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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014 AND 2015 OPEN MEETING AGENDA

VARSHETS, Bulgaria

- Annual Report 2014
- Proposals for changes to competition rules 2015
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### **ANNUAL REPORT – 2014**

The IPC Speed Skydiving Committee had its first year as an IPC Event.

The committee had a meeting in Günzburg during the ISSA World Series in May, we have then had several e-mail discussions.

#### **The first World Cup in Speed Skydiving, Prostejov Czech Republic**

This competition, August 25 through 31, was attended by European nations. A total of 16 Speed Skydivers entered. The committee would like to thank the organisers for hosting this event.

Open meeting: the first competitors open meeting was held and all competitors attended (16).

Items discussed were: Weather conditions and how they sometimes differ from morning till afternoon and that cloud cover may affect performance or raise safety issues. The number of competitors in the semi-final and final rounds. Proposal how to change the not valid jumps (OB's).

All competitors agreed that they enjoyed the whole competition.

Discussion also about as to whether the competitors should jump if the conditions are not right for a safe flight, clouds etc.

#### **Judge Training Course**

In agreement with the Judges Committee we had a judge training course at the World Cup. The course was conducted by the Chief Judge Arnold Hohenegger and had two attendances: Dr. Rainer "Exi" Hoenle (Germany) and Randy Connell (USA) who worked together with the official panel of judges. Both passed and there are now five approved FAI/IPC Speed Skydiving Judges.

#### **Judging Equipment**

The software for the current Speed Measuring Device is old and no updates will be made. The committee had therefore started to look into and test other Speed Measuring Devices. No conclusion has been made and further test are needed.

#### **Judging Handbook**

The committee has started on a handbook for judges, how to operate the SMD's and software. It also contains all work the judges have to do during a competition.

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During the year Speed Skydiving lost one of its most dedicated competitors, Tim Mace. As a competitor he was one of the fastest Speed Skydivers ever. As a member of the ISSA Board and expert in sports law Tim made significant contributions to get Speed Skydiving into the FAI family and did a lot of valuable work on the current rules. Tim was able to visit the opening ceremony of the 1st FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving in Prostejov. Our thought goes to his family.

My appreciation goes to the current members of the SP Committee for their time and work: Deputy Johann Gritsch (Austria), members Arnold Hohenegger (Austria), Thomas Moritz Friess (Germany), and Michael Lovemore (UK). I look forward to continue working with them.

The Committee is also working in close cooperation with ISSA – International Speed Skydiving Association.

November 30, 2014

Elisabet Mikaelsson  
Chair IPC Speed Skydiving Committee

## **PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO SPEED SKYDIVING COMPETITION RULES**

Proposed changes to the competition rules 2015

- Penalty for OB's
- Exit altitude
- Speed Measuring Device
- Analysis software
- Housekeeping

## **FUTURE COMPETITIONS**

World Cup 2015

Mondial and first World Championship 2016, Skydive Chicago, USA