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MAIN CHANGES TO SECTION 5 CONCERNING JUDGING

Explanatory note – This page (continuing onto page 2) is for guidance, to draw attention to the main changes to Chapter 6, SC5. The full text of the proposed Chapter 6 appears from page 2 onwards.

Paragraphs specific to the judging activity have been removed from Chapter 4 to Chapter 6 as they do not relate specifically to the organisation of a competition. Overall the wording and level of detail has been simplified.

JUDGE EVALUATION

A new role is created: The IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator.

Tests on FAI rules, GS, SC5 will be harmonised which means that a multiple rated judge does not to redo this part of the test if they re-evaluate in several disciplines in the same year.

All CoJT must share their material with the IPC

Language requirements have been reinforced.

Requirements to participate in an FAI IPC Judge Training Course have been reinstated.

Pass requirements have been modified from 85% to 80%.

CHIEF OF JUDGE TRAINING AND TRAINEE JUDGES

The CoJT is nominated or approved by the Judges Committee for training within or separate from an FCE or SCE. He must use material provided by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator and share any other material used with the Judges Committee.

Potential Trainee Judges must be nominated annually to allow the IPC to organise the required number of courses and avoid the situation encountered this year where all courses at FCEs were cancelled.

For the same reason, we propose that the CoJT expenses will be picked up by the IPC and NOT by the Organiser (when the course is at an FCE).

ANNUAL RENEWAL

The requirements have been simplified to remain on the list. Any competition will count and not just « Nationals ».

REQUIREMENTS TO JUDGE AT A FCE

The wording has been simplified and judging at SCE has been added to the qualification criteria. The need to pass the Judge Conference has been removed since a CJ may remove a Judge at any time if the requirements are not met.

CHIEF JUDGE NOMINATION

In order to ensure continuity and « career » progression, the Judges Committee consider that Judge appointment should not concern anyone other than the Committee with IPC Plenary approval. Implicating the Organiser and discipline committee can lead to conflict of interest.

EVENT JUDGE NOMINATION

For the same reason as above, the EJ will be selected by the CJ AND the Judges Committee.

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EVENT JUDGE DUTIES

Some details have been removed from SC5 as they relate to specific disciplines and should be in the competition rules (6.9.4. (5) & (6)).

SPORTING CODE SECTION 5, CHAPTER 6 – FAI JUDGES

Special Note : The use of the words he or his in this document does not imply gender but is used in place of he/she or his/her.

6.1. JUDGE TRAINING AND EVALUATION**6.1.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FAI PARACHUTING JUDGE RATINGS**

The IPC sets the minimum requirements for an FAI Parachute Judge Rating. NACs are encouraged to enhance the IPCs minimum standards in order to ensure experienced and technically competent FAI Parachuting Judges for FAI/IPC sanctioned competitions.

6.1.1.1. General**6.1.1.1.1. Knowledge of the Rules**

An FAI Parachuting Judge must have a detailed knowledge of the Sporting Code, General Section, Section Five with its annexes and the Competition Rules for the particular category for which he is qualified.

6.1.1.1.2. Language

An FAI Parachuting Judge or a Judge in Training (xx) must have the ability to understand and communicate in English, which is the working language of the IPC (Internal Regulations 1.5) and the language in which the Competition Rules are written (SC5 4.2.2.) and consequently is the language used for all Judging matters.

6.1.1.1.3. Record of Judging Activity

Each FAI Parachuting Judge must keep a record of their judging activity in a logbook.

The IPC Judges' Committee shall keep a record of all judging at FCEs and SCEs and the confirmation of any formal evaluation of each Judge.

6.1.2. CRITERIA FOR JUDGE TRAINING AND EVALUATION

6.1.2.1. All FAI IPC Judge training will be coordinated by an IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator who is appointed by the IPC Judges' Committee.

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6.1.2.2. The IPC Judge Course Coordinator will provide guidelines for training and evaluating judges. These guidelines will include a schedule, outline, training tips, interpretations of the rules and, where applicable, the current interpretations of the manoeuvres.

6.1.2.3. The evaluation will be carried out the Chief of Judge Training designated or approved by the IPC Judges' Committee. He must use material provided by the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator supplemented by material prepared by himself that must be made available to and approved by the IPC Judges' Committee.

6.1.2.4. *On-Line Training and Evaluation*

On-line training is available to any judge for practice.

The on-line evaluation tool may only be used for re-evaluation that must be carried out in the presence of a person designated or approved by the IPC Judges' Committee.

6.1.2.5. *Evaluation on Sporting Code and Competition Rules for all disciplines*

The evaluation in all disciplines will include an open-book exam on the content of the Sporting Code and relevant Competition Rules. At least 80% of the questions must be answered correctly.

6.1.2.6. *Evaluation in Freefall Style, FS CF and AE*

6.1.2.6.1. Evaluation Method

The evaluation will be made using recording media and must include a minimum of 30 jumps. A summary of the approved scores and, if applicable, a copy of the relevant dive pool must be provided with the recording media.

6.1.2.6.2. Minimum Evaluation Standard

At least 80% of the scores for all disciplines must agree with the approved score. For FS and CF, no more than 20% of the assessments may be in disagreement with the approved score.

6.1.2.7. *Evaluation in Accuracy Landing and Canopy Piloting*

Evaluation will be carried out during a competition under the control of the Chief of Judge Training.

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6.2. JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS

6.2.1. Initial Qualification

6.2.1.1. In order to participate in an IPC sanctioned FAI Judges Training Course; a candidate must, in the relevant discipline:

- Have attended at least one training seminar and judges one competition or judges two competitions in the previous two years, and
- Be a fully qualified national judge, and
- Satisfy the requirements outlines in 6.1.1.1.2

6.2.1.2. A NAC may provide the name of any new FAI Parachuting Judge, immediately after a completed IPC Judge Training Course, directly to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee, who will then add them to the current IPC List of FAI Parachuting Judges.

6.2.2. Annual Renewal, Reinstatement and Requalification

6.2.2.1. *Annual Renewal*

In order to qualify for annual renewal, an FAI Parachuting Judge must, in the two preceding calendar years, have either:

- Judged at least one competition in the relevant discipline or
- Successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation.

Any Judge who does not meet the Annual Renewal requirements will be removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges.

6.2.2.2. *Reinstatement*

Any Judge that has been removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges by reason of not meeting the Annual Renewal requirements may be reinstated as an FAI Parachuting Judge by, in the two calendar years following removal from the list:

- Judging at one competition in the relevant discipline and
- Successfully passing an IPC approved evaluation.

6.2.2.3. *Requalification*

Any Judge not returning to the list by reason of not meeting the requirements for a Reinstated Judge must meet the Initial Qualification requirements (6.2.1.) in order to be replaced on the list again.

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6.2.2.4. IPC Control

The IPC has the right to require detailed information about an FAI Parachuting Judge's performance at any time and to check if a Judge has achieved or maintained the evaluation standards. If this is found not to be true, the Judge will immediately be removed from the Judges list and be required to requalify as per 6.2.2.3.

6.3. LIST OF FAI PARACHUTING JUDGES

6.3.1. The IPC will maintain a list of all (new, reinstated and requalified) FAI Parachuting Judges. This list will be updated on an annual basis.

6.3.2. Each NAC must provide an updated list of its FAI Parachuting Judges to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee no later than December 31st of the calendar year preceding the annual IPC meeting.

6.3.3. The NAC will certify to the IPC Judges Committee that the Judges from its country are current national judges and have met the FAI Parachuting Judge Initial Qualification, Annual Renewal or Reinstatement requirements (6.2.1. and 6.2.2.)

6.3.4. For the Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing categories, current CISM International Judges are considered to have met all the requirements necessary for inclusion in the IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges and a NAC may include their names on the nomination list (6.4.1.3.)

6.3.5. Potential Trainee Judges

Each NAC shall submit the names of all potential Training Judges or those FAI Parachuting Judges wishing to be reevaluated or reinstated to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee no later than December 31st of the year prior to the next IPC Plenary meeting, so as to enable the IPC Judges' Committee to determine Judge Training and Evaluation requirements for the coming year.

6.4. QUALIFICATIONS TO JUDGE AT FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

Judges qualified to judge a First Category Event (GS 3.5.1.) are highlighted in the list of FAI Parachuting Judges. In order to be able to qualify for nomination or selection to judge at an FCE, a FAI Parachuting Judge must:

6.4.1. Accuracy Landing

In the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held, have successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation on the content of the Sporting Code and relevant Competition rules, or

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Have served as a Judge in the relevant discipline in any capacity other than Assistance to the CJ unless they are already an FAI Judge in that discipline at the time of the competition, FAI Controller or Jury Member at a FCE, SCE or World Games for the specific category in the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held.

6.4.2. Freestyle Style, FS Indoor FS, CF, AE, Indoor AE and CP

In the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held, have successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation in the relevant discipline, or

Have served as a Judge in the relevant discipline in any capacity other than Assistance to the CJ unless they are already an FAI Judge in that discipline at the time of the competition, FAI Controller or Jury Member at a FCE, SCE or World Games for the specific category in the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held.

6.5. ANNUAL NOMINATIONS

The names of all Judges available from each NAC for the event (other than Para-ski) to take place in the following year and who must be on the current IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges before being nominated, must be supplied on the official nomination form(s) by the NAC to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee no later than December 31 of the calendar year preceding the IPC meeting preceding the event. The Judges Committee will then draw up an annual nomination list from which Judges will be selected for the forthcoming FAI sanctioned events.

For Para-ski, the official nomination form must be sent by the NAC to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee no later than October 31st of the calendar year preceding the IPC meeting preceding the event.

6.6. JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS FOR FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

The national identity of a person selected to a panel of Judges must not be listed or revealed (either in writing or by country flag) in any external communication connected with the event (Website, Information Bulletins Media reports, etc.) or on any clothing worn by or identification badges supplied to that person.

6.6.1. Chief Judge

A Chief Judge (CJ) for an FCE is nominated from the annual nomination list by the Judges' Committee and must be approved by the IPC Plenary. The CJ must have performed as an Event Judge at a minimum of 2 FCEs (1 for CF)

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or as a Chief Judge prior to the nomination and must not be from the organising country.

The CJ must have a thorough working knowledge of the General Section and Section 5 of the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules, including the latest changes made at the IPC meeting preceding the competition for which they are nominated and the philosophy behind these changes. He must also be familiar with all aspects of the conduct and operation of an international competition and will serve as administrative head of the Panel of Judges.

6.6.2. Event Judges

Event Judges (EJ) will be selected by the approved CJ and the Judges' Committee from the annual nomination list and must have performed as a Judge at a minimum of 2 FCEs (1 for CF) in the 4 years preceding the event.

The EJ must have a thorough working knowledge of the General Section and Section 5 of the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules, including the latest changes made at the IPC meeting preceding the competition for which they are nominated and the philosophy behind these changes. He must also be familiar with all aspects of the conduct and operation of an international competition and be responsible for the technical direction of the Judges assigned to the event. The EJ will brief the Judges appointed for the event and detail the duties of these Judges.

6.6.3. Other FAI Judges

Other FAI Judges required as per SC5 4.6.1. will be selected from the annual nomination list of FAI Parachuting Judges by the CJ. The CJ must select at least one new judge per panel that has not previously been selected for a FCE, if new judges are available.

6.6.4. Assistant to the Chief Judge

An Assistant to the CJ, who must be an FAI Parachuting Judge or be approved by the IPC Judges' Committee, will be nominated by, and normally be from the country of the Organiser and will normally be from the country of the Organiser, unless the IPC Judges' Committee decides otherwise.

6.6.5. Chief of Judge Training

The Chief of Judge Training (CJT) is nominated or approved by the Judge's Committee. He must have a thorough working knowledge of the General Section and Section 5 of the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules, including the latest changes made at the IPC meeting preceding the

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competition for which they are nominated. He must be completely familiar with current developments in the discipline and the IPC training methods,

6.6.6. Replacements

6.6.6.1. *Failure to respond*

If a Judge who has been selected to the Panel of Judges fails to respond within 21 days of the CJ's notification that he has been selected, that Judge will be considered to be unavailable and the CJ will then select another available Judge and will inform the organiser and the relevant NAC of this replacement.

6.6.6.2. *Inability to attend*

If a Judge has accepted his selection to the Panel of Judges and is unable to attend, he must immediately notify the CJ who will then select another available Judge. If the Judge does not so notify the CJ, that Judge will be found unacceptable and 6.7. will apply.

6.6.6.3. *Absence*

If Judges from the selected panel are not present at the required time or an insufficient number of Judges are present; the CJ may choose replacements from any FAI Parachuting Judges present. The Jury must approve such replacements.

6.6.7. Unacceptability

The CJ has the right to dismiss a Judge from the Panel of Judges if his work and/or behaviour is incompetent or unacceptable or if his ability to communicate is insufficient or inadequate and cannot therefore comply with paragraph 6.1.1.2. The decision requires Jury approval following which the Organiser is no longer responsible for food and living costs for that Judge, as provided in SC5 4.1.4.(2) and who will no longer be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with SC5 4.1.4. (3).

The CJ must file a report with the Judges' Committee containing specific details of the circumstances in which the Judge was found unacceptable. The Judge will lose the status of FAI Judge and will be required to requalify as per 6.2.2.3.

6.7. DUTIES OF JUDGES

6.7.1. Chief Judge

The CJ will serve as administrative head of the Panel of Judges

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6.7.1.1. *Judge Panel Selection*

The CJ must contact each Judge on the annual nomination list, within 30 days of having received official approval of appointment as CJ, to determine availability of those nominated, giving a period of 21 days for reply. The CJ is then required, within 60 days, to inform those selected to the Official Panel of Judges and those not selected.

6.7.1.2. *Liaison with the organiser*

The CJ will, upon nomination, communicate with the nominated Assistant to the Chief Judge of the FCE for which he has been appointed to confirm:

- Official Arrival date of Judges (CJ, EJs and Panel of Judges),
- Date and duration of the Judges' Conference,
- Any specific requirements for that FCE.

6.7.1.3. *Arrival at the Competition Site*

The CJ must be at the competition site in sufficient time to fulfil all the duties required of a Chief Judge.

6.7.1.4. *Responsibilities prior to the start of the competition*

- Review all Official Information Bulletins (SC5 4.2.5.), ensure that they are correct and in accordance with the requirements of the FCE Application Document and if so, advise the IPC Bureau (1st VP?) that they are satisfactory.
- The CJ must conduct a Conference for the Panel of Judges before the start of the events.
- The CJ shall be responsible for ensuring that the Panel of Judges meets the qualification standard.
- The CJ has the right to dismiss a Judge who does not meet these requirements (6.6.7).
- Prior to the start of the competition the CJ must confirm to the organiser and the Jury that all the equipment required by the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules is on site and in working order.
- The CJ will (conduct) be present when the draw of the sequences and/or jump order as required by the Competition Rules, is made.
- The CJ will designate the official scoreboard.

6.7.1.6. *Responsibilities during the competition*

- The CJ will conduct all Judges meetings
- The CJ will ensure compliance with the FAI Sporting Code and the Competition Rules during the competition, working as necessary with the Meet Director and other competition personnel.
- The CJ will control the evaluation of score sheets and will ensure prompt publication of the results on the official scoreboard.

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- If a potential World or Continental record is established during a competition, the CJ will provide the relevant NAC with the appropriate documentation concerning the record (description of the record, certified copies of the score sheets, etc.)
- The CJ will review the travel expense claim forms for the Judges and will confirm attendance of the Judge at the event by signing the Claim Form.

6.7.1.7. Responsibilities (after) at the end of the Competition

- During or after an FCE, the CJ will conduct a meeting of the Judges to discuss issues that may have arisen during the FCE. Recommendations from this meeting shall be forwarded to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee.
- The CJ will provide feedback to each member of the Judging Panel on their individual performance.
- The CJ must submit a report to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee, the Chair of the relevant discipline Committee and the IPC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the completion of the competition so that, if possible, it can be distributed to all Delegates and be posted on the FAI/IPC web site. The standard report form must be used.
- Copies of all summary score sheets will be submitted to the IPC Judges Committee.

6.7.2. Event Judge

6.7.2.1. *Arrival at the Competition Site*

The EJ must be at the competition site in sufficient time to fulfil all his duties as determined by the CJ.

6.7.2.2. *Responsibilities during the competition*

- The EJ is responsible for the interruption of his event whenever necessary, either alone or where possible after consultation with the CJ.
- The EJ is responsible for the prompt transmission of the scoring sheets to the CJ.
- The EJ, in conjunction with the CJ, will handle queries from team managers concerning the performance of their competitors.

6.7.3. The Judges

6.7.3.1. *Arrival at the Competition Site*

The Judges must arrive on site in time to attend any conference scheduled before the competition starts.

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6.7.3.2. *Responsibilities during the competition*

- The Judges will present their logbooks to the CJ
- The Judges will work as directed by the CJ and EJs.
- Judges may not discuss competitors or teams performances until either all the Judges have completed their assessment of the jump or the Event Judge requests it.
- The Judges must not provide any person with result information until that information has been declared official and may not discuss the judging process with anyone other than the other judges on their panel.

6.7.4. Assistant to the Chief Judge (s)

6.7.4.1. *Responsibilities prior to the start of the competition*

The duties of the Assistant of the CJ, commence upon appointment:

- Liaison between the Organiser and the CJ (s).
- Obtain from the CJ(s) specific requirements for the FCE.
- Work with the CJ and Judges' Committee regarding the Scoring System to be used.
- Obtain Judging Panel details from CJ(s)
- Prepare arrival and transportation schedule for all Judges.
- Ensure accommodation and any specific requirements for the Judging Panel.
- Determine Judge Identification and/or uniform.
- Set up Judging room with CJ(s).
- Set up dubbing and scoring systems as necessary for each event and ensure there is sufficient technical support in conjunction with the supplier of the technical dubbing and scoring systems.
- Set up and communicate the dubbing procedure
- Set up the procedure for transmission of scores from the CJ (s) to the official Score Board.

6.7.4.2. *Responsibilities during the competition*

- Coordinate and communicate the daily schedule for Judges.
- Coordinate daily transportation of Judges
- Ensure scores are posted to the official Score Board as necessary.
- Provide assistance to the CJ as required.
- Confirm Judges departure schedule and transportation.

6.7.5. Chief of Judge Training

6.7.5.1. *Trainee Course*

The CJT will conduct the Course for Judges in Training and for FAI Parachuting Judges wishing to undergo refresher or revaluation training. This course will be run during an FAI FCE or SCE or at any other time with prior

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approval of the IPC Judges' Committee and with input from the IPC Judge Course Coordinator.

6.7.5.2. *Conclusion of the Course*

The CJT will communicate to the participants the results of their test and give feedback on their performance during the course.

The CJT must prepare a report that contains details of the work of the FAI Trainee Judges, the equipment and working conditions, and an evaluation of each Judges' work. This report must be sent within 30 days of the completion of the Course for Trainee Judges to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee.

6.7.6. Judges in Training

6.7.6.1. Judges in Training are potential FAI Parachuting Judges and must be familiar with the Sporting Code, Section 5, the relevant Competition Rules and meet the language requirement of 1.2.2 and the requirements of 6.3.2.1. They will work under the direction of the CJT.

If the Judges in Training present at an FCE or SCE are invited to participate in the judging of the competition, they should, if possible, attend the Judges' Conference prior to the competition.

6.8. JUDGES MEETINGS AT A FCE

6.8.1. The Panel of Judges will meet whenever the CJ considers it necessary or if one third of its members wish to do so. The proceedings of each meeting shall be recorded and will be signed by the CJ.

6.8.2. Attendance at the meetings is limited to the Panel of Judges, members of the Jury, Judges in Training (if invited but without a vote) and persons invited by the Panel.

6.8.3. Each member of the Panel of Judges present at the meeting has a vote. Decisions will be by a simple majority of all Judges present at the meeting.

6.9. JUDGE VIDEO LIBRARIAN

A Judge Video Librarian will be nominated by the Judges' Committee to store and manage all judge related media and to facilitate the production of test and training material.