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**INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION
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I would like to thank the committee members for their work throughout the year.

Events 2025

5th WORLD INDOOR FORMATION SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Paraclete XP Raeford, USA

9-12 April 2025

The competition in Raeford was very efficiently run with precise and predictable scheduling that was applauded by the competitors. My thanks to the organizers for their efforts. Overall numbers were in line with previous indoor events but this was helped by the inclusion of 8-way for the first time since it was a demonstration event in 2019.

There was a total of 169 competitors in attendance, representing 16 nations which is down from 20 representative nations at the 2023 indoor competition. It became evident that three judging panels were not really needed and the SC5 panel-size rules need to allow for more fluid sizing. We should attempt to assess each event's participation early enough to size the judging resources appropriately to ensure we are not incurring unnecessary costs.

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24th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and 16th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships

SKYDIVE TEUGE – THE NETHERLANDS

August 26 – September 3, 2025

This was another very successful and well-run competition, with competitors very appreciative of the large meeting/creeping/food marquee complete with pool, table tennis and electronic game machines to keep participants amused during down time and weather holds. The weather did present challenges, and the organizers did an excellent job of taking any opportunity to get loads up, with all events fully completed – It was however necessary to reduce the time between loads on the last day to 30 minutes (with agreement from teams, Jury and Controller) to achieve this result.

211 FS competitors were in attendance and although the number of 4-way open teams was somewhat lower than hoped (16 teams from 10 nations) it was good to see 9 8-way teams at the competition.

Events 2026:

6th FAI World Cup of Indoor Formation Skydiving and

4th FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships

Weembi, Lesquin, France

9-11 April 2026

27th FAI World Skydiving Championships of Formation Skydiving

In conjunction with AE, SP & CP

Skydive Arizona, USA

18-24 October 2026

Bids:

6th FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships

Jochen Schweizer Arena

Taufkirchen, Germany

15-25 April 2027

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25th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving
As part of the World Cup Mondial 2027
João Pessoa, Paraíba, Brazil
6-14 August 2027

25th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and
17th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships
In conjunction with AE, SP and CF
Skydive Czech Republic
Prostejov, Czech Republic
6-12 August 2027

27th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships
In conjunction with AE, SP and CF
Skydive Czech Republic
Prostejov, Czech Republic
28 July - 4 August 2028

An observation about the 2027 bids is that there is a very short time between the indoor and outdoor meets - 109 days

In previous years the time between meets has been between 122 and 197 days with an average of 165.

We need to ensure that teams have enough time to train outdoor events, so a recommendation to bidders is to have indoor meets earlier (February, March or early April) and similarly consider later times for the outdoor meets. The FS committee requests that the 2027 indoor bidder consider scheduling their meet much earlier to allow for greater time between indoor and outdoor competitions.

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Proposed competition rule changes 2026

Indoor and Outdoor rules

New term Sub-Discipline to be added to all CR's

Work by R&R has recommended introducing the term “sub-discipline” to delineate the separate activities within each set of competition rules. This would result in FS having the sub-disciplines of 4-Way, 8-Way and VFS. Additionally, “event” is to be reserved as a description of First and Second category events and current use of the word in our CR's will refer to a “competition” instead of “event”.

Since VFS is considered a sub-discipline on par with 4-way and 8-way there is no need to continue specifying it in the document title which will now be simplified to:

“Competition Rules Formation Skydiving ~~and Vertical Formation Skydiving~~”

Listed below are the instances of sub-discipline and event that are recommended for FS CR's, both indoor and outdoor. The suggestions below may be subject to further discussion with R&R and other committees to ensure a consistent approach across all disciplines.

3 THE ~~EVENTS~~SUB-DISCIPLINE COMPETITIONS

3.1 ~~EVENT~~ SUB-DISCIPLINE COMPETITION DESCRIPTIONS

The discipline will be comprised of the following ~~events~~sub-discipline competitions:

4.2.3 Use of Dive Pool: Each block or formation will be drawn for the scheduled rounds of each competition. ~~In the event that~~ If additional rounds are necessary, due to the tie-breaking “fly-off,” the dive pool for this round will consist of the blocks and formations which were not drawn for the scheduled rounds. ~~In the event that~~ If all of the remaining blocks and formations do not complete the tie-breaking round, the draw will continue from an entire original dive pool in that ~~event~~sub-discipline, excluding any blocks or formations which have already been drawn for that round.

6.4 PROGRAM OF ~~THE EVENT~~S:

6.4.1 The World/Continental Championships or World Cup is comprised of up to 10 rounds for Indoor Formation Skydiving ~~and Indoor Vertical Formation Skydiving~~ competitions:

6.4.2 Time must be reserved before the end of ~~each~~ competition to allow for the completion of the tie break round.

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6.4.3 The ~~competition~~-event will be organised during a maximum time frame of 5(outdoor)/ 3(indoor) competition days. Exceptions may be made where a bid is received for multiple FCE ~~competitions~~ events at one time.

All other occurrences of “event” within the FS CR’s will be changed to “competition” except when referring to “Event Judge” – 34 instances in the outdoor rules, and 25 instances in the indoor rules.

Clarify the definition of a competition round

R&R definitions consider a round to only exist once it is completed by all teams, however FS rules refer to scheduled, drawn and next rounds, none of which make sense in this context, so FS propose introducing a separate definition as follows:

ROUND: A prescribed competition performance as described in these rules. A round has been completed when it has been performed by all participants in the relevant competition and been scored.

Change the order of terms used in the Competition Rules

To maintain consistency across all our rule sets, R&R has asked each of the committees to place the definition of words and phrases used in alphabetical order.

To conform to this the following new order of terms is proposed.

Outdoor:

- 2.1 ~~2.4~~ BODY
- 2.2 ~~2.5~~ DIVE POOL
- 2.3 ~~2.4~~ FORMATION
- 2.4 ~~2.2~~ GRIP
- 2.5 ~~2.3~~ GRIP LINE
- 2.6 ~~2.12~~ INFRINGEMENT
- 2.7 ~~2.9~~ INTER
- 2.8 ~~2.16~~ JUDGEMENT CALL
- 2.9 ~~2.15~~ NV
- 2.10 ~~2.13~~ OMISSION
- 2.11 ~~2.11~~ ROUND
- 2.12 ~~2.11~~ SCORING FORMATION
- 2.13 ~~2.10~~ SEQUENCE
- 2.14 ~~2.6~~ SUBGROUP
- 2.15 ~~2.7~~ A SUBGROUP’S CENTERPOINT
- 2.16 ~~2.8~~ TOTAL SEPARATION
- 2.17 ~~2.17~~ VFS ORIENTATION
- 2.18 ~~2.14~~ WORKING TIME
- 2.19 ~~2.18~~ ZENITH

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Indoor:

- 2.1 ~~2.16~~ ANTECHAMBER
- 2.2 ~~2.4~~ BODY
- 2.3 ~~2.5~~ DIVE POOL
- 2.4 ~~2.14~~ ENTRANCE
- 2.5 ~~2.1~~ FORMATION
- 2.6 ~~2.2~~ GRIP
- 2.7 ~~2.3~~ GRIP LINE
- 2.8 ~~2.12~~ INFRINGEMENT
- 2.9 INTER
- 2.10 ~~2.18~~ JUDGEMENT CALL
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- 2.20 ~~2.19~~ VFS ORIENTATION

Change starting team order for World Cups

Currently the starting jump order in both World Championships and World Cups is in reverse order for the top ten placings at the last World Championships. This makes sense for World Championships, but not necessarily for World Cups where there may be multiple teams from a Nation and often the top National Team is not present. It therefore makes more sense at a World cup for all teams to be in a draw.

4.4.1 At a World Championship, the jump order for the first round of each competition will be in the reverse order of the first ten placings in that competition at the most recent ISC sanctioned World Parachuting Championships of FS. All teams not covered by this procedure will jump at the beginning of the round, with their jump order determined by a draw.

4.4.2 At a World Cup the jump order for the first round of each competition will be determined by a draw.

4.4.23 An updated order of jumping in reverse order of placing shall be implemented after every break in the competition which occurs after a completed round where practical.

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Allow the option of a re-jump/performance in the case of an NV

Current rules state that a re-jump/performance will be **given** in the case of an NV, but the teams should be provided the option so it is proposed to change the wording to “offered” rather than “given”.

Outdoor: 4.8.1 *In a NV situation... a re-jump will be ~~given~~ offered unless ...*

Indoor: 4.7.1 *Where the video evidence is considered insufficient for judging purposes, a re-performance will be ~~given~~ offered unless...*

Allow for shorter time between rounds

At the recent World Cup where there were some weather challenges, the organizers were able to have all rounds complete by shortening the time between rounds on the last day. This was done with the agreement of the jury, controller and competitors and was generally met with approval from the competitors. It is proposed to add this provision to SC5 so that competitors are more aware of the possibility in future.

5.2.5.3...

• For FS, in the case of time constraints due to weather on the last day of competition, the minimum time can be lowered to 30 minutes if there is no objection from a majority of the teams.

Proposal to remove requirement that a piece cannot take an assist grip on it's own piece for VFS.

This was a suggestion made at the recent World Cup competitor's meeting. The suggestion was that some teams are being incorrectly penalised and there would be no advantage if this rule were removed.

The committee feels that there are moves in the VFS pool that could be advantaged if the rule were removed, and it is incumbent on teams to present their moves to the judges. It is also preferred to maintain consistency of rules across all FS events. The proposal therefore will not be adopted.

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25 November 2025