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A) CP-Committee Report:

One first Category Event has been held in CP in 2014:

The 5th World Championships in Canopy Piloting 2014 were hosted for USPA by SKYDIVE CITY in Zephyrhills, Florida, USA.

Having held 2 successful CP-National Skydiving Championships in a row prior to the WPC 2014 proved to be the best preparation for the FCE itself.

With more than 100 participants Zephyrhills, FL proudly looked at the second biggest FCE in CP-history in numbers of participants.

Seemingly effortless, the 9 competition rounds were dropped and the competition was completed in 2 days.

In this context, it is worth to mention, that the Meet Director Albert Bechtold is an active Canopy Pilot himself.

It is also worth to be mentioned, that 7 out of 9 IPC CP Commission members were present at this FCE in different functions, i.e. as part of judging, as CP-coach or even as competitor.

The competition was followed and web-presented by skydive-tv.com, a company recruited for this purpose through FAI/IPC support.

Our sincere thanks go to the host under the lead of T.K. Hayes and his staff, who put up a remarkably professional event in a skydiving-family-type atmosphere, in which everyone felt at home, competitors, officials and spectators alike.

For competition details see Chief Judge Anders Berggren's report.

An Open Competitors' Meeting was held after the completion of the competition, which – according to one of the CP-expert remarks signalled was the shortest meeting ever -. Considering that during the year the CP-Chair and part of the Commission members were present at the major Canopy Piloting events in 2014 (US-Nationals and Pink Klatovy Open) and had the opportunity to explain and to present the work of the Commission, most of the Commission's work during the year was known to the majority of the competitors.

The topics which had been presented last year were discussed, specified and detailed during the year through e-mail-communication between the Commission members. Topics are contained in the Agenda for the Open Meeting in 2015 and are put into a first life-application at the 5thDIPC-2014 event in early December 2014 in Dubai, at the time of bringing this document in writing.

In addition to this, the Performance Distance Record Rules were worked over to comply with the SC5 requirement in the number and specification of judges needed to ratify a record. Also, the CP Freestyle Rules were updated in the format and in the requirement of the performances in each round, as well as the way this event will be judged, in general leaning towards the method used in AE, assigning specific tasks to judges, like degree of difficulty, Landing overall presentation.

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B) AGENDA for OPEN MEETING at the IPC Plenary in Bulgaria, January 2015

1) General CP Competition rules.

a) Specification of events for clarification in the standard format

- **Carved Speed 70 m** – name specification, some clean-up house-keeping issues like replacing MX by VE Gate 5, MS no penalty or point restriction. Calculation of percentage results changed from raising to the power of 1,667 to the lower number of 1,333 to favor the average results over the top results.
- **Drag Distance** – name specification; specification for landing within course: requirement to keep surface contact within the course at the same time when surface contact occurs outside of the boundaries of course. 35 m fixed score when landing in water before gate 5 and after having scored G1, to shift manpower to areas of course of higher relevance in the competition.
- **Zone Accuracy** – only positive Landing Zones from Zone 1 through Zone 9 to ease indicating, calculating and presenting results. No change of point values for Zone 2 through Zone 7 and Center Zone with point values for
Landing Zone 1: 1 point
Landing Zone 8: 25 points
Landing Zone 9: 5 points

b) **Wind conditions specification for Zone Accuracy** by modifying CP CR 4.9 to

- 4.9 Wind conditions and indicators
 - 4.9.1 The maximum allowable wind speed on ground level in any direction of the competition course as measured by an anemometer is
 - 4.9.1.1 For Canopy Piloting events in general 7 m/s
 - 4.9.1.2 For Zone Accuracy: the maximum allowable wind-speed is set by mutual agreement of the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Meet Director at a value between no less than 4,0 m/s and no more than 6,0 m/s. This limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing during the competitors meeting and will remain for the duration of the competition.
- Gate 5 restriction conditions removed for not serving the safety purpose as intended according to statements from competitors during the open meetings.

2) Specific CP competitions

a) additional options for Speed

- Straight Drag Speed 50m Dragging required in marked area within Gate2 and 3
- Straight Full Speed 50m with or without specified exit gate restriction

b) additional options for Distance

- Max. Distance – re-introduction of Distance performance rules as competition rules, under consideration of location and altitude restriction, resembling the classical initial distance without need to drag water.
- Carved Distance rules – course specifications proposed

c) additional options for Zone Accuracy

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3) Introduction of a national Canopy Piloting Team event with 3 competitors per team using overall results of the 3 team members as ranking criteria.

4) Canopy Piloting Freestyle rules refreshed and updated.

Considered to be a separate event on its own, which can be added to the standard events or presented as an event of its own prior or after the standard CP events.

5) Jury at Canopy Piloting Competitions.

Add to CP CR § 10

10.5 Competition Jury for Canopy Piloting FCE

The Jury President is the FAI Controller who selects 2 members plus one reserve member among the present Head of Delegations or other experts, using the principles of SC5, 4.7.1 (7) a. The Jury is nominated during the 1st Team-Leader and Competitor Meeting.

The Jury will be governed by the provisions and principles of SC5 4.7 with the following exceptions:

4.7.1.2 (jury member may hold an administrative function in a NAC delegation)

4.7.1.(6) only the Jury President is approved by IPC Plenary

4.7.1.(10) there is no IPC compensation for Jury expenses, Jury members do not have to pay sanction fee.

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