britain	21 points

### AIRCRAFT

Two Twin Otters were serving at the competition for 8-way and up to five CASAs for 4-way. All flying were organised together with the other events so sometimes it was a little slow for FS.

I would like to thank the pilots and their crew for the good coo-operation.

### ORGANISATION

All the judges were accommodated in the same hotel in the middle of the beautiful town of Granada.

We had bus scheduled for transportation to and from the drop zone. The schedule wasn't always perfect for judges it was especially difficult get transport back to the hotel if you were released early.

The judging area was in the main building. The rooms were big and very good for judging. A little warm but after a day we managed to get fans.

The manifests were at the hangar away from the judging area. Announcements were not heard in the judging area because it would have been too disturbing.

The local people who worked with us during the competition were very friendly and helpful. Thank you very much for your coo-operation.

### EQUIPMENT

OmniSkore judging system was used and functioned perfectly. I would like to thank Ted Wagner with his team, Tim and Gloria, for their help with the scoring system during the competition.

We had two judging rooms with, in each, 6 monitors, 1 OmniSkore complete system, 1 computer, 1 video recorder. The rooms shared 1 printer. The Chief judging room had 1 computer, 1 printer, all chief judges shared this equipment. The judging rooms were set up by the start time of the judge's conference. with all the necessary equipment for judging.

There were some problems with power failure in the judging rooms one period for 1 hour and 10 minutes and one period of 30 minutes, during this time we couldn't judge anything and the jumps were recorded on tape. We also had some minor problems with the equipment relating to bad power supply.

## COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

The Meet Director, Patrice Girardin, and his crew conducted a very high level of efficiency and it was very easy to work together with them. Several events were going on at the same time that made it difficult to know if there were another competition jump in FS within two hours or 5 minutes. The judges had to wait in front of the monitors for uncertain time.

Recommendation: Improve communication between manifest and Chief Judge. The IP Controller for Judging and Scoring, Mrs Brenda Reid, has worked with the organisation and Chief Judges in advance so a lot of preparation were done when the Chief Judges arrived. Her work made the preparation as Chief Judge very easy. My opinion is that in competitions with several events it is necessary to have such a coordinator.

## FAI JUDGES' PANEL

Consisted of:

CHIEF JUDGE:	Elisabet PETTERSSON (Sweden)
EVENT JUDGE 4-WAY	Pia BERGGREN (Sweden)
EVENT JUDGE 8-WAY	Klaus WELLENS (Germany)
ASSISTANT to CHIEF JUDGE	José Manuel QUILEZ VICENTE
PRINCIPAL JUDGES:	
AUSTRALIA	Gail BRADLEY Lisa JONSSON
CANADA	Rina GALLO
DENMARK	Susanne BRUUN ANDREASEN
FINLAND	Pekka SALMELA
FRANCE	Susan DIXON
ITALY	Sara SACCHET
NORWAY	Anna-Maria LUND Tone BERGAN
RUSSIA	Anton KOVALEV
USA	Judy CELAYA
SWITZERLAND	Doris MERZ

The judge's conference was held in accordance with the Sporting Code. We covered the competition rules and judge's responsibilities and duties. At the end of the seminar all the judges were capable of working a Principal judges and the relationship between the judges was very good and friendly.

Each judging panel consisted of 7 persons: One event judge, one observing judge (also acting as video operator) and five principal judges.

## JUDGING RULES

The judges didn't find any problems in understanding the rules. During the competition 488 jumps were judged (388 4-way and 100 8-way) and in 178 (36,5%) (4-way 143, 36,9% and 8-way 35, 35%) of them a third viewing was used.

## RESULTS

Scores were posted on the DZ-TV (OmniSkore standings) as they were judged. The scores were not announced through the loudspeaker. The judging cycle and scores was showed on DZ-TV monitors in a big hangar and a public tent. After the score was signed and posted the score was displayed as "official" on the DZ-TV.

Recommendation: For public and media purposes it would be nice to have the results announced.

## **VIDEO EVIDENCE**

The teams had very good videographers but some were not used to jump CASAs and there were some NJ:s

Open 4-way            39 NJ

Female 4-way        3 NJ

## **JUDGING FROM DUBBING**

The first viewing was judged and recorded from the videographers dubbing signal, this worked very well. Sometimes it was a very long time between jumps and that teams didn't record their jumps in jump order. The reason for this was that teams were not landing close to the dubbing/manifest and were coming back from the landing area to the dubbing/competition site by bus but not in jump order. The bus ride back took all between 10 and 20 minutes. The judging room and dubbing area were close to each other with radio communication between dubbing room and judging room. There were two dubbing stations for FS, one to each judging room. The communication between dubbing and judging worked perfectly.

The video controller, Gustavo Cabana and his crew conducted a very high level of efficiency and it was very easy to work together with them. My great and sincere thank you to them.

Suggestion: Landing area close to the dubbing area.

## **REJUMP RECORD**

One rejump in Female 4-way was granted due to weather problems. Two reumps in Open 4-way due to camera failure.

## **PROTEST RECORD**

Three protests were submitted to the jury.

One from Russia 8-way and one from Brazil 8-way, both teams had missed their calls for round 3 and scored zero. Both protests stated that it was because of poor loudspeaker system. The Jury voted in favour for these protests even though it is clearly stated in Sporting Code Section 5, 4.5.4 (3) that it is the team managers responsibility for the teams arrival on time to the aircraft loading point and if the competitors doesn't arrive in time to board the aircraft they will receive the minimum score for that jump (Sporting Code, Section 5, 5.2.5).

One protest was submitted from the Russian 4-way Female team, stated that the videographer was disturbed by the sun and this resulted in inferior quality of the video for judging purpose and the team received a NJ. The Jury denied this protest.

## **SUMMARY**

I would like to thank the panel of judges for their professionalism during the World Meet of Formation Skydiving and specially thank you, to my Event Judges Pia Berggren and Klaus Wellens for their excellent work. Also thank you to my assistant José Manuel QUILEZ VICENTE who always helped willingly with practical things.

I also would like to thank:

- Brenda REID, the IPC controller for Judging and Scoring, for her very professional work and making it easy for me to be a Chief Judge with all her preparation in advance. I also would like to thank her for all good advice during the competition
- Patrice GIRARDIN, the Meet Director and his team
- Rainer "Exi" HOENLE, the IPC Controller, who help me with solving any problems during the competition

- Pal BERGAN, Chair of the FS Subcommittee for his support during the competition

All my thanks to the IPC for giving me the opportunity to work as Chief Judge during a World Meet and WAG in Formation Skydiving

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisabet Pettersson'.

Elisabet PETTERSSON

Chief Judge FS, World Meet-WAG 2001