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## IPC Bureau Decision

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TIME FRAME

*“The simple facts are :-*

*The IPC approved the Mondial 2003 in France in 2001 with a seven day time frame. The Competition Rules for the Championships at the Mondial should have reflected that, notwithstanding the fact that for "regular" WPCs the timeframe would be 5 competition days. The Bureau has acted properly, in accordance with its Internal Regulations, to clarify and correct an error of drafting by the Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events committees in their Competition Rules. “*

*(response by IPC 1st VP Windsor to a complaint from the IPC delegate for Norway)*

#### STATEMENT

The IPC President has asked me to handle this matter because of his direct involvement as organiser of Mondial 03.

History shows that at the IPC Meeting in San Diego 2001, France was awarded the responsibility for hosting Mondial 2003, a concept that the IPC had been in pursuit of for many years, where all skydiving World Championships would be held together (except Para-Ski).

At the following IPC meeting in 2002, Competition rules for Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events were amended to include a rule to have competitions run over a 5-day time frame. This rule was introduced AFTER the French had been awarded the championships. It is worth noting that suggestions put forward for consideration the following year (2002) by the Formation Skydiving Committee included not only the possibility of a 5 day time frame, but also a 7 round competition, a reduced dive pool and other matters, but these were not decided on until 2002.

The original French proposal was for all events to be run at the same time according to logistical and weather circumstances. The 5-day time frame rule, which was introduced subsequently to the French bid, could have led to the situation where competitors may not have been able to complete all scheduled competition rounds.

The IPC bureau recently considered this potential conflict and has ruled that it would waive the generic competition rules for all disciplines that impose a time frame inconsistent with the program of events proposed by the Mondial organiser and accepted by the IPC.

This decision was not taken lightly, and was made after consultation with both the Artistic and Formation Skydiving committees of the IPC. The Bureau is also aware that

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there have been no bulletins issued by the organiser of Mondial 2003 that specify dates that fall within a 5 day time frame for any specific events.

For more information about Mondial 2003, visit the web-site at [www.mondial03.com](http://www.mondial03.com).

(signed)

Graeme Windsor

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

International Parachute Commission

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Canberra  
16 April 2003

Dear Pål,

### **Mondial Schedule**

Patrice has asked me to handle this issue, principally because of a possible conflict in his roles as IPC President and Organiser.

As I understand the problem, the generic FS and AE competition rules currently require a 5-day time-frame, whereas more than that has been allowed in the Mondial bid.

I think I have seen most of the arguments, including comments from Fiona and Exi as to the improbability of completing the FS events in a 5 day period, with all other events to be run concurrently. I have viewed a copy of the Organiser Agreement and I do not find a specific item in that to cover this issue. I don't believe the intention was for Mondial to have conditions for FS or AE event competitors that were different to conditions for competitors in other events.

I am grateful for your suggested solution to this dilemma in your advice that:-  
["My concern is again that this situation needs to be clarified and either receive a formal approval of change from the rules, OR embed the competitions that have time limits in their rules into the overall schedule..."](#)

Given that the organiser's proposal was for all events to be run at the same time according to logistical and weather circumstances, the Bureau has agreed to waive the generic competition rules for all disciplines which impose a time frame inconsistent with the program of events proposed by the Mondial organiser and accepted by the IPC.

I have taken steps to have this course of action implemented.

Regards

Graeme Windsor  
IPC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

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**Subject:** Re: Parachuting - Mondial 2003 competition time frames  
**Sent:** 6/25/03 7:24 PM

Dear Pål,

I see you are pursuing this issue with considerable vigour, a quality to be admired in our athletes.

The simple facts are :-

The IPC approved the Mondial 2003 in France in 2001 with a seven day time frame.

The Competition Rules for the Championships at the Mondial should have reflected that, notwithstanding the fact that for "regular" WPCs the timeframe would be 5 competition days. The Bureau has acted properly, in accordance with its Internal Regulations, to clarify and correct an error of drafting by the Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events committees in their Competition Rules.

Kind regards,

Graeme Windsor  
 IPC Vice-President

-----Original Message-----

From: Pål Bergan [<mailto:pal.bergan@online.no>]

Sent: Tuesday 24 June 2003 05:25

To: Graeme Windsor

Cc: Knut Magne Ekerhovd (Knut Magne Ekerhovd); 'Pål Kolbenstvedt'

Subject: SV: Parachuting - Mondial 2003 competition time frames

Dear Graeme.

Your statement states among things:

"The IPC bureau recently considered this potential conflict and has ruled that it would waive the generic competition rules ..."

For the record, on behalf of the Norwegian Parachute Federation can you please let us know on what basis and authority within our ruling documents the IPC Bureau has authorised itself with the power to "waive ... competition rules" (or parts thereof).

Sincerely,

Pål Bergan

IPC Delegate, Norway.