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## INTERNATIONAL WORLD PARACHUTING RANKING LISTS

In 2012 the 63<sup>rd</sup> IPC Plenary directed the Bureau to implement parachute ranking lists for our disciplines. The principals for the lists was approved at the same meeting and modified on the 64<sup>th</sup> IPC Plenary in 2013. Ranking lists for a majority of the parachuting disciplines are now published and available on IPC's website here: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-events/ipc-rankings>. Ranking lists for Para Ski are still pending.

As discussed at the IPC Plenary last year it is now time to evaluate the value of the ranking lists and consider if the regulations should be included in the general rules and regulations for IPC. The principals for calculating the ranking can be found following the link above.

A number of issues should be considered by the Plenary:

- A. Are the Ranking Lists used by the NACs and competitors?  
The whole idea of behind the Ranking Lists is to provide the means for the NACs and especially the competitors to promote the sport and themselves before media, sponsors, etc. Any input from the NACs, Delegates and Committees on the issue would be appreciated.
- B. Does IPC have the manpower to maintain the Ranking lists?  
Quite a lot of work goes into creating and maintaining the lists. Establishing the first lists for a discipline takes a large workload and we should remember that this is done as volunteer work. Susan Dixon and Fay Kimble have stepped up to this task, which we should all be grateful and thank them for. But, as with everything else in IPC, we should evaluate the value of this. This is closely linked to the question raised above regarding the use of the Ranking Lists. I would like the Committees to consider if they could have a role in maintaining the Ranking Lists.
- C. Continental Championships and World Cups

When designing the ranking lists we took inspiration from several other sports and included results from continental championships and world cups. The main idea was to

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promote a broader participation in competitions in our sport. When calculating value of different competitions the Plenary decided to put a greater value on a continental championship than a world cup.

The thinking behind this was based on two elements. The first is that a continental championship is something more prestigious than a world cup. The other is that the plenary wanted to encourage regions outside Europe to organize continental championships. In short - we want South America, Asia etc. to start organizing championships and in this way help spreading our sport to more countries. Continental championships in more regions would also make high profile competitions more accessible for individuals and teams from countries outside Europe. The way the ranking lists are calculated now we send a clear message to the countries outside Europe to get on with it.

The question is if this works. Are there regions outside Europe considering organizing continental championships? I call for the NACs, Delegates and Committees to provide feedback.

The ranking lists are still in their infancy. The lists need to be both easy understandable and perceived fair, while encouraging our sport to move in the right direction. And we have to do this with the volunteer work that we, the Bureau, Committees and volunteers like Susan and Fay provide. I would ask the Committees, NACs and delegate to provide their input and reflections on the usability and design of the Ranking Lists. All are welcome to do this before the IPC Plenary meeting on my email [nlh@dif.dk](mailto:nlh@dif.dk) .

Blue skies

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