



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

CIA Conference
Lausanne, Switzerland
13th – 16th March 2024

2024 Statues, By-Laws and Sporting Code WG Meeting
Wednesday 13th March 2024 10:45 – 12:30

Meeting Minutes

1. Working Group members present:

Members: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
JC Weber (LUX)

Appologies: Mark Sullivan (USA)

Observer: Les Purfield (GBR) -Zoom-

2. Review of General Section 2024 changes

GS 4.9.2.2 *During the Event*

In addition to being the chairman at Jury meetings, the Jury President has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. If the organiser fails to do so, the Jury President has the power to interrupt the event until the situation has been reviewed by the jury. If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the Jury has the right to request the cancellation of the event and give advice on the return of the entry fees. The decision to cancel the event and to return or not the entry fees is taken by [the ASC President after consultation with the FAI Secretary General](#).

3. Review of SC01 document actions

5.6.1 INITIAL INVITATIONS ~~TO NAC~~

5.6.1.1 The organising NAC must issue initial invitations to participate to all eligible NACs. Copies of all invitations must be sent to the respective National Balloon Federations and CIA delegates, where these exist, for information.

~~5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of competitors to each eligible NAC.~~

5.6.1.2 Only the initial invitation must be sent by the organising NAC to eligible NACs., ~~all further documents pertaining to the initial invitation may be addressed directly by the organisers to the nominated participants.~~

5.6.1.3 Nomination of Entrants

The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of competitors to each eligible NAC.

Each NAC wishing to enter a World or Continental Regional Championship shall nominate its own entrants by the time limit for entry published in the entrant's invitation.

All further documents pertaining to the initial invitation may be addressed directly by the organisers to the nominated participants.

5.10.3 In addition to being the chairman at jury meetings, the Jury President has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. If the organiser fails to do so, the president of the jury has the power to interrupt the event until the situation has been reviewed by the jury. If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the jury has the right to request the cancellation of the event and give advice on the return of the entry fees. The decision to cancel the event and to return or not the entry fees is taken by the ASC President after consultation with the FAI Secretary General. ~~the Executive Board or its representative after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.~~

Other minor editorial changes and deleting reference number to the GS have been made.

4. Internal Regulation changes for 2024

6.2.7 Committee Files

Relevant files used for the subcommittees and working groups (ScWGs) should ~~must~~ be stored on the central FAI cloud to ensure longevity and access in case of change of control in subcommittees.

This includes as a minimum:

- Any source documents and files for rules and other published documents.

- Documents used to ratify records.
- Documents related to the sanction of events.
- Documents of historic interest.

The files in the FAI cloud must be at the most up-to-date version.
The subcommittee and working groups are encouraged to store all their files in the FAI cloud and to abstain from using other cloud sharing folders (Dropbox, G-Drive, etc.).

The FAI/CIA Cloud Guideline outlines the details of the usage of the FAI cloud.

~~7.1.3 — Sanction Fees Administration~~

~~The Air Sport Commission concerned shall submit a budget for the income and payment of sanction and/or registration fees, in time to be included in the proposed FAI Budget for the coming year.~~

9.2.17 FAI/CIA CLOUD GUIDELINE

A CIA Policy Document prepared and maintained under the CIA Bureau's authority and issued under the CIA President's authority.

6.3.10 The CIA ORGANISERS AND EVENT SUPPORT (OES) SUBCOMMITTEE

As the OES subcommittee has been combined with EDS, mission statement and responsibilities have been deleted.

By the request of CIA Secretary, we have discussed 3.4.1 and 3.5.2 which resulted in the WG unanimously felt that the published time limits meet the FAI By-Laws and no changes are necessary.

Other minor editorial and formatting changes have been made to the document.

5. 2024/2025 WG members and Chairperson

The WG recommends to approve the following members:

Chair: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Members: Mark Sullivan (USA)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
JC Weber (LUX)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

6. **Summary of motions:**

Motion 1:

That the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 1 be approved as published.

Motion 2:

That the proposed changes to the Internal Regulations be approved as published.

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