

Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Agenda 2014 meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland

Current Committee Members

- Andrew Baird (USA) – Chairman baird@cameronballoons.com
- David Bareford (UK)
- Thomas Fink (GER)
- Sabrina Handl (GER)
- Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
- Maury Sullivan (USA)
- Tadas Gegevicus (LTU)
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World Ranking List Keepers

- Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT) - Gerald.Stuerzlinger@rzi.at
- Uwe Schneider (GER) - u.schneider@dfsv.de

1. Roll call, accounting for absences

Members

Present

Andrew Baird	(USA)
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Paolo Oggioni	(ITA)
Gerald Sturzlinger	(AUT)
Maury Sullivan	(USA)
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Hiromori Soejima	(JPN)

Excused

Sabrina Handl	(GER)
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Observers

David Levin	(USA)
Mark Sullivan	(USA)
Vladimir Karnaukhov	(UKR)
Lindsay Muir	(UK)
Jose Marcio Illoz	(BRA)
Mathijs deBruin	(NED)
Michael Suchy	(CZR)
Zydrunas Kazlauskas	(LTU)
Paul Smith	(USA)

2. World Ranking List update

- *New online world ranking list*
- *NAC is now responsible for submitting their own results, which can be done online!*
- *CSC Approves the online World Ranking List and thanks the WRL list-keepers for their hard work.*

3. Review of Event Questionnaires, Evaluations and Jury Reports

4. Invitation to chairman of EDS to speak with the CSC committee members about EDS issues

- EDS Chair presented a summary of recent EDS activities

5. New or Pending Rule Changes

- *2D – 3D scoring*
- *As a guide CSC Recommends that the 2-D band is mandatory and should typically be at least 250' and not more than 500' above targets.*
- *Turning Vents – Allow limited use*
- *Landing within 200m of goals – rule change -- Discussion*

6. 2014 World Hot Air Championship

- Discussion if needed based on any current news regarding the World Championship (such as travel arrangements, etc.)
- *ED agreed to adopt combination 2D/3D scoring for the 2014 World Championship*
- *Invitation process – rules are being adjusted to make them clearer*
- *Bids should contain estimated budgets and availability for essential items such as rooms, vehicles, propane, etc. Sample budgets should be published well in advance of the plenary meeting. CSC will develop a suitable document and guideline, and ask organizers (via EDS) to submit this as part of their bid package.*
- *It should be encouraged that organizers present a pro-forma budget as part of the bid package*

7. CSC pilot questionnaire results. General discussion

- Two Surveys were distributed this year. One for specifically for the 2014 World Championship which had 137 responses, and one general survey with 215 responses.
- Links to the CSC Survey results will be published and links sent via the CIA Mailing Lists
- One question focused on Contest landings and their use in logger tasks. (see CSC recommendations below)

8. Discussion of Proposals from JC Weber (Carry over from 2013)

- *Proposal do reconsider and redefine FAI CAT2 events in aerostation*
 - *In accordance with EDS proposal -- table until further feedback from FAI*
- *Proposal for the introduction of a mandatory CIA RANKING LIST*

- Mandatory use OK, but not for selection process
 - *Proposal to make mandatory World-, Continental- and WAG Championship Test Events an integral part of the Championship sanction*
 - *CSC accepts the recommendations established in EDS regarding test events*
9. Logger and/or Observer updates
- Logger approval update
 - The official list of approved loggers now includes 4 loggers and will be presented by to the plenary NTSC
10. Review of tasks and scoring / measuring issues
- Discussion: Targets and goals: distance of target from stated coordinates. Currently there is no limit. There is also no provision
 - Suggest to Rules SC that if a target is not displayed within 200m of published coordinates then the ED has the option to cancel the task after reviewing all evidence.
11. Competitor Issues for 2015 / Questionnaire topics
- Loggers: Push a button, or take closest track point?
 - Size (minimum or recommended) of the MMA (possibly greater than 100m?) Limit to a radius or confines of the field?
 - Other topics to be developed over the coming year
12. New business
- CIA competitor mailing list – request creation
 - Complaints – is email OK? Yes – but time limits still apply – possible addition to COH to include ways that complaints can be transmitted. Ask Scoring-WG to consider.
13. Summary of CSC-Working Group recommendations
- CIA*
- a. *Asks the CIA to create a separate competitor email list*
- EDS*
- a. *Encourage submission of a sample Competitor budget to give competitors a better understanding of participation costs before voting on a bid. This can also be used as a benchmark for cost changes. CSC will develop a suitable document which EDS can use.*
 - b. *Encourage submission of a pro-forma event budget. Although not mandatory, it would be in the best interest of bidders because it will give Delegates a sense of how strong the event is and how dependent it may be on future sponsorship commitments.*
- RULES SC*
- a. *2D/3D Results: CSC recommends that the 2-D band be made mandatory and should*

typically be at least 250' and not more than 500' above targets.

- b. Rule 12.11.2 (Contest Landings): CSC asks the Rules SC to look at this rule for the purpose of allowing a contest landing in logger events, where the pilot has failed to press an appropriate logger button.*
- c. Target Location and Cancellation of Tasks: Currently there is no provision for an ED to cancel a task (after a flight) even if the target was not displayed in the correct position. CSC asks the Rules SC to develop a rule giving the ED the discretion to cancel a task – after reviewing all the facts – if the target location is more than 200m from the published coordinate.*

2014/2015 CSC and WG Members, CSC Chairperson

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- Sam Parks (USA) New Member

14. Proposed Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting

- *Motion to adopt the new online World Ranking List*

15. Adjournment