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|  | **FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE  BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D’AEROSTATION**  **CIA Conference**  **New Delhi, India**  **12th – 15th March 2025** |

**2025 Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code WG Meeting**

Wednesday 12th March 2025 16:30 – 18:15

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Working Group members present:**

Members: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)

Mark Sullivan (USA)

Lindsay Muir (GBR)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA) -Zoom-

JC Weber (LUX) -Zoom-

Observer: Benoit Pelard (FRA)

Marc Andre (SUI)

Markus Haggeney (SUI)

Les Purfield (GBR) -Zoom-

1. **Review of General Section 2025**

No changes were identified which required SC01 action.

HOWEVER under 6.4 APPEALS, the reference is incorrect.

A NAC may appeal to FAI on matters concerning international sporting events and record attempts and against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

The right of appeal to FAI rests with the NAC(s) concerned, except for matters under ~~4.10.2~~ 4.4.2 for which the person(s) concerned has a right of appeal. The FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) is responsible for the treatment of appeals.”

The RSC Chair is requested to request CASI to correct this error.

1. **Review of SC01 document actions**

5.6.4.3 Limitation

No NAC shall have more competitors than 10% of the total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate. The current medal holders, invited under rule 5.6.1.~~5~~4 and the “wild card”, invited under rule 5.6.1.~~6~~5 are not included in this limit.

5.6.5.2 Standby List. Move to 5.6.3.3 and renumber.

If an NAC fails to respond by the proper deadline or if an entrant fails to fulfil his obligations, the NAC or the entrant in question may lose their respective right to enter, but may be kept on a standby list ~~should vacancies appear~~.

Competitors on the standby list will be offered places should they become available after Rounds 1 & 2.

**3b Minimum requirements to be completed on an entrants registration form.**

The RSC was asked to come up with a definition of the minimum data which is required when a pilot registers for a Cat 1 event.

This was discussed by the Working Group, but they believed that SC01 was not the correct place for this information.

1. **Internal Regulation changes for 2025**

4.1.3 Eligibility

~~Annually~~ Every Two Years the CIA Plenary Meeting shall elect its President from among approved Delegates and its President, who may be reelected for an unlimited number of terms. (FAI COUNCIL Statutes Sub- Committee conclusion / Meeting minutes 9/10.6.92)

4.2.3 Eligibility

~~Annually~~ Every Two Years the CIA Plenary Meeting shall elect the Vice-presidents from among its Members, who may be reelected for an unlimited number of terms. Vice-presidents shall not be of the same nationality as the CIA President.

4.3.3 Eligibility

~~Annually~~ Every Two Years the CIA Plenary Meeting shall elect the Secretary from among its Members or from outside the CIA. If chosen from outside the CIA, the election shall be subject to the agreement by the Delegate concerned, and the Secretary shall have no voting right

7.1.2 Sanction Fees Structure

FAI Air Sport Commissions will determine the scale of sanction ~~and registration~~ fee~~s~~ in Swiss Francs ~~once a year~~ for the following sporting events:

- World Air Games, as approved by the General Conference;

- World and Continental Championships, as approved by the FAI Air Sport Commissions ~~and Council~~;

- Special International Events approved by the FAI Air Sport Commission concerned;

- Other International sporting events organised by or under the authorisation of NACs.

The scale of fees can be determined for a class of events or for individual events and can be different for different air sports and events.

This (determination of the scale of fees) will be done during the annual meeting of the Air Sport Commission concerned for the coming year in which the event is scheduled to take place. National FAI Members will be informed by the FAI Secretariat.

All FAI Sporting Events approved by the CIA shall be subject to a sanction fee. ~~with a minimum of 500.- Swiss Francs (CIA MIN. item 9/1993)~~

7.1.4 CIA Sanction Fees Account Administration

The administrative work and bookkeeping connected with the sanction and registration fees will be done by the FAI Secretariat. In case of default of payment of registration and/or sanction fees, FAI Enforcement Procedures (By-laws, Chapter 6) will be applied.

~~The CIA Secretary, on behalf of the CIA and under the guidance of the CIA President, may at any moment request a money transfer to the CIA Administrative Fund Account.~~

The CIA Secretary shall present to the CIA Plenary Meeting the accounts for the past year and the proposed budget for the coming year. The financial year will be the calendar year.

6.3.9 The CIA NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

6.3.9.1 ~~Working Group~~ Mission and Responsibilities

The following statement of purpose is

To advise on new technologies in ballooning sport and competition,

To analyse new solutions available,

To help in active development and implementation of new technologies,

To monitor their implementation and usage,

To issue recommendations on the use of new technologies,

To manage CIA technology projects

~~The working group has an advisory mission.~~

9.3.1.1 CIA Policy Document

Document containing MANDATORY RULES and/or REGULATIONS on matters within the CIA's delegated authority and competence, the uniform application of which is mandatory and to which FAI Members and their individual members must conform in accordance with the FAI Statutes

The following are to be considered Policy Documents:

- SPORTING CODE SECTION 1 and ANNEXES

- CIA MODEL EVENT RULES (MERs)

- CIA JURY HANDBOOK

- CIA INTERNAL REGULATIONS

- FAI FIRST CATEGORY EVENT SANCTION APPLICATION AND EVENT PLANNING GUIDE

- CIA PREMIER SPORTING EVENT SANCTION APPLICATION AND EVENT PLANNING GUIDELINES

- CIA PREMIER FIESTA MEETING SANCTION APPLICATION AND EVENT PLANNING GUIDELINES

- FAI/CIA CLOUD GUIDELINE

1. **2025/2026 WG members and Chairperson**

The WG recommends to approve the following members:

Chair: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)

Members: Mark Sullivan (USA)

Lindsay Muir (GBR)

JC Weber (LUX)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

1. **Summary of motions:**

**Motion 1:**

**That the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 1 be approved as published.**

**Motion 2:**

**That the proposed changes to the Internal Regulations be approved as published.**

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