

Report from the Scale Subcommittee 2007.

The Scale subcommittee have at present 25 general members and all but one now have an E-mail address, which makes sending out information and discuss matters of interest much easier. We have had five E-mail letters circulating to the Subcommittee regarding changes in the balance of K-factors in both static and flying and also an option in the number of judges if the entry to the class is low. There has been some discussion about the “Choice of options” part of the “realism in flight” part of the judging, this part have had an all too high K-factor and we have decided to redistribute the K-factors.

We should have had a European Championship in Kiev, Ukraine in both F4B and F4C, but the entry at the deadline was disappointingly low, actually so low that we could not hold an official European Championship. The organisation part was set up and looked very good, but to no avail, as the competitors obvious did not want to take part. This was a shame as the organisers had put a lot of effort into the pre planning of the event and judging from other Championships arranged in Ukraine, they are very good organisers.

Since Scale is having a Technical meeting in 2008, we have quite a number of minor, but important proposals to the ‘sporting Code, and we will use the time from the Bureau meeting up to the Plenary meeting in 2008 to discuss all scale matters that will be on the Plenary agenda. The Scale Subcommittee Chairman will then present the results of the Subcommittee discussion to the Scale Technical Meeting and at the Plenary Meeting.

We once again do hope that the changed schedule of Technical meetings will give the Subcommittee’s opinion more weight on the discussion on rules and changes, than that of the technical meeting held in conjunction with the Plenary.

We have from the Scale Subcommittee proposed to the agenda that the Subcommittee’s voting should be taken into consideration and presented together with what the technical meeting agrees about the proposals. This way the Subcommittee would carry more weight than at present, where the Subcommittee might only make proposals and it is up to the Technical Meeting to get the proposals through to the Plenary Meeting.

Very often the Technical Meeting is made up of people that represent their country but have no interest in Scale and have not been involved in the discussion of the Scale rules proposals before the meeting. They therefore do not have any knowledge about the background of the proposal and just vote as being told by some one at home who neither have been involved in the Subcommittee’s discussions.

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