

^CIA Bureau Awards Working Group

Recommendations to the CIA Bureau

The Awards WG is a temporary WG, set up by the CIA Bureau to review and make recommendations on matters related to criteria and processes for CIA awards as defined in the FAI and CIA regulations. The WG was also instructed to study the historical implications of changing the criteria.

- 1. Motion by the UK** to change Bylaws 7.2.1.3.4 to the effect that a person could receive a Montgolfier Diploma more than once for a sporting performance in the same category (Gas, Hot air or Rozière). The motion was temporary withdrawn and the Awards WG was given the task to study the implications of the motion.

WG Recommendation

The WG recommend no change to the rule 7.2.1.3.4.

With the present rules three diplomas are available for performance each year.

For repeated high performances in one category, the diploma for contribution is also available.

Historically the rule has been enforced for many years but great care must be taken to ensure that the diploma is not awarded for a second best performance.

It is difficult to evaluate performances even in the same category. The effort behind a performance depend on many variables. Experience, resources, equipment and so on.

We do not think it is fair that one person with unlimited resources can get the diploma more than once. This would dilute the value of the diploma.

2. FAI regulations. Statutes and Bylaws

2.1 Nomination deadlines

The Awards WG recommend that the rules for deadlines in the By-laws remain as they are.

The problem in 2012 was caused by confusion at the FAI head office as the new versions of the Statutes and By-laws were put in force at different dates.

The current deadlines are well known among delegates and work well together with the procedures used by the CIA Secretary. Reminders about the CIA awards are published in the CIA autumn newsletter and repeated well before the 60 day deadline.

A further complication is that the current rules for nomination deadlines are found in FAI By-laws chapter 7.1. Those rules are common to all FAI Air Sport Commissions and are therefore subject to consensus among all ASC. It may be difficult to get approval from all ASC's.

2.2 General rules

The Awards WG recommend that:

Rules and procedures for nomination by the CIA be added to the By-laws chapter 7.

Rules for Nomination and approval, similar to rules for Montgolfier Diplomas, 7.2.1.3 are added to the rules for S-D Gold Airship medal as paragraphs 7.2.2.3.

(See appendix, version 2)

2.3 CIA nominations

The Awards WG recommend that the following text is added as paragraphs 7.2.1.3.5 and 7.2.2.3.5 or added to a set of rules common to both awards:

After the 60 days deadline specified in 7.1.2, **if no nominations for a specific award category has been received and**, subject to support according to FAI Statutes 9.1.3.2, nominations may be made by the FAI Ballooning Commission President. Such a nomination, with a citation, shall be included in the agenda for the commission meeting and shall be sent to the FAI head office.

2.4 Deferring decision

The nominations for performance have a “best before date” as they are for the best performance during the previous Montgolfier year. If a nomination is not made within the time limit, such a performance is “lost” for award purposes. In the past (before 1995) there was a possibility to defer (postpone) a decision for one year. Now that rule is deleted from the FAI Statutes.

Actually, there is no rule in the FAI Statutes against deferring a decision.

The problem is the text in the FAI By-laws about performance awards. They say that the awards are for the best performance in the previous Montgolfier year. In case a nomination, for some reason, is rejected and there is no other nomination for that award, then that award for that year is lost and the pilot in question may be an innocent victim of bureaucracy.

Recommendation:

Add in the FAI By-laws under rules for Nomination and Approval the following text:

Under extenuating circumstances the Plenary may defer the decision for one year.

3. CIA Badges

The Awards WG recommend that the rules in SC 1, chapter 8, remain as they are.

The rules have worked well since the revision made 2008

For historical reasons it is important that rules of this kind remain unchanged unless there are any major shortcomings. Changes to rules and procedures may affect badges already awarded unless great care is exercised. The Awards WG has not found any reasons for a change or addition.

It would be nice to have a diploma to send to the badge holders. The CIA had a diploma but now seems to be out of stock. Lindsay Muir, badge administrator, has made a design proposal and her contacts with FAI head office indicate that we may use the general FAI diploma with our own text. See attachment.

4. CIA Awards Screening WG

It has been suggested to consider setting up a permanent CIA Awards Screening WG with the mission to screen all CIA Awards and Sporting Badge nominations in order to only present acceptable nominations for approval to the CIA Plenary, and to write the Terms of Reference for the CIA Awards Screening WG.

Recommendation. It is the opinion of this temporary WG that any kind of censoring of nominations, proposals or motions is contrary to the philosophy FAI Statutes, By-laws and

the CIA Internal regulations. Any proposal, made within the applicable time limits, following the appropriate procedures and published in the agenda should be openly discussed at the plenary.

It is important that awards for performance are given for the best performance during the previous year but it is sometimes difficult to compare performances in different categories.

It is also important that all award achievements meet a standard that is comparable to awards given in the past.

The plenary chairman could, before voting on awards, remind the plenary about the importance of careful consideration before voting.

An Awards evaluation WG, could be set up to evaluate nominations in this respect and report about the merits and make a historical comparison. But the mission of this WG should not be to deny nominations to be introduced to the plenary.

The Awards Working Group

November 9, 2012

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Attachments:

1. Awards WG proposed changes to FAI By-laws version 1

This version contain proposed changes to chapter 7 of the By-Laws and also additions to the rules for the Santos-Dumont medal to bring those rules in conformity with the rules for the Montgolfier Diploma. Statutes chapter 9 is included for reference, but no changes are proposed.

In this version all changes and additions are marked red for identification.

2. Awards WG proposed changes to FAI By-laws version 2

This version is identical to version 1 but all rules that are common for both awards have been moved to a separate sub chapter. This will reduce the amount of text. Changes are not highlighted, so to identify the changes, please see version 1.

The Awards WG recommend that version 2 shall be the adopted version.

**CIA Bureau Awards Working Group, Recommendations.
Changes to FAI By-laws
Version 1. final. 2012-11-09**

**FAI BY-LAWS
Ref: 2012 edition**

Version 1:

Rules common to both awards repeated for each award, Montgolfier diploma and S-D medal.

CHAPTER 7

FAI AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES

7.1. GENERAL

- 7.1.1.** The FAI Medals and Diplomas in this Chapter may be awarded only upon the decision of the appropriate Air Sport or Technical Commission.
- 7.1.2.** The nominating authority (Statute 9.1.3.) shall send nominations for all FAI awards for individual disciplines to the FAI Head Office, together with citations not exceeding 250 words and any other supporting information required. Subject to specific procedures set out elsewhere in FAI By-Laws Chapter 7.2 to 7.13, nominations are to arrive no later than 60 days before the FAI Commission meeting concerned.

7.2. AWARDS FOR BALLOONING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Ballooning Commission)

7.2.1. THE MONTGOLFIER BALLOONING DIPLOMAS

- 7.2.1.1.** History. These Diplomas, established by FAI in 1960, are named after Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier who built the world's first successful manned flying machine, a hot air balloon, in 1783.
- 7.2.1.2.** Eligibility, Frequency and Number. Four Montgolfier Diplomas may be awarded annually, one to recognise each of the following:
- 7.2.1.2.1.** - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Gas Ballooning;*
 - 7.2.1.2.2.** - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Hot Air Ballooning;*
 - 7.2.1.2.3.** - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Roziere Ballooning.*
 - 7.2.1.2.4.** - *A major contribution to the development of the sport of Ballooning in general.*
 - 7.2.1.2.5.** The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th (UTC).
- 7.2.1.3.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions:

Each FAI Member may submit the names of four candidates, one in each of the categories defined in 7.2.1.2. above.

Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a

Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.

7.2.1.3.3. In the event a Diploma is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Diploma.

1. The Montgolfier Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.
2. After the 60 days deadline specified in 7.1.2, if no nominations for a specific award category has been received and, subject to support according to FAI Statutes 9.1.3.2, nominations may be made by the FAI Ballooning Commission President. Such a nomination, with a citation, shall be included in the agenda for the commission meeting and shall be sent to the FAI head office.

7.2.1.3.6. Under extenuating circumstances the Plenary may defer the decision for one year.

7.2.2. THE SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

7.2.2.1. History. This medal, established in 1994, honours Alberto Santos-Dumont for his contributions to the development of the sport of flying airships, culminating in his historic flight around the Eiffel Tower in Paris, October 19, 1901, thus winning the Deutsch Prize. 100 medals were contributed by the Virgin Islands Aero Club.

7.2.2.2. Eligibility, Frequency and Number. One Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal may be awarded annually to recognise:

7.2.2.2.1. - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year (see 7.2.1.2.5.) in airships, or*

7.2.2.2.2. - *a major contribution to the development of the sport of Airship flying in general.*

7.2.2.2.3. - A Medal may also be awarded for a series of performances which together represent a remarkable sporting performance.

7.2.2.3. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, ~~subject to the following additional conditions: subject to the additional conditions applying to the Montgolfier Diploma described in 7.2.1.3.2 and 7.2.1.3.3 above.~~

7.2.2.3.1. Each FAI Member may submit the name of one candidate.

7.2.2.3.2. Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.

7.2.2.3.3. In the event a Medal is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Medal.

7.2.2.3.4. The Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.

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FAI BY-LAWS

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Version 2. Rules common to both awards placed separately and not repeated.
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7.2.1 Nomination and approval, common rules for ballooning awards

1. Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.

7.2.1.2 In the event a Diploma or Medal is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a the award.

7.2.1.3 The Montgolfier Diploma and the Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.

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