

Sporting Code Section 7C Proposed Changes February 2011

13 JUDGING

13.1 Judging Code

This is a Judging Code for judges at FAI 1st and 2nd Category Paragliding Landing Accuracy competitions. The main task of judges and judging teams is to provide fair judging decisions of pilots' performance by measuring and recording. Judges have to take their decisions alone, based on their observation of pilot performance. All nominated judges will be given a copy of this Judging Code, to which they must adhere.

13.2 Judging team

A Judge is an official who is qualified to observe, mark and measure the performance of a competitor. Judges must have a character of high integrity and must be capable of making fair and unbiased decisions.

13.2.1 Composition **(CHANGED)**

Judging team consists of the following minimum number of judges.

Judge	FAI 1 (and pre-FAI 1 comp.)	FAI 2
Chief Judge	1	1
Event Judge	1	(1) Up to 50 pilots, Event Judge and Chief Judge roles can be combined
Target Judges	3	3
Total	5	5 (4)
Nation mix of acting target judges + Event judge	3 nations minimum	2 nations minimum when international attendance is over 25%
Nation mix for Chief Judge and Event Judge	From two different nations	No obligation

13.2.2 Nomination **(CHANGED)**

Members of the Judging Team are appointed by:

Judge	FAI Cat 1	FAI Cat 2
Chief Judge	Appointed by FAI in consultation with Organiser	Organiser
Event Judge	Appointed by FAI in consultation with Organiser & Chief Judge	Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge
Target Judges	Appointed by Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge	Organiser in consultation with Chief Judge

FAI 1st Category competitions: the organizer should announce the judging team composition with the Chief Judge at least 2 months before start of the competition.

13.2.3 Judging Team Selection

The judging team members must be selected, as far as possible, from those with appropriate levels of experience who are registered on the CIVL International Judging Database.

13.2.4 Experience Levels (CHANGED)

For FAI 1st Category competition judges need to have the following experience:

Judging Appointment	Required Experience
Target Judge	<p>Attended judging training in last 12 months</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Attended judging training and performed as target judge twice (at least at FAI Cat 2 level) within last 2 years</p>
Event Judge	<p>Attended judging training</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted at least 4 times as target judge</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted as Event or Chief Judge in at least one Cat. 2 competition in the last 3 years</p>
Chief Judge	<p>Attended judging training</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted at least twice as Event or Chief Judge in last 4 years (at least once at Cat 1)</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted at least once as Chief Judge in last 4 years at Cat 2 competition</p>

For FAI 2nd Category competition judges need to have the following experience:

Judging Appointment	Required Experience
Target Judge	<p>Attended judging training in last 2 years</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Acted as target judge once in last 3 years</p>
Event Judge	<p>Attended judging training</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted twice as target judge in last 3 years</p>

	<p>Or</p> <p>Acted as Event or Chief Judge in last 3 years</p>
Chief Judge	<p>Attended judging training</p> <p>And</p> <p>Acted as Event or Chief Judge in last 3 years</p>

13.2.5 Language Skills (CHANGED)

FAI 1st Category competitions: the official judging language is English. Target judges must be able to communicate their observations and decisions in English or there must be present a person for translations. The Event Judge or Chief Judge must be able to deliver briefings, instructions and reports in English.

FAI 2nd Category competitions: the official language can be the language of the organizing nation but there must be a person capable of translating briefings and judging decisions to English language.

13.2.6 Revoking an Appointment

Judges may have their appointment revoked by the Chief Judge if they fail to maintain the standards of this code or are guilty of misdemeanours during the competition,

13.3 Responsibilities

13.3.1 Target Judges (CHANGED)

The Target judging team will consist of a minimum of three members. The positions are set by the Chief Judge.

- The Target judges will observe all contacts noting the first point of ground contact of the Competitor.
- If an automatic measuring device is found to be defective and the first point of ground contact has been on it, judges are to measure the score manually.
- A minimum of one Target Judge must observe the competitors body position and decide whether the competitor's first point of ground contact is with left, right or both feet.
- At least one of Target Judges will also signal (by one arm above the head) if a competitor fell.
- If the first point of ground contact is off the automatic measuring device, but within measuring field, the target judges will mark and measure the perceived point of ground contact of the pilot.
- In the event that the judges consider that there was more than one simultaneous point of first contact, the farthest point of first contact will be measured.
- Once measured, one member only of the team, who has been nominated as caller, will call the score to the recorder. The score will be repeated back by the recorder.
- If more than three Target Judges are used they would use signals as follows:
 - Fall signal ... One arm above the head
 - Left or right leg signal ... Left or Right arm, as appropriate, fully extended at right angles to the body at shoulder height.
 - Both feet signal ... Both arms extended in front of the body, waist height

13.3.2 Event Judge (CHANGED)

The Event Judge (EJ) is the team leader of the judging team and is responsible for the following:

- Checking landing area setting.
- The smooth running of the target area.
- To produce a list of change of duties for short periods to one of the judges.
- May also take over any of the duties within the target area.
- For observing competitors' separation in the air and during final approach.
- For observing pilots route from take off to target.

If the Event Judge considers that conditions are becoming dangerous, EJ has the authority to temporarily stop the competition after he has conferred with the Chief Judge and the Competition Director.

The Event Judge must hold a preparatory meeting for the judging team and supporting roles before the training round of the competition.

13.3.3 Chief Judge (CHANGED)

The Chief Judge is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that correct judging standards are maintained by all members of the judging team.
- Checking the score sheet and signing to confirm the validity of round scores.
- Assembling and briefing all judges prior to the start of the Competition.
- Ensuring that all required equipment is available and in working order.
- Attending all briefings of competitors and if necessary giving his own briefing to competitors.
- Ensuring that at any time the required nations mix is represented in the judging team at the target.
- Keeping a record of the judges and their duties during the competition and providing these information to CIVL.
- Conferring with the Competition Director as soon as a request has been made to temporarily stop the competition.
- The Chief Judge can decide on video evidence review according to 2.6.7.
- The Chief Judge can provide judging training seminar during training rounds

13.3.4 Dangerous situations signals (NEW)

Any person should, on the command from Chief or Event Judge, wave with a red flag within the measuring field if the conditions in the target become dangerous. If the red flag is not readily available the person can wave above the pad with arms or with the judging vest. It signals that the target is closed and the pilot has to land outside the target.

13.4 Judging equipment

13.4.1 Clothing

Target judges shall wear clothes (vests, t-shirts, etc.) of very visible colours (red, yellow...)

13.4.2 Measuring:

Target judges shall be equipped with pointers which can be used for marking a pilot's first point of landing, but which does not disturb other pilot's landings. The tape measure shall be at least the same length as the measuring field radius.

13.4.3 Communication

The organiser must provide communication equipment to facilitate communication between Meet director, Chief Judge, Event judge and Launch marshal.

13.4.4 Shelter

The organiser must provide a shelter and refreshment for judges and supporting duties officers.

13.5 Supporting Services

Organisers must provide the following supporting services / duties:

13.5.1 The Recorder

The Recorder will repeat, in the official language, and record on a official log sheet a Competitor's score, which is called by the target judge. The score shall be signed by the competitor.

The Recorder will record the start, finish and stand down times of the rounds on the log sheets.

13.5.2 The Wind Speed Monitor (CHANGED)

The Wind speed monitor is a person observing the wind speed, by using the wind speed measuring device. If the wind exceeds the maximum value, he/she will record that on the official log sheet provided and notify an event judge.

If the wind speed limit is exceeded in the period of 30 seconds before a landing of the competitor they will inform the Event Judge who may offer a re-launch.

Wind speed signalling and recording can be done with automatic devices.

At FAI Category 2 competitions wind speed monitor service can be simplified by using mechanical instruments, and in case of high winds organiser must provide a person for observing and continuously reporting wind speed to the Event Judge.