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Rejumps in the event of equipment malfunction

Current wording:

4.10.3 In the event of an equipment malfunction, or for any other safety reason, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will not be granted if the team builds a complete formation (correct or not) at any time during the jump.

All evidence of the malfunction or intention to abort the jump before the first complete formation for safety reasons must be provided by the team. This evidence must include a written statement from the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

Proposed wording:

4.10.3 In the event of an equipment malfunction **the resolution which places a team member an irrecoverable vertical distance from the remaining team or necessitates cutting away the main canopy**, or for any other safety reason, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will not be granted if the team **releases from** ~~builds~~ a-complete formation (correct or not) **and makes an attempt at the second formation in the drawn sequence** at any time during the **working time** ~~jump~~.

All evidence of the malfunction or intention to abort the jump before **the attempt at the second formation in the drawn sequence** ~~first complete formation~~ for safety reasons must be provided by the team. This evidence must include a written statement from the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

Rationale

The definition of what type of malfunction could result in a rejump has never been clear. Individuals could have felt the need to cut away from their main canopy after resolving an issue (e.g. multiple line twists, issues with brakes) to evidence a malfunction and be awarded a rejump. Clarification that significant loss of altitude while recovering from an unexpected equipment issue can be considered a malfunction may reduce the instances of unnecessary cut-aways.

If the videographer has a malfunction, the team may not be aware of this until after they have built their first point. The videographer having the malfunction may capture the team's first point on video point while managing their malfunction. Under the previous rule would have prevented a rejump. The intention is to allow the team to recognise that their videographer is missing after the build but before starting to attempt further points.

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4-way sequential draw

Current wording:

5.2.2 *The draw of the sequences:* Each block sequence or random from the Dive Pool will be drawn only once for each competition. All rounds shall consist of four or five scoring formations, whichever number is reached first.

Proposed wording:

5.2.2 *The draw of the sequences:* Each block sequence or random from the Dive Pool will be drawn only once for each competition. All rounds shall consist of four or five scoring formations, whichever number is reached first.

In the event that additional rounds are necessary, due to the tie-breaking jump-off, the dive pool for this round will consist of the blocks and formations which were not drawn for the scheduled rounds. In the event that all of the remaining blocks and formations do not complete the tie-breaking round, the draw will continue from an entire original dive pool in that event, excluding any blocks or formations which have already been drawn for that round.

Rationale:

To provide rules for drawing additional rounds if needed. The wording aligns with that used in Formation Skydiving.

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Record for highest average score in a competition

Current wording:

3.2.3 CF Records

(1) 4-Way Rotation

The record performance for a 4-way rotation is the number of stacks/planes made by rotation in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

(2) Longest Sequence

The record performance for the longest sequence is the number of formations completed in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

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Proposed wording:

3.2.3 CF Records

(1) 4-Way Rotation

The record performance for a 4-way rotation is the number of stacks/planes made by rotation in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

(2) Longest Sequence

The record performance for the longest sequence is the number of formations completed

(3) Highest average

The record performance for the highest average is the average number of formations for a completed competition program of 8 rounds as defined in the current Competition Rules. The average must be calculated by dividing the final total point score (excluding any tie-break jumps/performances) by 8.

Rationale:

Adding the Highest Average record to the Competition Record categories. Wording taken directly from 3.2.5.2, the equivalent in Formation Skydiving adjusted for the number of rounds in a Canopy Formation competition.

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Reinstate simultaneous records for CF large formation records

Current wording:

3.3.10 Joint Record Holders in CP, ST, SP, WS, Altitude/Fall, Largest Formation, Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential

In the case of more than one individual or distinct team achieving an identical Performance Record on the same calendar day and thereby breaking an existing record, the new record shall be registered in the name of all the individuals or teams involved. Two or more teams are distinct only if they have no common members.

Proposed wording:

*3.3.10 Joint Record Holders in CP, ST, SP, WS, Altitude/Fall, **FS** Largest Formation, **FS** Large Formation Sequential and **FS** Full Break Large Formation Sequential*

In the case of more than one individual or distinct team achieving an identical Performance Record on the same calendar day and thereby breaking an existing record, the new record shall be registered in the name of all the individuals or teams involved. Two or more teams are distinct only if they have no common members.

3.3.11 Joint Record Holders in CF Largest Formation, CF Large Formation Sequential and CF Full Break Large Formation Sequential

If more than one individual or distinct team **achieve** achieves an identical Performance Record on the same calendar day and thereby breaks an existing record, the new record shall be registered in the name of all the individuals or teams involved. ~~Two or more teams are distinct only if they have no common members.~~ **Two teams are considered distinct if more than 10% of the members, with a minimum of 5 individuals, are different.**

Rationale:

CF Large formations can only be built in square/diamond shapes. The step change from one safe formation to the next size up cannot be arbitrary. The total must be a square number, possibly +1. Sufficient competent athletes may be available to re-perform the record with a different line-up. That does not mean there are enough to increase the formation size to the next square number. This change enable competent athletes to gain recognition for their skills by taking the places of others who step down.