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Sporting Code Section-5

3.1 PROVISIONS

3.1.1 Sub Class (G1) Competition Records

With following group of records

- AL Records
- CF Records
- CP Records
- FS ~~and VFS Records~~ (including VFS)
- IFS ~~and IVFS Records~~ (including IVFS Records)
- DY ~~and DS~~ Records
- PS Record
- SP Records
- ST Record
- WS Records

VFS is not a separate group, it is listed under FS in the FAI database. DS is no separate group, in DY there are now 4way, 2way and Solo Speed (currently DS). The groups listed in 3.1.1. (and also at fai.org) are now matching the ISC committees which makes it easier to find current records in the database (no further change necessary there). There are still a number of old record groups listed (e.g. Freefall Style, Indoor Artistic or Parachute-Ski) but all records inside these outdated groups are marked as “reclassified” and will not appear in an advanced database search with status “current”.

3.1.2.(1) General Conditions (of records)

When a change is made to the criteria applicable to a **Performance** Record so that the ratified record does not comply, **as decided by the relevant committee**, with the new criteria, or a **Performance** Record category is deleted, the ratified record **or category** will be retired ~~and will no longer be considered a valid current record~~. The Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee must notify FAI, in writing, no later than 30 days after approval of the amended SC5, Chapter 3, of the record(s) to be retired and the reason for the retirement. **These are general conditions, applying to both Performance as Competition Records. Furthermore, clarifications.**

3.1.3 General Conditions

(2) (a) A competition record must be evaluated using equipment and scoring system(s) as per 4.3.1(1) and certified by the CJ and the number of Judges required by the particular ISC Competition Rules to validate a score (4.2). Each such Judge and CJ must have a valid rating for the particular discipline. If the record is achieved at an SCE **or National Championships**, the CJ ~~and the majority of the Judges~~ in the panel must be FAI Category 1 Judges. **This kind of competition was missing here, but they are mentioned as an option in 3.2. Furthermore it seems unrealistic that to demand that the majority of the Judges must be Cat 1.**

(b) A performance record, other than an Altitude/Fall ~~(3.3.8 3.3.7.)~~ Record ~~and a Speed (3.3.4) Record~~, must be evaluated and certified by either the number of Judges as per Competition Rules where

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appropriate or by three Judges, two of whom must be FAI Skydiving Judges and the third Judge may be an FAI Skydiving Judge or a National Judge **with a valid rating in the appropriate discipline (6.1)** . If performance records require the same judging equipment, measuring and scoring system(s) as competition records then para 4.3.1(1) is applicable.

All Speed Records shall use the same approved scoring system and also shall be certified by FAI rated SP judges. The current text is outdated and was already in SC5 before Speed Skydiving was adopted as ISC discipline in 2014.

SP is added to AL, ST, CF, ~~CP~~, FS and WS below and CP is to be removed as there are no CP performance records any more.

For AL, ST, CF, ~~CP~~, FS, SP and WS record performances the number of Judges as per Competition Rules or the required three Judges must have a valid rating in the appropriate discipline (6.1).

VFS orientation record performances may be evaluated and certified by either AE or FS Judges or a combination thereof, all having a valid rating in the appropriate discipline. (6.1) For an Altitude/Fall ~~and a Speed Record~~, the certification will be the responsibility of the Official Observers appointed and approved by the organising and/or controlling NAC (GS 5.5.1).

... (3) unchanged

- (4) All team records, other than the Largest Formation, Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential (3.3.2 and 3.3.3), may only be certified by FAI for participants, each of whom is a holder of a FAI Sporting License valid at the time of the record performance issued by the same NAC.

A Largest Formation, ~~or~~ Large Formation Sequential **or Full Break Large Formation Sequential** record may be certified by FAI for participants, each of whom is a holder of a FAI Sporting License valid at the time of the record performance, each of which need not be issued by the same NAC.

Full Break was missing in 2nd part which is a clarification about the possible multi NAC licence option for these 3 types of records (the general requirement for a licence is already in GS and SC5 1.2.(1).

- (5) The claim for certification of an International Record must be made in accordance with Chapter 7 of the GS. **At FCEs** the Jury will manage the administration of the record claims as laid out below. In all cases, the responsibility will lie with the record beneficiary to ensure that the record is claimed (GS. 5.5.4) The following procedure is designed to facilitate the claim process, but ISC cannot be held responsible for errors or omissions.

FCE was missing here, the Jury is managing this administration only at FCEs (where a Sanction Fee is paid).

(a) Where a World Record performance, whether it is a Competition Record or a Performance Record takes place during an FCE, GS. 7.8.4 will apply using the following procedure:

- The **preliminary** claim for the record performance will be sent electronically directly to FAI by the Jury President and may include a Continental Record that results from the same performance on the same record claim.
- The **claim dossier** must include all information necessary to properly categorise the record claimed (GS 7.8.2), including a copy of the official result for the jump/performance in which the record performance occurred **and will be sent electronically to FAI within seven (7) days from the day the Jury has declared the FCE to be valid.**
- A copy of the claim will be made available to the record claimant's NAC.

Clarification of FAI standard procedure with Preliminary Claim template first and then the "full dossier" that also includes result list and other necessary documentation.

The following payment procedure is simplified based on the experiences with the rather complicated "willingness to pay" procedure during the last three years.

Basically 3.1.3.(5) of 2021 is re-introduced by keeping the one addition that only the best record performance of the same competitor or team will be paid by ISC to be applied also for multiple world

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records. In the example of Beaufort the South American FS4way record was broken 5 times with increasing number of formations. The team only wants to claim (and pay for) the best one. This procedure makes sense and shall also be used for multiple world records (e.g. Amelia Dunaway (USA) in WS or Sebastián García Gutiérrez (ESP) in SP)

• ISC will pay the FAI expenses related to all ~~World~~ Competition Records and ~~World~~ Performance Records that take place at an FCE. ~~except in the case of multiple Records by the same competitor or team, where ISC will only pay for the best one achieved.~~

~~• ISC will pay the FAI expenses for combined World and Continental Competition and Performance Records that take place at an FCE, except in the case of multiple World Records by the same competitor or team, where ISC will only pay for the best one of the Continental Records achieved.
(b) Where a Continental Record performance, whether it be a Competition Record or a Performance Record, that is not also a World Record and is not financed by ISC, takes place during an FCE, GS 7.8.4 will apply using the following procedure:~~

~~• The Jury President advises the competitor/team/Head of Delegation (interested party) of the record and the possibility of making a claim.~~

~~• If the interested party confirms an interest in making the claim and confirms willingness to pay, the preliminary claim for the record performance will be sent electronically to FAI within seven (7) days from the day the Jury has declared the competition to be valid.~~

~~• If the claimant has given the billing details to the Jury President, the full claim, including all information necessary to properly categorise the record claimed (GS 7.8.2) including a copy of the official result for the jump/performance in which the record performance occurred, together with the billing details, will be sent to the FAI by the Jury President at the same time as the Preliminary claim. A copy will be made available to the interested party and the relevant NAC.~~

~~• If billing details cannot be provided to the Jury President, the full claim dossier will be made available by the Jury President to the interested party and the relevant NAC who will consequently be responsible for submitting the full claim dossier to FAI and making the necessary payment.~~

~~(7)~~ (6) Except as provided in 3.3.4(3) and ~~3.3.7(4)~~ 3.3.6. (5) and ~~3.3.8 3.3.7.(3)~~, a new record will be established by a better performance, without regard to the margin of improvement.
updated references after CP was removed from 3.3.

(8) For all Competition records or Performance Records set in competition, the Official Observers appointed by their controlling NAC (GS 5.5.1) must be on the current approved list of FAI Skydiving Judges (6.3). At an FCE, SCE (GS 4.1.2) or National Championships (GS 4.1.1), the Panel of Judges (all of whom must be FAI Judges for the particular discipline) shall be the only Official Observers for the purpose of record certification during the event. ~~The NAC organising an FCE will agree, as part of the Organiser Agreement (FCEAD) to appoint the Panel of Judges as the only Official Observers for the purpose of record certification during the Event. A NAC organising a SCE (GS 4.1.2) or a National Championships (GS 4.1.1), also agrees to appoint the Panel of Judges (all of whom must be on site and must be FAI Judges for the particular discipline) as the only Official Observers for the purpose of Competition or Performance record certification.~~ Clarification and simplification of text, which also allows remote judging to certify record performances where appropriate (e.g. video evaluation). Requirements for performance records are already covered by 3.1.3.(2) b

3.2 Competition Records

Competition Records may only be established during the scheduled competition rounds ~~at a National Championships or~~ at an International Sporting Event or National Championships that has been registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar.

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Event entry criteria are according to the Sporting Code General Section, ~~with the exception of 4.2.2.2 and 4.2.2.3 which do not apply, and, for the purpose of this provision, unless a specific invitation is issued by the organising NAC to another NAC, teams or competitors from a country other than the organising NAC and permitted to participate in a National Championships are considered to represent the organising NAC.~~

Competition records at an SCE or National Championships can only be claimed if all applicable record requirements are met and the judging and scoring equipment meets the criteria of 4.3.1(1) Adding National Championships so that exactly the same requirements for all records are applied at all events.

3.2.1 Performance, Training Jumps, Tie-break jumps

Only the best score or performance of each separate, scheduled competition round may be awarded a new record, even though the round may extend over more than one day.

This applies for all competition records and performance records established during competitions.

Necessary clarification for G-2 record handling by the jury during FCEs because without any SC5 provision the GS 7.6 would apply and there it says: "GS 7.6 *On any date that a record is broken by more than one claimant, the best performance only will be awarded the new record except if an Air Sport Commission has a special provision for such a situation described in its Specialised Section of the Sporting Code.*

3.2.8.1 Highest average speed

(2) The record performance of a team is the highest average speed of the team or mixed team achieved in any round in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

3.2.8.2 Highest overall average speed

(2) The record performance of a team is the highest average speed of the team or mixed team for a completed competition program in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

As per IBD 2024-12 regarding adding the mixed team category in the 2024 CR's.

3.1.3 General Conditions (2) (b) A performance record, other than an Altitude/Fall (3.3.7. ~~3-3-8~~) Record and a Speed (3.3.4) Record, must be evaluated and certified by either the number of Judges as per Competition Rules where appropriate or by three Judges, two of whom must be FAI Skydiving Judges and the third Judge may be an FAI Skydiving Judge or a National Judge. At least one of the FAI Skydiving Judges must be physically present on the location of the record.

The particular requirement in GS has been loosened, so wording is needed to make sure there is at least one Judge on-site for verification of all relevant record conditions.

3.3.3(1) NEW: VFS records Head-up + Head-down mix (Italian NAC proposal)

To be discussed by Italy.

R&R comment: It should be clarified how many variations would be acceptable otherwise there will be an avalanche of new records.

4.1.1 (2) (President's proposal)

The FAI Controller will ~~not~~ submit a report to the ISC within 30 days of the event. This report will include a summary of the preparation and staging of the event, and ~~unless any~~ issues ~~have arisen~~ that require consideration or a decision by the ISC at its next Plenary Meeting. ~~If no report is required, t~~The FAI Controller ~~need only~~ will also report, if considered necessary, to the Chair of the relevant Competition Committee(s): any circumstances relating to the competition itself, or to the Competition rules, that may require attention by the Committee(s).

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The FAI Controller is the ISC expert at the event assisting the organizer in the preparations and aiding them as necessary to guarantee a well-run event. Because the FAI C will oversee various aspects of the competition, his/her expert opinion can be very useful to the ISC as an organization and to future Organizers as well as to future FAI Controllers. The current rule requires no report but even if everything worked well it would be very interesting to have that experts opinion recorded.

If approved this could require an additional Annex to the FAI Controller handbook as a Report Template covering all the aspect of the report items.

And a modification in IR 3.7.1 regarding content of the ISC Plenary Agenda,

4.1.2 Schedule of Organisation

(1) World Parachute-Ski Championships will be organised in accordance with the schedule determined by the ISC PS Committee.

~~(2) A Skydiving World Cup of Champions may be organised in any year.~~ Delete this, nobody has organized this in a long time, and there seems to be no more interest.

4.1.3 Sanction Fee (President's proposal)

A Sanction fee will be paid to the ISC by the Organiser of each FCE in respect of all competitors, team videographers, Heads of Delegation, Team Managers, ~~and~~ Team Coaches ~~and any Judge Training Course candidate~~ listed on an Official Entry Form. The amount ----- and declare the event to be valid.

The Judging Training Course Candidates benefit from all of the infrastructure and support provided by the Organizers and the Chief Judge of Training, and ISC is paying for the Travel expenses of the CJT as per 4.1.4 (3). There is no reason for the candidate to not pay a Sanction Fee as any other members of the delegation.

If approved this change would also require a change in FCEAD 2.2.2.

4.1.4 Arrival Days, Travel and Living Expenses (President's proposal)

(1) The Organiser of an FCE will be required to pay travel, visa costs, food, accommodation and expenses connected with their duties for the following officials

- ~~FAI Controller~~, CP Course Technical Director
- Assistant to the CJ, SP Technical Scoring Director, WS Technical Scoring Director, Electronic Scoring Operator

(2) The Organiser of an FCE will also be required to pay food, living costs and local transport for the ~~FAI Controller~~, CJ, members of the Panel of Judges selected in accordance with 4.6.1(2) by the CJ and for the CJT if a Judge Training Course is held at the same time.

(3) The ISC will reimburse travel and visa cost for the ~~FAI Controller~~, CJ, members of the Panel of Judges selected in accordance with 4.6.1(2) by the CJ and for the CJT if a Judge Training Course is held at the same time.

The FAI Controller is appointed by the ISC and despite the intention of the FAI C being on-site to assist the organizers in the preparations and running of the event, in fact, he/she is controlling the event, ensuring that the organizer complies with all of the requirements including their financial obligations. Some experienced organizers require no assistance and the function is purely supervisory. The FAI C is appointed after the bid has been awarded making it difficult for the Organizers to Budget the travel expenses, so they would normally budget on the higher end and as a result the Entry Fee is increased. The travel expenses should be covered by the ISC and during the event all the other expenses should still be covered by the organizer.

If approved bullet points in (1) could be unified in one.

This change does not require any change in the FAI Controller handbook.

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4.3.10 World Records

At WSCs, WISCs and World Cups, the Jury President must ensure that the current World Records and Continental Records in the disciplines concerned are displayed and must announce (publish) the location of the display.

These are missing here and needed, ISC handles continental record applications.

New 4.3.11 Selection of Landing Zone for Accuracy Landing by an Organiser (Romania NAC proposal)

To be discussed by Romania.

4.4 (NEW) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT, ACCEPTANCE OF SPORTING CODE, RULES, REGULATIONS: & PROTOCOLS

All entrants are required to know, understand, accept and abide by the Sporting Code and all rules, regulations and protocols for the event.

A person entered to compete in an event, by his/her NAC or authorized national authority, will be deemed to have accepted all FAI/ISC rules, regulations and protocols, without reservation.

The aim of this new clause is to make it clear that an entrant accepts all and every FI/ISC rule, regulations and protocol pertaining to the event, without reservation. It is mentioned in the General Section but – especially now with the new injury protocol – making this more explicit makes sense.

4.4 or 4.8 ISC INJURY PROTOCOL

The ISC Injury Protocol is among the documents referred to in 4.4, the acceptance of which is a precondition for entry and participation in an FAI/ISC event.

The Injury Protocol is a stand-alone document, available on the FAI/ISC website.

This clause specifically points to the Injury protocol for competitors.

4.5.2 Meet Director

The MD (named Event Director in the General Section) is appointed by the organising NAC and must have proven competition experience and the ability to communicate in English, ~~either directly or by using an interpreter.~~

An MD should have proven experience. And, working as MD by means of an interpreter is not desirable, an organizer should select an English speaking person.

4.7.1 Jury

New wording needed for full onsite Jury at big competitions (like Mondial)

NEW 4.8 (?) ISC Injury Assessment from, ISC medical evaluation form, Competitor Acceptance of ISC Protocol (Technical & Safety Committee proposal, and IBD 2024-09.

4.9.3 Recording Media (President's proposal)

(1) The Scoring System operator and/or the Video Surveillance System operator at an FCE must give a copy of the recording media of the competition - in an MKV or MP4 format for video and in an CSV format for data log files, as appropriate per discipline or event - together with the summary score sheets and other pertinent documentation, to the ~~FAI-Controller CJ~~. The ~~FAI-Controller CJ~~ will deliver the copy of the recording media and the documentation to the Chair of the ISC Judges' Committee and/or the ISC Judge Video Librarian. The ISC Judge Video Librarian must ensure that each Delegation can purchase copies of the same within 45 days of the end of the FCE. When there are two or more CJ's at an event the most senior CJ will take responsibility.

This is the current practice already. The CJ is in constant contact with the Scoring System Provider during all the event and knows when the judging has concluded and the final copy can be made. The CJ is also in contact with the Judges Committee and the ISC Librarian.

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5.2.5 Calling the Parachutists/Indoor Skydivers (Romania NAC proposal)

To be discussed by Romania.

5.2.5 Calling the Parachutists/Indoor Skydivers (President's proposal)

(1) Notification system

(a) Skydiving FCEs

The Organiser must ensure that a ~~notification~~ Public Announcement system and a notice board are in place such that all competitors at the competition site can be fully informed as to the conduct of the competition. The location and area of the competition site, the ~~notification~~ Public Announcement system therein and the notice board must be approved by the FAI Controller and the Jury. Competitors will be called to the loading area or the standby area approximately 15 minutes before they must board the aircraft. They will also be given a second call 5 minutes before they must board the aircraft.

The wording “**Notification System**” has been interpreted by some organizers as any way to communicate with the Competitors and have not provided any loud speaker system. The interpretation of the wording allows for notifications through messaging system, (for example WhatsApp). This means that the competitors must **constantly** consult their mobile devices in order to know when a 15 and 5 minute call has been forwarded. Some delegations from some countries do not use WhatsApp or may not use the messaging provider that the organizer chooses to use. On top of that, internet connection could be sometimes weak and only available in some areas of the venue site. Also you would need to use your own mobile data provider to be able to use these messaging systems which are very expensive for competitors from other countries.

This wording was introduced to accommodate indoor events where the calls can be seen on screens with ample time and accurate predictions of the calls. For Outdoor events the Public announcement systems with loudspeakers should always be used.

5.2.6 (2)

"All video equipment must deliver a High Definition 1080 type digital signal with a minimum frame rate of 50 frames per second, through a memory card. The videographer is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of the video equipment with the scoring system. Failure to meet any of these requirements ~~will result in a score of zero (0) points~~ a 20% score penalty (rounded up to the next whole number) for any round concerned (or, “that round”)

As per competition committees proposal and agreement.

5.2.8 Aircraft jump run

(1) Jump runs are decided by the MD, in conjunction with the Chief Pilot.

(2) In order to avoid interference between competitors and teams, the MD, in conjunction with the CJ and the Chief Pilot, shall stipulate the minimum interval of time between passes (jump runs) of the aircraft over the exit point and between the exit of different teams or competitors during the same pass (jump run) of the aircraft.

(3) If a competitor or team does not jump on their first assigned jump run, they may make ~~no more than one additional~~ jump runs, ~~unless~~ if authorised by the pilot to do so or where it is apparent that the competitor or team is exhibiting good safety practice or common sense ~~in making additional passes~~. More in line with actual practice.

(4) A competitor or team may ~~decide not to jump~~ for any pertinent reason and may descend with the aircraft.

(a) if the altitude differs +/- 50 metres or more from that stipulated for the event this is considered a pertinent reason.

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(b) if the aircraft spends more than fifteen (15) minutes above 3000 m (10,000 ft) msl or ten (10) minutes above 3650 m (12,000 ft) msl and there is no supplementary oxygen provided this is considered a pertinent reason.

(c) the length of time elapsed since take-off of the aircraft is not considered a pertinent reason.

(5) If a jump is aborted and the MD decides that the reason was pertinent, the jump must then be made at the earliest opportunity.

If a competitor or team fails to follow the provisions of paragraph (3) above or aborts a jump without a pertinent reason (as determined by the MD) they will receive the maximum or minimum score (as appropriate) for the jump.

Integral rearranging of the text for better reading, plus 2 clarification parts.

5.2.10 Scoring and official scoreboard

(2) The official scoreboard **and its location** will be designated by the relevant CJ and must be approved by the Jury.

(3) Printed scores and results must be posted on the official scoreboard. The method ~~and location~~ of posting will be determined by the relevant CJ in conjunction with the organiser and must be announced before the competition starts.

Better wording.

5.2.3 Order of Events

(4) The MD is responsible for the control of the **jump-run flight direction** and for observing the wind.

Change flight direction to jump-run direction.

6.6.2.1. Prior to the Competition

Panel of Judges : If a Judge has accepted his selection to the Panel of Judges and is unable to attend, he must immediately notify the CJ who will then select another available Judge. If the Judge does not notify the CJ, ~~that Judge will be deemed unavailable. In that case~~ 6.6.5 will be applied. ~~apply.~~

If a Judge does not notify the CJ, the CJ can only assume the Judge is available, not unavailable.

NEW License versus licence check. (overall, to be done after 2025 Plenary)

In British English:

Licence is the noun (I hold an FAI Sporting Licence).

License is the verb (The FAI will license skydivers to participate in endorsed events)

In American English, it is always spelled "license".

But it is believed the FAI uses British English.

General Section: **Proposal towards FAI to delete the simultaneous records**

7.6 SIMULTANEOUS RECORDS On any date that a record is broken by more than one claimant, the best performance only will be awarded the new record except if an Air Sport Commission has a special provision for such a situation which is described in its Specialised Section of the Sporting Code.

Simultaneous records are possible if more than one claimant performing at the same time achieves exactly the same performance in **the same conditions** as another. In this case the record will be registered in the joint names of the concerned persons.

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In all cases, not only the date of the performance should appear in the record claim **but also the local time** at which the performance occurred and, where applicable, the round of the competition in which it took place.

In these days, time can be registered perfectly - in relation to international time zones - there is no reason anymore for simultaneous records. In all cases, not only the date of the performance should appear in the record claim **but also the local time at which the performance occurred** and, where applicable, the round of the competition in which it took place. There is currently wording in the GS about how to measure time.

GS: 8.1.6 Time

Elapsed times and time of the day may be measured either by approved timepieces or by GNSS.

Internal Regulations

3.4.1 Location

FAI By-law 3.4.3 states that the ISC shall normally meet at, or in the vicinity of, the FAI Headquarters, unless the ISC votes by an absolute majority (>50% of all the votes belonging to Delegates present or represented by proxy) to meet in another place.

- If there is no bid on the Agenda in accordance with 3.4.2 below, ISC shall meet at FAI Headquarters.
- If there is one **or more** bids on the Agenda in accordance with 3.4.2 below, ISC shall vote as per FAI By-law 3.4.3. **If there is one bid on the Agenda and ISC has voted to meet in another place this ~~If ISC votes by to meet in another place the~~ bid is automatically accepted.** If there are two or more bids on the Agenda **~~in accordance with 3.4.2 below, ISC shall vote as per FAI By-law 3.4.3. If ISC votes to meet in another place ISC shall then vote on the bids.~~** the bid with the highest number of votes will be accepted. In the case that there is a tie, a new vote will be taken till a bid has received the highest number of votes.

Easier reading of text, voting on this items tends to be complicated.

3.6.2 Appointed Observer (regarding Composition of Delegations) (President's proposal)

An Appointed Observer is a person who has been appointed as such by an FAI Member. The appointment (in writing) must be sent by the **FAI Member ISC Delegate**, at least seven days before the start of the ISC Plenary Meeting, to the ISC Bureau via the ISC Recording Secretary. **If an Appointed Observer is on an ISC Committee or Working Group, his name need not be submitted.**

3.10.1 Secret ballot (Gillian Winters proposal)

When a secret ballot takes place (whether per 3.10.2, 3.10.3 or 3.10.4), **it may be conducted either by using an FAI approved electronic voting system that maintains the integrity and confidentiality of the votes or by paper ballots.**

When using paper ballots, any ballot paper marked so that the source can be identified shall be invalid and any unmarked ballot paper shall be counted as an abstention.

3.12. Documents (President's proposal)

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If no amendments have been made, the Documents (other than the Minutes) from the previous year continue to be valid, nevertheless a new edition stating the current year will be published with a note on the revision page stating “no changes to the previous year’s edition”

The ISC is implementing this year a new DOCUMENT TEMPLATE, which will be used in all our documents from 2025 onward. The new Template has been developed by Mark Szulmayer and Vera Asquith and will also be adapted by other commissions. The FAI Secretariat, while reviewing the template, has requested that we include a revision page at the beginning of all our docs to align them with other FAI documents.

The intention of this rule change proposal is that all ISC rules have the current year on them in such a way that any user can see that they have the current year’s rule set. In the past it has happened that a document had not changed and a user would not know if they had the current edition or an old outdated version.

3.7.1 (5) A written report from ~~a~~ the FAI Controller(s) ~~if applicable~~. (President’s proposal)
Necessary update.

4.3 DUTIES AND POWERS (President’s proposal)

~~In the event of a tie, the issue will not be accepted or approved. The President has the right to a tie-breaking vote~~ In the event of a tie in two successive votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote without appeal.

The Current Bureau is formed of six people but only four have a vote due to 5.4.3 and 5.5.3 where the Recording and Finance Secretary do not have a vote. With this structure we could have a situation where the Bureau could not be able to make any decision due to a tie in the voting during a complete year. We could lose valuable opportunities because the Bureau is not in agreement. The ideal is that the Bureau should make unanimous decisions, but unfortunately or fortunately that isn’t always the case. The President could have a casting vote to avoid having an inoperative Bureau

FAI By Laws state in 3.3.6 “In the event of a tie in two successive votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote without appeal.” ISC was deviating from this and now is in line.

6.2.1 Eligibility (regarding ISC Committees) (President’s proposal)

The Chair must be a current Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the ISC and must have some prior experience or knowledge of the discipline. The Deputy Chair may be a current Delegate, Alternate Delegate or an Appointed Observer. If the Deputy Chair is an Appointed Observer, NAC approval by the ISC Delegate (in writing) is required. The President and the First Vice President may not serve as an ISC Committee Chair nor may the President be a member of an ISC Committee.

6.2.1 Eligibility (Austrian NAC proposal)

The Chair must be ~~a current Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the ISC and must have some prior experience or knowledge of the discipline. The Deputy Chair may be~~ a current Delegate, Alternate Delegate or an Appointed Observer. If the Chair or Deputy Chair is an Appointed Observer, NAC approval (in writing) is required and this approval includes to accept the obligation of a chair to attend the annual plenary meetings.

Any NAC may not hold more than two committee chair positions.

The President and the First Vice President may not serve as an ISC Committee Chair nor may the

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President be a member of an ISC Committee.

The requirement to be a delegate or alternate delegate historically has two reasons. The need for a chair to attend the plenary meetings and the limitation that a NAC cannot cover more than two committees. Why not clearly write this into the regulations and by that enlarge the pool of potential c'tee chairs, especially from nations with delegates and alternate delegates who are not willing or qualified to take any chair. There is quite a number of NACs with delegates just on paper (for whatever domestic reason) but other active appointed observers from the same NAC who even attend the plenary cannot be nominated as chair.

7.2.1 Eligibility (President's proposal)

The Chair of an ISC Working Group, ~~other than the Chair of the ISC Finance Working Group must~~ may be chosen from the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ISC, ~~or the ISC President as per 5.12.(10).~~ 5.1.2 (11), or another nominated person approved by the Plenary.

In order to be elected for the first time, a Working Group ~~Committee~~ Chair must either be present at the ISC meeting where the decision takes place or be the Deputy Chair of that Working Group ~~Committee~~.

The objective of this proposal is to allow the Bureau to nominate, and the Plenary to approve the appointment of any person to become Chair of a Working Group. The rule already considers that the Finance Secretary doesn't need to be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. ISC is short on Delegates or Alternate Delegates willing to take the responsibility. In the case of the Working Groups it is more important to select the correct person, with the proper skills and experience to carry out the duties, and we may not have any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that meets the requirements.

Correction of the reference number.

5.1.2(11) already allows the President to delegate the Chair of a Temporary Working Group to another nominated person approved by the plenary.

7.3.1 Terms of Office (ISC Working Group Chair) (President's proposal)

In accordance with FAI By-Law 3.5.1, the term of office for the Chair of an ISC Working Group, will be two years, ~~concurrent with the term of office of the Bureau. The Chair of an ISC Working Group may be re-appointed an unlimited number of times.~~ Proposals for Chairs and Deputy Chairs of ISC Committees will be made by the Bureau in the interim year of its term of office.

The ISC Finance Secretary will be the ex-officio Chair of the ISC Finance Working Group.

Nominations shall be carried out in the same manner as for ISC Committees.

6.3.1 was modified in IR version 2023, but 7.3.1 was not. The Chairs of the Committee are proposed in the interim year while the current 7.3.1 states that the term of Office of the working Group Chairs will be concurrent with the term of office of the Bureau.

This should be aligned so the that chairs of both the Committee and of the Working group are appointed in the interim year.

7.3.2 Deputy Chair (regarding ISC working Group) (President's proposal)

The Chair of each ISC Working Group shall appoint a Deputy Chair, who may be a current Delegate, Alternate Delegate or an Appointed Observer. If the Deputy Chair is an Appointed Observer, ~~NAC~~

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approval by the [ISC Delegate](#) (in writing) is required.

The requirement to have a written appointment by the NAC is a self-inflicted wound that forces Delegates that want to appoint Observers to request their NAC for approval for something that the NAC normally has nothing to do with. To all effects the ISC Delegate is the delegate for the NAC to the ISC, and as such should have the power and be able to appoint observers, that will the normally could end up being Committee members.

In IR 6.2.3 Delegates can already appoint Members to a Committee, so why not the rest of the personnel. “Members, who are not Delegates or Alternate Delegates, are required to obtain approval for their appointment **either from the Delegate representing their FAI Member or from their FAI Members**. This approval must be given in writing no later than the end of the Plenary Meeting at which the appointment is made (6.4.2)”

Normally, once appointed, the person would continue to be approved unless the ISC delegate says otherwise for whatever reason. Current 3.6.2 just gives us unnecessary bureaucratic work with no benefit

According to FAI By Laws 3.1.2 “Annually, an up-to-date list of all duly appointed Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be distributed with the General Conference Agenda, Annexes and Minutes.” So, if the NAC, for whatever reason does not agree with an appointment done by their Delegate, they can revert it.

ANNEXES

New Annexes

[TOR's for finance and media working group.](#) (separate document in agenda)

Annex 3 Leonardo da Vinci Parachuting Diploma

If the result of this vote is positive and there is only one candidate, the Diploma will be awarded to this candidate. If there is more than one candidate under consideration, a secret ballot shall be held to determine the recipient of the Diploma. The Diploma will be awarded to the candidate who obtains **a simple majority** the highest number of votes cast.

A simple majority means more than 50%, and there can be more than 2 candidates as well. .

Annex 5

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ISC COMPETITION COMMITTEES

(2) Objectives (President's proposal)

NEW (10) Oversee the G-2 records for their discipline that are submitted to the FAI Records Officer, verifying and signing off on all records before they are ratified.

G-1 Competition Records are achieved in competitions and are totally under ISC control and supervision, while the G-2 Performance Records are forwarded to the FAI Records Officer without any kind of supervision or control from the ISC: The FAI Records Officer, despite her professionalism and knowledge of the ratification procedure, has no knowledge in regards to the record achievement itself since she does not and cannot know all the FAI airports, disciplines and even less the exact criteria of a Discipline G2 Record. Only the relevant Competition Committees have the knowledge to see if a record claim is actually truthful and that all the requirements are met. And to verify that a G2 record is correctly classified before it is processed for ratification. This would make the FAI Records Officers' task easier, avoiding preliminary record claims that are later abandoned. And at the same time it would guarantee that ISC records are correctly classified and ratified.

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Annex 5

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ISC RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ISC Rules and Regulations Committee are:

~~(5) to create and maintain, with FAI assistance, an IPC/ISC historical archive and a web page to contain it.~~
This should be work of the media & promotion working group, not R&R.

4 AREAS OF WORK

The ISC Rules and Regulations Committee areas of work shall comprise:

- (1) Preparation ~~every year~~ of a current complete edition of the ISC Jury Handbook, the ISC FAI Controller Handbook, ~~the ISC FAI Medal Policy~~ and the ISC First Category Event Application Document; ~~The Handbooks only need update when there is a change in applicable rules, so 'every year' is redundant. Furthermore, the Medal Policy is from FAI, not ISC.~~

Annex 6 HOSTING AN ISC PLENARY MEETING

7. Meals

~~Accompanying Persons will only be provided with breakfast and may be provided with the evening meal, but only if it is offered to the Delegates.~~

9 Registration Fees

Discussion is needed on how to deal with (Alternate)Delegates and Appointed Observers who decide to stay outside the meetings hotel. FAI By-Laws 3.4.3 states: “....and events offered in connection with meetings held elsewhere than at the FAI Secretariat. However, no approved delegate to a Commission shall be refused entry to Commission plenary or sub-committee working sessions on the ground that he has not registered.” This however creates an open end situation unsustainable for any organiser. An option could be a daily conference fee for those who opt not to take the organisers offer.

~~There must be an accommodation package offered for Accompanying Persons, who do not attend the meetings and do not take lunch or coffee breaks.~~

An organiser should not be forced to arrange this for non-delegation persons (AKA tourists)

Jury Handbook

- o Confirm that the final amount of the Sanction Fee has been invoiced and paid to FAI
- o Confirm that the final amount of the Sanction Fee has been **established and settled with FAI Clarification of the process.**

FCEAD

2.1.3 Annual update of examples

2.2.2 Sanction Fee. A Sanction Fee, as per FAI Fees Schedule, is levied by the ISC in respect of only those Delegation Members, who are competitors, team videographers, Heads of Delegation, Team Managers, ~~and~~ Team Coaches **and any Judge Training Course candidate** listed on an Official Entry Form. The FAI Controller will establish an estimated total that must be paid by the Organiser to the FAI at least seven (7) days before the published official start date of the competition. The FAI Controller shall then establish the actual number of participants to allow for a final settlement before the Jury declares the event to be valid. (President's proposal)

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If SC5 proposed change 4.1.3 is accepted.

2.4 Approval Procedure

2.4.1 The applicant will not be allowed to make any presentation to the ISC Plenary but may answer questions and/or distribute written promotional material. Under exceptional circumstances the President may allow short version presentations.

In order to allow deviation from this rule, at the President's discretion.

Difference in Annex 2 (page 9)

"nr^{st/nd}" "Year" FAI "World/Continental" "Discipline" "Championships/World Cup"

and what is written in FCEAD 2.1 (page 10):

"xst / xxnd" "year" FAI "World/Continental" "Skydiving/Indoor Skydiving" "Championships/World Cup" of "event(s)" (as per FAI naming policy)

Alignment is needed.

Annex 3 (page 15, point 5)

Registration procedure (~~online~~, excel, email)

The idea is to disallow all kind of different online registration tools. First of all they tend to locally idiosyncratic and cumbersome. And they deviate from ISC needed information regarding registration / FAI sanction fees and scoring providers. The goal is to create a standard ISC format for this.

In the TOC, the Annexes have the wrong page numbers:

Annex 1 should be page 7

Annex 2 - page 9

Annex 3 - page 13