

## 2025 Canopy Formation Competition Rule changes

### 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. 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.

## 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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## 2025 Section 5 rule changes for Canopy Formation

### 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:*

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##### (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.

## Update the definition of CF large formation records

### *Current wording:*

#### 3.3.2 CF Performance Records

##### Largest Formation

The record performance for the Largest Formation is the number of persons in one formation. A written plan describing the formation to be attempted and the persons involved must be submitted in advance to the Judges. The formation must be complete as described with all named persons in the formation.

All persons in the completed formation must be connected by at least one grip either taken by the person or taken on the person.

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##### Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential

The record performance for the Large Formation Sequential record and Full Break Large Formation Sequential is the number of persons (not less than 25% (rounded up) of the size of the Largest Formation Record (World or Continental Regional, General or Female, as appropriate) at the time the sequential record is performed) to complete a sequence of two or more formations, giving a separate record performance for each number of formations completed.

A written plan of the record performance(s) describing the formations and the transitions to be attempted and the persons involved must be submitted in advance to the Judges. The formations and the transitions must be completed as described with all named personnel in the formations.

All persons in the completed formations must be connected by at least one grip either taken by the person or taken on the person.

### *Proposed wording:*

##### Largest Formation

The record performance for the Largest Formation is the number of persons in one formation which is the "Record Formation". The "Largest Formation Team" is made up of the declared participants which are:

- the persons in the Record Formation,
- videographers of the Record Formation, and
- alternates available to immediately join the Record Formation

amounting to not more than 120% of the size of the Record Formation.

A written plan describing the Record Formation to be attempted and the declared ~~persons~~ Largest Formation Team must be submitted in advance to the Judges.

The Record Formation must be complete as described with ~~all-named~~ only members of the Largest Formation Team ~~persons~~ in the formation.

All persons in the completed formation must be connected by at least one grip either taken by the person or taken on the person.

##### Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential

The record performance for the Large Formation Sequential record and Full Break Large Formation Sequential is the number of persons (not less than 25% (rounded up) of the size of the Largest Formation Record (World or

Continental Regional, General or Female, as appropriate) at the time the sequential record is performed) to complete a sequence of two or more formations, giving a separate record performance for each number of formations completed.

Large Formation Sequential and Full Break Large Formation Sequential Team is made up of the declared participants which are:

- the persons in the Record Formation,
- videographers of the Record Formation, and
- alternates available to immediately join the Record Formation

amounting to not more than 120% of the size of the Record Formation.

A written plan describing the record formations and transitions to be attempted and the declared ~~persons~~ Largest Formation Team must be submitted in advance to the Judges.

The record formations and transitions must be complete as described with ~~all-named~~ only members of the Largest Formation Team ~~persons~~ in the formation

All persons in the completed formations must be connected by at least one grip either taken by the person or taken on the person.

*Rationale:*

The team to achieve large formation records is bigger than just the people in the final formation. It includes videographers and additional people who may not be in the final formation. Borrowing from the concept of Alternates in competition teams, the Committee would like the whole team to be recognised for their contribution to the record.