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Two First Category Events have been held in FS disciplines during 2013. They were the World Cup and European Championships of Formation Skydiving, and the World Cup and European Championships of Vertical Formation Skydiving. They were both held in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In Formation Skydiving 4-Way, 16 teams competed in the WC and 10 in the EC which is a few more than Prostejov last year (10, 9) but less than Saarlouis in 2011 (21, 12). 10 teams competed in the WC female 4-Way event; 4 of them came from the large UK delegation. The event was very exciting with the battle between US and France. They were still tied after the tie break round and France won due to their higher scoring jump in round 2. 5 NAC's were represented for the EC in the female event. The 8 way event had 7 teams from 4 different NAC for the WC and 3 NAC's for the EC. The event was "saved" in the last minute by a team from UK that signed up a couple of days prior to the meet. This was the last competition for this French 8 way team lineup, and they won it easily. The Vertical Formation event had 5 teams in WC and 4 in the EC. UK helped out here as well, their freefly and freestyle teams joined forces and competed in VFS as well,

I would like to thank the organizers for the good work they did to make this a very satisfying and well organized competition. Competitors enjoyed friendly hospitality and a congenial atmosphere in Banja Luka. The small parachute club had prepared well, bringing in expertise where needed, and with good weather the event was completed easily within time

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WC. Changes made to the rules in 2013 were generally well accepted. The rule regarding training jumps was changed in 2013 and the teams can now perform a sequence of their own choice and receive an evaluation from the judges. Teams are encouraged to use this opportunity to show the judges special things (for example new block techniques) that needs to be evaluated.

The tie break rules were brought up at the Competitors meeting:

If the teams are still tied after the tie break round, current IPC rules determine the winner by finding the highest scoring round in any completed round. Officials, teams and competitors discussed the rules and for the tie break round the majority wanted the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round to determine the final placing.

The agenda for our open meeting in Vienna contains our proposals for rule changes in 2014. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

The next FCE is the World Meet in Prostejov Aug 24-29 2014.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee for their efforts throughout the year: Phillipe Schorno (France), Eric Heinsheimer (USA), Kirk Verner (USA), Rainer Exi Hoenle (Germany), Peter Stræde (Denmark), Jeremie Rollett (France), Sara Sacchet (Italy) and Mark Szulmayer (Australia).

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OPEN MEETING 2014

Agenda

1. Annual Report

2. Proposed Rule changes (both FS and VFS rules)

- Housekeeping:
 - Change the name of the VFS event (Formation Skydiving, not Vertical Formation skydiving)
 - VFS rules 2.3 should read “foot grip” (not leg grip)
 - Training jumps 4.9.3; we changed this rule last year, and the teams can now perform a sequence of their own choice. The intention was still to draw one or two sequences for the teams to choose among (it’s not clear at the moment).

3. Future Competitions

- World Meet 2014
- Organizers are invited to present bids for future competitions.

4. Other Business

- Tie break rules:

If the teams are still tied after the Jump Off, current IPC rules determine the winner by finding the highest scoring round in any completed round; at the World Cup in Banja Luka France won over USA with their 27-pointer in Round 2. Officials, teams and competitors discussed the tie-breaking rules at the open FS meeting and for the tie break round the majority wanted the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round to determine the final placing.

- Rules for Windtunnel competitions