

“NO SHOW” MOTION

On 30th May 2014 (a few days after the 60 day deadline) 2 Czech entrants withdrew from the 2014 World Hot Air Balloon Championship. While the reasons they gave for withdrawing cannot be considered as force majeure, their withdrawal from the event did not deprive any other entrants from taking part in the 2014 World Championship. The sanction application for the event stated that the organisers would invite 100 competitors plus the 3 medal holders however, at the start of the event there were only 58 pilots leaving 45 spaces free. We feel that in this case the penalty for “No Show” as given below is unduly harsh and will mean that no Czech competitors will be able to compete in the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship.

5.6.6.4 A no-show entrant shall be disqualified from participating in any FAI Category 1 event for the rest of that year and an additional period of two calendar years. For the next event of the same type, a no-show's NAC will have its entitlement to entries reduced by the number of its no-shows in the previous event.

We therefore would like to propose the following motions:

Motion 1

The penalty as defined by 5.6.6.4 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code which was imposed on the Czech NAC and 2 Czech entrants following their withdrawal from the 2014 World Hot Air Balloon championship should be considered as having been served and the prohibition on the competitors and the NAC from competing in the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship should be removed with immediate effect.

Motion 2

That section 5.6.6.1 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code should be modified as follows:

Existing wording

5.6.6.1 An entrant who fails to appear at an FAI World Air Games, World or Continental Regional Championship events is defined as an entrant who is absent at the time of the roll call of the General Briefing of the event, without giving valid reason of force majeure (see note) after the time limits stated in 5.6.2.2, and has not been replaced by another competitor from the same NAC. An absent entrant shall be qualified “No-Show” only by decision of the International Jury. (existing wording)

Additional wording:

“The Jury shall consider waiving or reducing this penalty if at the start of the event:

- there are still places which have not been taken up by competitors and
- that the entrant(s) have notified the organiser at least 15 days before the General Briefing of their non-attendance.”

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