



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA
COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

REPORT ON CIA BUREAU DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS 2011 – 2012

1. March 30, 2011

CIA RSC Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code Working Group composition

The CIA Bureau has decided, on a proposal from the WG chairman, to approve Lindsay Muir (UK) as the 5th member of the WG. The WG composition will therefore be as follows:

*JC Weber (LUX), chairman
Hans Akerstedt (SWE), member
Lindsay Muir (UK), member
Les Purfield (UK), member
Mark Sullivan USA), member*

2. April 1, 2011

2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship

Following up on a CIA request, the organisers of the 2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship in Frankenthal (Germany) agreed to change the event dates

*from September 11 to 15, 2012
to September 18 to 22, 2012.*

The CIA Bureau has therefore decided to agree to the proposed change.

3. April 14, 2011

CIA sanctioned Event Rules approval process

In March 2011 the CIA Plenary decided that the AX-WG will monitor the correct conversion of non-approved Event rules to the MER2011 standard and will approach the RSC for final approval and the relevant jury will check final compliance with the changes agreed. Future rules for Cat 1 events will be checked by AX-WG and proposed to RSC for final approval by the bureau.

On a proposal from the CIA President the CIA Bureau has decided

to delegate the responsibilities to approve the not yet CIA Plenary approved Event Rules for the year 2011 to the CIA Rules Subcommittee Chairman.

The CIA Rules Subcommittee Chairman has been informed of this decision.

4. June 20, 2011

55th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, France

On a request from Jury President Les Purfield who might be unavailable for the event, the CIA Bureau has decided, on a proposal from the CIA Jury Board, to replace Les Purfield with JC Weber as Jury President. The other Jury members are Risto Jalava and Johann Fürstner.

5. August 3, 2011**Sporting Code – Section One changes for Junior Category Category One Events**

On a proposal from the CIA RSC Statutes and Sporting Code Working Group, the CIA Bureau has decided to approve the following Sporting Code – Section One changes with immediate effect. The changes to be confirmed by the 2012 CIA Plenary Meeting.

5.1.1.	Old	Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either the general or feminine category of Sporting Events. In the feminine category all persons on board of the aerostat must be female and representing the same NAC, except for competition officials.
	New	<p>Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either of the following categories of Sporting Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General, with no gender or age limitation; - Feminine, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be female, -represent the same NAC; - Junior, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be aged less than 27 years the year of the event -represent the same NAC.
5.1.2.	Old	Unless an article refers specifically to a gender category or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
	New	Unless an article refers specifically to an age or gender category, or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
5.3.2.	Old	World Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
	New	World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
5.3.3.	Old	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
	New	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent.

6. October 3, 2011

2011 Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship, Tochigi, Japan (22 - 27 November 2011)

On a request from the event organizer, the CIA Bureau has decided, on a proposal from the CIA Jury Board chairman, to replace Jury member Maco Oiwa with jury member Sabu Ichiyoshi for medical reasons. The remaining Jury members are Tom Sheppard, jury president, and Gren Putland, jury member.

7. November 23, 2011**2012 AX World Championship, Battle Creek (USA)**

On a request from the event organiser, Holiday Balloon Fest, to reduce the required event deposit from CHF 20,000.- to US\$ 10,000.-, and to accept a bank guarantee of US\$ 10,000.- (CHF 9,163.-) that are to be available directly from the bank in the event that a 'penalty' is imposed by the FAI regarding this event, the CIA Bureau has decided to agree to this request.

The necessary paperwork will be worked out as soon as possible by the event organiser with key issues being:

- (a) documentation needed from the bank,*
- (b) closing date for the loan, and*
- (c) any contract language that needs to be 'cleaned up' in light of this proposal*

8. February 24, 2012**2012 AX Women European Championship, (Germany)**

On a request from the German NAC, the CIA Bureau has decided that a time extension of 4 weeks (from Feb. 25, 2012), for providing FAI with the event deposit for the Women AX European Championship 2012, is granted to the German Organisers.

9. March 21, 2012**Sporting Code – Section One changes for Junior Category Category One Events**

On a proposal from the CIA RSC Statutes and Sporting Code Working Group, the CIA Bureau has decided to modify its decision of August 3, 2012 (item # 5 above) and to propose the following Sporting Code – Section One changes to the 2012 CIA Plenary Meeting for adoption (see table on page 4).

5.1.1.	Old	Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either the general or feminine category of Sporting Events. In the feminine category all persons on board of the aerostat must be female and representing the same NAC, except for competition officials.
	New	<p>Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either of the following categories of Sporting Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General, with no gender or age limitation; - Feminine, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must female, - Junior, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must be aged less than 27 years the year of the event .
5.1.2.	Old	Unless an article refers specifically to a gender category or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
	New	Unless an article refers specifically to an age or gender category, or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
5.3.2.	Old	World Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
	New	World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
5.3.3.	Old	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
	New	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent.

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