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**INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION
FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE REPORT
VARSHETS, 2015**

Two First Category Events have been held in Formations Skydiving (FS) and Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS) disciplines during 2014:

The World Parachute Championships (WPC) in FS and VFS were held in Prostejov in the Czech Republic.

In FS 4-way, twenty teams competed which is many fewer than Dubai 2012 (38 teams) but average compared to previous years. The outcome of the competition was very interesting with Belgium, USA and Canada on the podium. Nine teams competed in the female 4-way event, and again there was a battle between USA and France. The 8-way event had 8 teams which is fewer than Dubai but more than other years. The Golden Knights from USA are playing in a different league than the other teams and won by more than 40 points. The VFS event had eight teams, and this is a record participation for the Vertical event. France won for the third time in a row.

I would like to thank the organizers for the good work they did to make this a satisfying and well organized competition. Competitors enjoyed friendly hospitality and a congenial atmosphere in Prostejov. Weather conditions kept the competitors on the ground for a period, but the event was completed within time.

The 1st World Cup of Indoor Skydiving was held in Austin, Texas, earlier this month. Unfortunately very few NAC`s participated at this historic event. In FS 4-way there were only 5 teams from 4 different NAC`s. The two French teams consisted of juniors under the age of 13 – in addition to being the first IPC indoor Skydiving event this was also the first event to include junior participants. None of the top contenders from the outdoor WPC in Prostejov were present. Only 2 teams competed in the Female 4-way event, and 3 teams in VFS.

The IPC President Graeme Windsor took the floor to conclude the competition; he thanked all the competitors for their presence and thanked the organizers for their work to make this event possible.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WPC in Prostejov. Changes made to the rules in 2014 were generally well accepted. The rule regarding determination of the final placing was changed in 2014 - this was well received from the competitors but we did get some feedback from Omniskore that the system was not prepared for this rule and that it had to be measured manually.

During the year a competitor from Denmark delivered a block 10 divepool change proposal to the FS committee. This was presented for the competitors at the meeting. This was very popular and a further suggesting was made to make the turns 540 degrees instead of 180 to make the block more complex.

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A suggestion was made to increase the number of alternates from 1 to 2 for FS 8 way, and to increase the number of rounds in VFS from 8 to 10.

The agenda for our open meeting in Varshets contains our proposals for rule changes in 2015. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

There are currently no bids for FCE`s in 2015.

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

I would also like to welcome a new member to our committee; Martin Lemay from Canada. Martin is currently bronze medal holder in both FS 4 Way and VFS 4 way and will be a great contribution to our group.

Trude Sviggum
IPC FS Committee Chair
Norway, 22th November 2014

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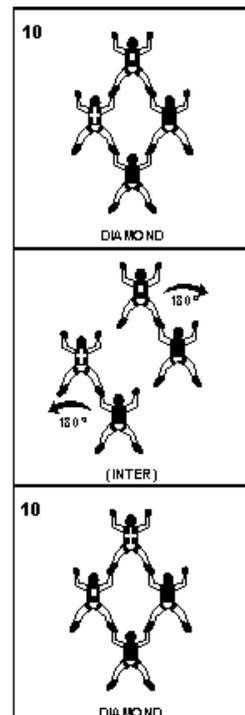
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Agenda

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

- Combine the (outdoor) FS and VFS rules into one document
 - This was done for the indoor rules when they were made last year
 - Easier to maintain one set of rules instead of two
 - Working document attached

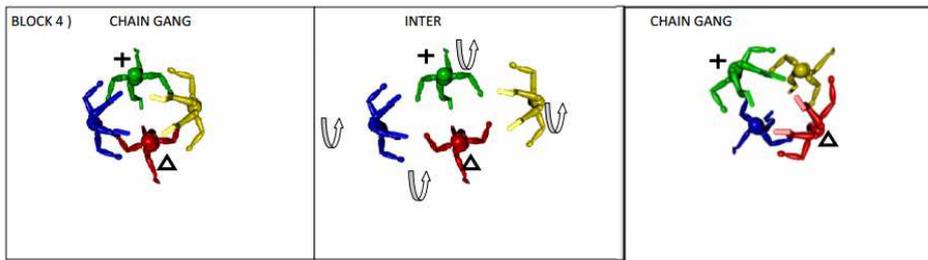
- Proposal from Denmark for new block 10 in the FS 4 way divepool:
 - **Description:**
The difference compared to the current block 10 is that the back piece only turns 180 degrees instead of 360. The turning direction (mandatory) is the same as the old block 10 to differentiate the proposed block from the current block 5 (opal-opal).
 - **Advantage /Disadvantage:**
From point of view (judge & commiti vs. athletes). This new block will most likely be faster, but instead create a double slot switch (or mirror image) and that way more memory work for both subgroups, which for some teams might find slower. Statistic it should be the same as how the draw's are draw today, except one more double(or mirror) and one less "single" slot switch. And that way create more situations whit the other cross partners and more memory.



- This was presented for the competitors at the Competitors meeting in Prostejov. This was very popular and a further suggesting was made to make the turns 540 degrees instead of 180 to make the block more complex.

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- Housekeeping:
 - It has been pointed out that VFS block 4 “Chain Gang” is incorrect in the current divepool. This is the correct version from 2011 that needs to be put back in the divepool:



- Housekeeping indoor rules:
 - At request from the FS Committee the IPC Bureau made a decision to amend the Indoor Skydiving FS Competition Rules at point 4.5.4. The rule was originally written for VFS, but is not appropriate for FS.

Old wording: The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible from below. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.

- the words ‘**from below**’ (at the end of the first sentence) should be deleted.

New wording: The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.

4. Future Competitions

- No bids for category 1 competitions for 2015
- Mondial Chicago 2016
- Organizers are invited to present bids for future competitions.

5. Other Business

- Items from the World Meet competitors meeting:
 - A suggestion was made to increase the number of alternates from 1 to 2 for FS 8 way, and to increase the number of rounds in VFS from 8 to 10.
 - The rule regarding determination of the final placing was changed in 2014 - this was well received from the competitors but we did get some feedback from Omniskore that the system was not prepared for this rule and that it had to be measured manually.
- Record categories.