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**INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION
FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE REPORT
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Two First Category Events have been held in Formations Skydiving (FS) and Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS) disciplines during 2015:

The World Cup and European Championships (WC and EC) in FS and VFS were held in Teuge in the Netherlands.

In FS 4-way, twenty teams competed which is average compared to previous years. Belgium Hayabusa was way ahead of all the rest but Russia and France had a good fight for the silver medal. Only 4 teams (from 4 different NAC's) competed in the female 4-way event. Unfortunately USA had to stand down from the competition due to the loss of a Golden Knights Team mate and France had an easy win. The 8-way event had 6 teams which is also approximately average participation. The US Golden Knights stood down for the same reason as the female 4 way team, and gave the French team an easier match. The VFS event had six teams, and this is a record participation for the Vertical World Cup event. France won again.

I would like to thank the organizers for the good work they did to make this a satisfying and well organized competition. Competitors enjoyed friendly hospitality and a congenial atmosphere in Teuge. Weather conditions kept the competitors on the ground for a period, but the event was completed within time.

The 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships was held in Prague, Czech Republic, earlier this month. Compared to Austin last year, surprisingly many teams signed up for this historic event. In FS 4-way 16 teams joined the competition. Hayabusa from Belgium won again, with Russia and France fighting for silver and bronze. 9 teams competed in the Female 4-way event – and the US Golden Knights females won easy. The score they got would have placed them second in the open category. Interesting to see that some new Nations are entering here as well, hope to see them again at the Mondial next year. In the junior category only two teams competed in FS 4 way, making it a demo discipline.

The IPC President Graeme Windsor took the floor to conclude the competition; he thanked all the competitors for their presence and thanked the organizers for their work to make this event possible.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after both events. Changes made to the rules in 2015 were generally well accepted.

The agenda for our open meeting in Frankfurt contains our proposals for rule changes in 2016. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee for their efforts throughout the year: Eric Heinsheimer (USA), Kirk Verner (USA), Martin Lemay (Canada), Anne Mine Møller Petersen (Denmark), Jeremie Rollett (France), Mark Szulmayer (Australia) and Yaser Mohsen (Bahrein).

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Agenda

1) Proposed Rule changes

a) Change names on some of the VFS formations (as discussed last year)

Block 10 - Change to Bill/Bill instead of Boule/Bill

Block 15 - Change to Polebi/Polebi instead of Bipole/Polepi

Block 17 - Change to Zins/Zins instead of Zin/Zan

Random C - It now has 2 names. Let's stick to Shoeshine

b) Indoor Formation and Vertical Formation Skydiving

- i) Adapt easier divepool (and less flights?) for junior teams in the indoor events, for instance
 - (1) AA for FS junior, this means all the randoms and the following blocks (no slot switcher):
 - i. For 16 ft tunnels block 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,18,19, 20, 21 and 22
 - ii. For smaller tunnels all of above except 1 and 13
 - (2) for VFS junior use randoms A,C,E,J,K and L and blocks 1,3,4 (easier version with only 1 flyer in sit), 7,8,11,13,14 and 16
 - i. Block 4 easier version: One flyer in sit in the beginning, this person transition to headdown while crosspartner transition to sit.
- ii) Housekeeping indoor rules: (items from the Indoor World Meet competitors meeting)
 - (1) 2.14 – what happens if one foot is touching the net? Needs clarification?
 - (2) 4.6.4 – apparently this rule is “scaring” the competitors; needs to be rewritten?
 - (3) Divepool for the 14 ft tunnel, keep like it is today, or add block 1 and/or 13?

2) Future Competitions

- Mondial Chicago 2016
- Bids for Indoor World Cup 2016 from
 - Airspace Indoor Skydiving Belgium
 - Flyspot Polen
 - Hurricane Factory Tatralandia Slovakia

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- Bids for indoor World Meet 2017 from
 - Airspace Indoor Skydiving Belgium
 - Skyventure Montreal Canada
 - Hurricane Factory Berlin Germany
 - Flyspot Polen
 - Hurricane Factory Tatralandia Slovakia

- Organizers are invited to present bids for future competitions.

2) Other Business

- Items from the World Cup Teuge competitors meeting:
 - There was a question as to why the re-jumps was free but if you had to go into a jump off, the athletes had to pay for the jump.
 - Teams would like to do all the 10 rounds in FS - let the team jump and be judged, but not changing the standings on the leaderboard. One of the judges mentioned that in case of bad weather what then? And how would this affect the ranking lists?

And finally; something I think we should consider for the **future**. Artistic events will be judged live at the Windtunnel events (2015 rule change). We should consider this for FS as well. We should even consider changing the competition format. Is it possible to adapt some of the things they do for Dynamic? To have a cup with two and two teams flying against each other