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International Parachuting Commission
Formation Skydiving Committee Report
Portugal 2004

The formation skydiving community and the FS Committee had two major competitions in 2003 with the Anton Malevsky Memorial meet in Russia for 4-way and the Mondial WPC at Gap, France.

A competitors' meeting was held during the Mondial. All committee members were present in Gap, and Exi and Toly attended the Anton Malevski meet. Other correspondence through the year has been by email.

Changes to Competition rules.

There were no objections to any changes made by the committee last year, either by email or at the competitors' meeting. One query was in relation to the dropping of the requirement to hold large formation records for 3 seconds. This was made by Skydiving magazine and they subsequently did an article on the rule change.

Competitors Meeting Gap

Some competitors felt the time frame to change to female Videographers for the female event was too short and requested an extra year. All competitors wanted more teams to do the final and semi final rounds in view of the closeness of the last two competitions in almost all categories. They proposed a return to 10 teams for semi and 6 teams for final rounds. Other points of discussion were the use of wind tunnels after the draw has been made, the application of the double bust rule to NJ and randoms, Videographers missing exits, only 6 point rounds and the centerpoint rule. All these are addressed in the agenda for the open meeting.

WPC Gap.

I would like to congratulate and thank the French Federation for hosting the Mondial. It was a well run competition with all events finishing within the allotted time frame. The time frame stipulated by the mondial organisers in their bid was longer than our FS Competition Rules. The rules had changed the year after the Mondial bid was accepted to state a maximum of five competition days. This was addressed well before the competition by the First Vice President but I think we need to be careful when making rule changes to see any bids already accepted are still compatible. This applies to all disciplines.

There were a few problems that developed with the rules as the meet progressed. One was some Videographers did not seem to be in any hurry to have their tapes dubbed and judged, resulting in teams not being judged in reverse order in some cases. Another issue was the determination of placings for the finals which will be the subject of a rule clarification this year.

In FS the number of teams was significantly reduced when compared to the previous WPC. In 4-Way FS, 22 teams competed which is 64% of the team numbers from Granada. Both the 4-Way female (8 teams) and the 8-Way (8 teams) were at 80% of Granada numbers.

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Anton Malevsky Cup

In only the second year of this competition, 13 teams from 6 nations competed. As there are prize money and incentives to attend for the top teams, it is probable this will become more popular in future. A bid to hold this event again in 2004 has been received from the Russian Federation

Future Competitions

This year the 16th WPC in FS (4-way, 4-way female and 8-way) will be held in Croatia in September.

The USA has placed a tentative bid for a WC in 2005 as part of a Mondial.

Bids for future competitions are welcome.

Committee Work

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