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Mr. Graeme Windsor
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International Parachuting Commission

Asten (Austria), October 10th 2013

Dear Mr. President!

Dear Graeme!

As Chairman of the International Speed Skydiving Association (ISSA) it is an honor to me, to address this letter to the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) and to you personally. In recent years, the ISSA has looked for the contact, and has intensified the contact to National Airsport Controls (NAC) and the IPC. Major results of the ISSA approach to NACs and the IPC are:

- Sweden, the United Kingdom and Austria have approved Speed Skydiving as an official discipline on national level and are organizing National Championships since several years.
- In January 2008, Speed Skydiving was presented at the IPC Plenary Meeting in Paris.
- During the 2013 Mondial 10 of the world's best Speed Skydivers were able to present their sport to a broad international audience in Dubai.
- Finland, the Netherlands and the United States have expressed their interest in national speed skydiving championships.
- After the successful demo competition during the Mondial, a Speed Skydiving Demo will also take place this year during the 4th Dubai International Parachuting Championship.

Also a good indicator of how much the interest in Speed Skydiving has increased, is the number of international and national Speed Skydiving competitions organized in 2013:

- The annual World Series Tour with three events in Germany, England and the Czech Republic - 57 participants from 10 countries participated in the three events.
- Three national championships in Sweden, the United Kingdom and in Austria, open for international competitors.
- Two additional national competitions in Austria with international participants.
- And the Speed Skydiving Roadshow in England - also 3 events.

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It is the great desire of the Speed Skydiving athletes and the ISSA that speed Skydiving is getting the IPC approval as an official discipline and that speed skydiving become part of the IPC family.

Personally, I am convinced that the development of Speed Skydiving and Parachuting would continue even stronger, by more and closer cooperation within the IPC and that this would open up also new possibilities of presentation to the public and the media - the development of software for the graphical display of acceleration and speed for the 2013 Mondial Demo, the use of very small high-performance key-cams and the resulting combination of video footage and graphical speed indicator, presented on big video walls, is a good example.

It would be great, if a proposal, to approve Speed Skydiving as an official discipline, could be discussed by the IPC delegates at the next IPC Plenary Meeting in Vienna. To support a discussion and to support the decision making, the ISSA has created an FAI / IPC compliant draft for Speed Skydiving Competition Rules (the draft is enclosed to this letter). If it is the wish of the IPC, the ISSA would be happy to send a representative to the IPC Plenary Meeting to Vienna, to answer any questions and to discuss them together with the IPC delegates - I am personally available for this task.

Do not hesitate to contact me, if you need additional documents or if I can answer any questions in advance. I am looking forward to a positive IPC reaction to our desire.

Best regards,


Arnold Hohenegger, MBA

Attachments: Draft FAI / IPC compliant Speed Skydiving Competition Rules (including the three initial pages required for all FAI Rules)
Summary of necessary changes to Section 5