



## Minutes

### AX Working Group FAI CIA Commission



Lausanne  
13 March 2024

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## 1 ROLL CALL

Uwe Schneider	GER	Delegate, Chairman
Claude Weber	LUX	Delegate
David Bareford	GBR	alt. Delegate
Maury Sullivan	USA	Expert
Sanne Haarhuis	NED	Delegate

Observers: Cedric Gauch SUI, Erwin Pellegrom NED, Cheri White USA, Mark Sullivan USA, Christoph Fraisl AUT, Sebastian Eimers GER, Sylvia Meinel GER, Mike Meinel GER, Paolo Oggioni ITA, Andy Baird USA, Arkadiusz Ivansky POL, Witold Filus POL, Branko Abrosic SLO, Lindsay Muir GBR, Hiromi Furukawa JPN, Katsura Endo JPN, Eunyong Roh KOR, Benoit Pelard FRA, Eric Decellieres FRA, Steve Ireland AUS, Tamas Bazo HUN, Zoltan Nemeth HUN

## 2 APOLOGIES

Maury absent, Sanne ill

## 3 MER REVIEW

(see also AX internet discussion on <https://forum.cia.fai.org/> )

### **Proposed major wording changes in AXMER:**

#### **Change of task data by new communication possibilities**

##### 8.10 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TOOLS

For individual launch areas and as a further possibility for common launch area, electronic communication tools may be used to publish additional or revised information to competitors. At a common launch a purple flag will be raised at the signals point The intention to use this will be announced at that task briefing.

Safety related announcements (cancellations, danger warnings) can be made anytime using electronic communication tools.

Launch period delays and minor amendments to task data can be made up to 20 minutes before the start of the launch period at ILP and up to 10 minutes at a CLP.

Any other task changes must be made at in-person briefings or supplementary briefings.

#### **Repeated offence of collision or dangerous flying – Respectful Flying Score**

The 'yellow card' principle is proposed to be introduced with the Respectful Flying Score. Penalties for collisions and near misses will be added up from different Cat 1 and Cat 2 events for a 24 month period. (see separate document).

Rule changes to

##### 2.3 QUALIFICATION

Pilots shall have a " Respectful flying score" above 0% at the time of the General Briefing.

##### 10.1.3 BALLOON COLLISION penalty and 10.2.3 DANGEROUS FLYING penalty

This penalty will considered when calculating the Respectful Flying Score.

13.4.3 Some penalties will be considered when calculating the “Respectful flying score”. They will be marked as such in the task results.

13.1.3 If a penalty in final task results brings the competitor’s Respectful flying score to 0%, the competitor will be grounded for all further flights in that event.

### Concentrating on Scoring by Balloon Live System

All text referring to the (old) FAI Loggers and track point scoring are removed where applicable.

#### What to do when a target ceased to exist

12.1.2 If a target is not displayed at the given coordinate and no target is displayed within 100 m, the competitor should aim for the coordinates and make an electronic mark. The MMA rule 12.18.3 does not apply.

#### Landing close to an MMA

11.2.2 + 11.3.4 Unless otherwise stated in the task data, a landing at will is not permitted **within 50 m of an MMA**

#### New task :

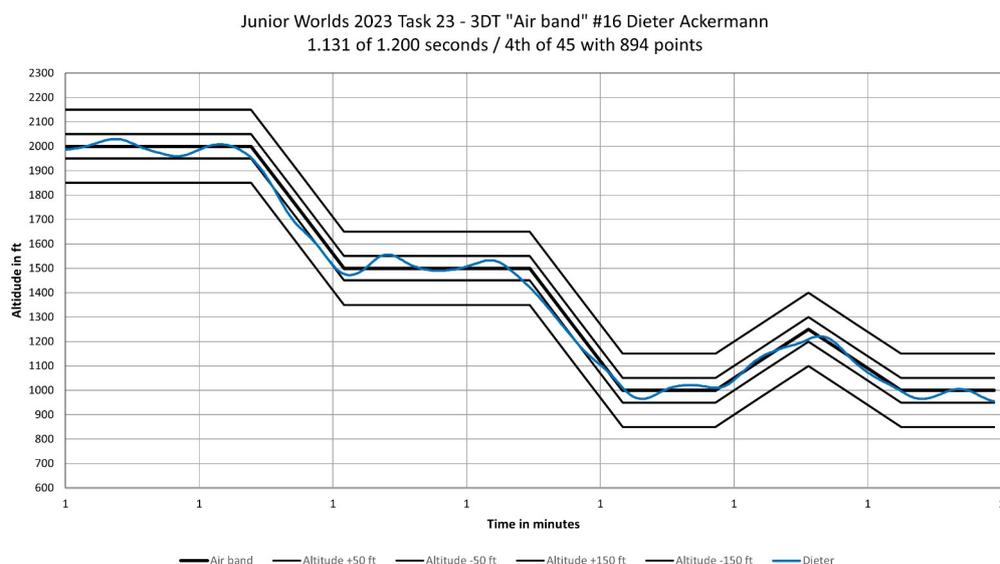
15.21 Altitude Profile Task (APT)

15.21.1 Competitors will attempt to achieve the greatest time within a set airspace.

15.21.2 Task data:

a. description of set airspace(s) (see sketch).

15.21.3 The result is the accumulated time in seconds in the set airspace(s). Greatest result is best.



## II. 24 AXMER VERSION

<\* State the version of AXMER used as basis for these rules. Changes to section III of the stated AXMER version will be highlighted with a vertical bar at the side. \*>

### Numbering

A number of blank spots in the numbering (not used) or blocks open for events with observers could be avoided by streamlining the numbering. COH is informed and adapted the cross references to the AXMER.

### Minor changes

Typos are corrected, observer rules moved to section IV, definitions clarified (eg competition area, track publication, correction of GS wording).

Please see the document 'AXMER2024 draft v8 numbers', where all changes are highlighted except the effects of the renumbering to make the changes more visible.

## 4 INPUT FROM S&SC, SCORING, SAFETY AND OTHER WG

Input from CSC and Safety SC leads to proposed changes towards Respectful Flying Score.

## 5 2024 CAT 1 RULES FOR APPROVAL

25TH WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024, Hungary  
AX checked rules and proposes to adopt them. The director is willing to adapt the rules to AXMER2024

Rules with the adaptations to AXMER2024 will be checked by AX-WG and proposed to RSC for final approval. Plenary delegates power to RSC to approve the rules.

## 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

none

## 7 ELECTION OF 2024/2025 WG MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON

Proposed 2024/2025 Working Group Members and Chairperson

Present standing (no change):

Uwe Schneider	GER	Delegate, Chairman
Claude Weber	LUX	Delegate
David Bareford	GBR	alt. Delegate
Maury Sullivan	USA	Expert
Sanne Haarhuis	NED	Delegate

## 8 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RSC

to forward AXMER Changes to the plenary for adoption

## 9 PROPOSED MOTIONS

Motion 1:

To approve the changes to the AXMER as presented.

Info :

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Motion 2:

Invest up to 1000 CHF for implementation of Respectful Flying Score into WatchmeFly.



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