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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	26th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships
Event:	FS 4-way Open, FS 4-way Female, FS 8-way Open and VFS
Location:	Crystal Coast Skydiving in Beaufort, North Carolina, USA
Date:	October 5-11, 2024
Panel of Judges:	Chief Judge Pekka Salmela, Event Judge Deanne Brazelton, Event Judge Wolfgang Duller, Judge Sandy Nieuwenhoven (New), Judge Agnieszka Sobczynska, Judge Jenni Plumridge, Judge Ruth Cooper, Judge Thierry Courtin, Judge Leon Jurcic (New), Judge Marc Frielingsdorf, Judge Rogier Carper, Judge Dirk Venter, Judge Jim Rees
Scoring Equipment Used:	InTime Scoring
Details of the Judges Work: <i>(including judging statistics)</i>	<p>- 2 judging panels were used (1 EJ + 5 panel judges).</p> <p>- All judges were very experienced and worked very well together. They gelled into a cohesive team very quickly and they were all willing to listen and learn from each other.</p> <p>The judges were rotated so that everyone could judge with everyone and the judges could also work with everyone. This was a good way to get the judges and referees to see different ways of judging and get to know each other better.</p> <p>- There were 12 FS Open teams (120 jumps), 5 FS Female teams (50 jumps), 5 FS 8-way teams (50 jumps) and 4 VFS teams (40 jumps) Total: 260</p>
Recommendations for Organisers:	<p>The organizers were gracious and accommodating. They were willing to comply with all of my requests quickly.</p> <p>There were 4 judging stations for all disciplines. These were well distributed and the chief judges of the different disciplines communicated well with each other and helped each other. The judging equipment worked flawlessly throughout the competition. Claire and Dirk had prepared the judging stations very well and it was a pleasure to work with them. Thanks Intime team!</p> <p>The judging area was quite noisy due to the location in hangar and the planes taxied quite close. Area should be quieter</p> <p>The organizer had a WhatsApp communication system. It had several different groups that you could join if you wanted. The idea was good and worked relatively well. Only the number of messages was huge from time to time and important messages could get lost in the flood of messages. It is definitely worth using in the future, but think about the number of messages. It also handled the calling of teams to the</p>

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	<p>plane. It would certainly be better to have calling according rules for the teams.</p>
<p>Rule Changes – Proposals:</p>	<p>VFS Foot grips should be worded as it was in 2013</p> <p>Just from the picture, the foot grip could be halfway up the leg.</p> <div data-bbox="539 510 735 719" data-label="Image"> <p>The diagram shows a human silhouette with a vertical line through the center. To the left of the line, the word 'ARM:' is written. To the right, 'LEG' is written. Below the line, 'For VFS FOOT:' is written. The figure is standing on two circular feet.</p> </div> <p>CR 2013:</p> <p>2.2. Grip: consists of a handhold on an arm or leg (as shown in diagram 7.2) or foot of another jumper as shown in 7.2. a grip requires stationary contact. A foot grip consists of a handhold on a foot or ankle.</p> <p>proposed rule for 2025:</p> <p>2.2 Grip: consists of stationary contact between any part of the palm side of the hand and/or fingers, and an arm leg or foot of another jumper as shown in 7.2. a grip requires stationary contact. A foot grip consists of a handhold on a foot or ankle.</p>
<p>Personal Remarks:</p>	<p>I got to choose the judges after the judges had already been chosen for WCIS 2024 Macao. I would hope that if there are 2 or more first category competitions during the year, the chief judges could discuss the judges for the competitions together.</p> <p>There was a situation at the VFS competition where not all judges could see the grip due to the sun. The team filed a complaint about it. After that, there were many stages and in the end the team's original judging remained in effect. The whole thing should have gone better. I would like to apologize to the team for how the whole thing went. We should probably think about NV rules should be changed somehow for the future.</p> <p>I would like to thank the organizer, FAI Controller, Jury, volunteers, and all of my judges for their hard work, diligence and willingness to be flexible when needed. I am glad to have been CJ for this event.</p>
<p>In accordance with the Sporting code Section 5, 6.7.1(5) this form is to be completed and sent to the Chair of the Judge's Committee and the ISC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the competition's completion.</p>	

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