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CHAMPIONSHIP 2004



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EVENT RULES

10TH F.A.I. WORLD GAS BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

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CHAPTER 1 EVENT DETAILS

1.1 TITLE

The event shall be known as: *10th F.A.I. WORLD GAS BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP*

1.2 OBJECTIVES (S1: 5.2)

- TO DETERMINE THE TWO WORLD CHAMPION PILOTS.
- TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AEROSTATION BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE OF PILOTS AND AEROSTATS.
- TO REINFORCE FRIENDSHIP AMONGST AERONAUTS OF ALL NATIONS.

1.3 SCOPE (S1: ANNEX 3)

IN COMBINATION WITH THE SPORTING CODE GENERAL SECTION AND SECTION ONE, THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THIS EVENT.

1.4 DEFINITION (S1: 5.8)

- 1.4.1 THE WINNING COMPETITORS SHALL BE THE COMPETITORS WITH THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AT THE END OF THE EVENT.
- 1.4.2 TEAM COMPETITION MAY BE ALLOWED UPON DECISION BY THE CIA FOR EACH EVENT.
- 1.4.3 TO BE RECOGNISED AS A FIRST CATEGORY EVENT AND FOR A CHAMPION TO BE DECLARED, AT LEAST THREE TASKS MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON NOT LESS THAN TWO SEPARATE FLIGHTS.
- 1.4.4 WHEN TWO OR MORE CREWS HOLD AN EQUAL NUMBER OF POINTS AT THE END OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE CREW WITH THE SMALLER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITS HIGHEST AND LOWEST SCORES SHALL BE RANKED HIGHER.

1.5 SANCTION (S1: ANNEX 3)

THE EVENT IS AN APPROVED FAI FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENT SANCTIONED BY THE FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION (CIA).

1.6 CORRESPONDENCE

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1.7 PERSONNEL

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<i>Jury:</i>	<i>Jean Claude Weber(President)</i>
	<i>Mary Anne Stevens (Member)</i>
	<i>Arno Sieger (Member)</i>

1.8 PLACE

The Event will be held at:
Bitterfeld, Germany

1.9 DATES

The Championship will be run from *Wednesday 8th of September 2004* to *Wednesday 15th of September 2004*. The last flying day will be *Tuesday, 14th*, unless less than two flights or less than three tasks have been flown, in which case the last flying day will be *Wednesday 15th*.

1.10 LANGUAGES (GS: 3.9.5)

1.10.1 THE OFFICAL LANGUAGE(S) OF THE EVENT SHALL BE ENGLISH..

1.10.2 Printed material (eg Task Data, Meteorological information etc) shall be in English. The language used verbally during briefings shall be English.

1.10.3 Shall and Must mean the application is mandatory. Failure to comply will normally lead to penalty, disadvantageous interpretation or other disadvantages.

1.10.4 Should: means that the application is recommended. Failure to comply may lead to penalties, disadvantageous interpretation or other disadvantages.

1.10.5 May: means that the application is optional.

1.11 DOCUMENTATION

The following documents will be inspected when each competitor registers on arrival at the Event.

- a. Pilot Certificate
- b. Pilot Log Book
- c. Balloon Log Book
- d. Certificate of Airworthiness
- e. Certificate of Registration
- f. Certificate of Insurance
- g. FAI Sporting License
- h. Passport or Identity Document

CHAPTER 2 ENTRY CONDITIONS AND PILOT RESPONSIBILITY**2.1 PARTICIPATION**

INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS ARE OPEN ONLY TO NACs THAT HAVE MET ALL THEIR OBLIGATION TO FAI. (GS 3.6.1) Each NAC entering the Event shall select its own pilots and crews provided that they qualify under these regulations. (GS 3.6)

2.2 COMPETITOR'S RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION (GS 3.7.2)

- 2.2.1 IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS, A COMPETITOR REPRESENTS THE NAC THAT ISSUED HIS FAI SPORTING LICENCE, UNLESS HE BELONGS TO AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM.
- 2.2.2 FAI COMPETITORS OR TEAMS COMPLYING WITH (GS) 3.2.1 AND/OR (GS) 3.6.1 MAY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS, PROVIDING THAT THE ORGANISING NAC CONFIRMS THAT VACANCIES EXIST.

2.3 QUALIFICATION (S1: 5.6.4)

- 2.3.1 Both pilots must hold a valid license for balloon pilots
- 2.3.2 PILOTS-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO ACT AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF THAT SUBCLASS OF AEROSTAT FOR WHICH THE WORLD – OR CONTINENTAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IS HELD, AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT, AND EACH PILOT-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE ACCUMULATED AT LEAST 50 HOURS AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF AEROSTATS IN THAT SUBCLASS BY THE CLOSING ENTRY DATE, UNLESS THESE EXPERIENCE CRITERIA ARE MODIFIED BY THE CIA UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CLAIMED BY THE ORGANISING NAC.

2.4 SPORTING LICENSE (GS 8.1.2)

THE HOLDER SHALL SIGN HIS SPORTING LICENCE. IN DOING SO HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND COMMITS HIMSELF TO ABIDE BY IT. ONLY HOLDERS OF A VALID FAI SPORTING LICENCE AS DEFINED IN 8.1.5 ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN FAI SPORTING EVENTS AND RECORD ATTEMPTS.

- 2.4.1 Either the pilot in command or co-pilot must be sufficiently fluent in English to communicate clearly with air traffic control. Penalty for infringement of this rule is disqualification from the task.

2.5 ENTRY

- 2.5.1 A completed entry form together with 750 Euro entry fee for each competitor must reach the organisers by the closing entry date except in the case of entries to fill extra places offered by the organisers.

2.5.2 RETURN OF ENTRY FEE (GS: 3.15)

IF THE EVENT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, ENTRY FEES SHALL BE RETURNED IN FULL. IF, FOR REASONS OF FORCE MAJEURE, IT IS CANCELLED OR STOPPED, UNUSED FEES SHALL BE PAID BACK. (FORCE MAJEURE IS CONSIDERED TO BE WAR, GENERAL STRIKE, STORM OR EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE PRIOR TO THE EVENT, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE WEATHER UNFAVOURABLE TO THE

COMPETITION TASKS).

A COMPETITOR OR TEAM WHO WITHDRAWS SHALL HAVE NO RIGHT TO THE RETURN OF ANY FEES.

2.5.3 CLOSING ENTRY DATE

The closing entry date for the championship is March, 9th 2004 for the initial round and April 30th for the additional places

2.6 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANTS (GS: 3.11)

2.6.1 THE ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW, UNDERSTAND, ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY THE SPORTING CODE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EVENT, AND BY ENTERING ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THEM WITHOUT RESERVATION. THEY SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT THEY REPRESENT THEIR NAC AND THAT THEY SHOULD COMPETE IN A SPORTING MANNER AND THAT THEIR BEHAVIOUR MUST BE BEYOND REPROACH.

2.6.2 A COMPETITOR TAKING ANY DRUGS OR MEDICATION OR SUFFERING FROM ANY INJURY WHICH MIGHT INVALIDATE HIS LICENSE OR INSURANCE OR AFFECT HIS PERFORMANCE MUST INFORM THE DIRECTOR OF THE EVENT BEFORE FLYING.

2.7 FAMILIARITY WITH RULES

Each competitor shall be completely familiar with these rules and shall ensure that his ground crew understands all relevant parts. Ignorance of the rules or of amendments published during the Championship will not be grounds for protest.

2.8 RESPONSIBILITY (S1: ANNEX 3)

ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS REMAIN COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF THEIR AEROSTATS AT ALL STAGES OF INFLATION, LAUNCH, FLIGHT AND LANDING. THEY MUST ENSURE THAT THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEIR CREW AND THEIR OWN LEVEL OF SKILL AND EXPERIENCE ARE SUITABLE FOR THE CONDITIONS IN THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT. A COMPETITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE ACTIONS OF HIS CREW DURING THE EVENT.

2.8.1 WAIVER

By entering the Championship, a competitor waives any right of action against the organisers, the owner of any operational site and their respective members, employees and personnel for any loss or damages sustained by him in consequence of any act or omission on the part of the said bodies, their officials, members, employees or personnel or on the part of other competitors.

2.8.2 RISK

The balloon and other property of a competitor shall be at the risk of the competitor at all times.

2.8.3 LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES

By entering the Championship a competitor assumes all liability for injury, loss or damage to third parties or their property caused by himself or his crew.

2.8.4 CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured against all claims by third parties to a minimum of

5.5 Mio € in case his balloon is allowed to carry up to 4 persons and 7 Mio. € for balloons up to 6 persons. He shall produce a certificate of such insurance valid for the period of the Championship covering himself and any balloon, which he may fly. Insurance will be available from the organiser. Insurance is available from the organizer up to one week prior to the event.

2.8.5 SAFETY

Any meteorological report or forecast, or other safety or navigational information, is provided in good faith for the guidance of competitors. Officials will be appointed to regulate the inflation and launching of balloons, however nothing shall diminish the responsibility of competitors under this chapter.

CHAPTER 3 BALLOON QUALIFICATIONS

3.1 SUBCLASS AND SIZE

Only balloons up to a maximum volume of one thousand cubic meters (with a tolerance of 5%) will be admitted to the Championship. The volume capacity of any attached filler tube or overflow ducts will be considered as part of the total volume.

3.2 DEFINITION OF GAS BALLOON (GS: 2.2.1, 2.2.1.1, S1: 2.1.1.1)

3.2.1 AN AEROSTAT SUPPORTED STATICALLY IN THE AIR, WITH NO MEANS OF PROPULSION BY ANY POWER SOURCE.

3.2.2 SUB-CLASS AA. FREE BALLOON, NOT EQUIPED WITH AN AIRBORNE HEATER, WHICH OBTAIN THEIR BOUYANCY FROM A LIGHTER-THAN-AIR GAS, WITHOUT PRESSURISATION OF THE ENVELOPE.

3.3 NOMINATION OF BALLOONS

Each competitor shall nominate the balloon he is to fly during the Championship. No change of balloon may be made after the start of the first task briefing except as provided by these rules. The nationality of pilot and balloon need not be the same.

3.4 AIRWORTHINESS (S1: 5.5.3)

AEROSTATS FLOWN IN A FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENT MUST HAVE CURRENT CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AND AIRWORTHINESS, OR IN PLACE OF THE LATER, AN EQUIVALENT DOCUMENT FROM THE RECOGNISED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED. THE ORGANISERS ARE EMPOWERED TO REJECT ANY AEROSTAT WHICH IN THEIR OPINION IS NOT OF A REASONABLE STANDARD OF AIRWORTHINESS.

3.5 DAMAGE

3.5.1 If an aerostat is damaged during the Championship, it may be repaired. Damaged components may be replaced or repaired, except that a complete system may only be replaced at the discretion of the Championship Director.

3.5.2 Any damage to a balloon affecting its airworthiness must be reported to the Safety Officer before it is entered for a further task, and the balloon may be flown only after approval of any repairs. Penalty: up to disqualification in the task.

3.6 INSTRUMENTS

3.6.1 Each balloon shall be equipped with appropriate communications, navigational materials and instruments to fly according to german, polish and czech air laws and these rules. Minimum equipment must consist of:

- VHF radio with 720 channels
- a transponder
- an altimeter
- a rate-of-climb indicator
- night flying equipment

Additionally, each balloon will carry a logger, provided by the organisers.

3.7 AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROLS (S1:5.9.2)

FOR FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENTS IN CLASS A, ANY DEVICE DISIGNED TO ACT AS AND AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROL IS PROHIBITED, REGARDLESS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE DEVICE.

3.8 COMPETITION NUMBERS

Organisers will provide one banner that will be displayed on the basket during tasks. All crew vehicles including trailers shall be clearly identified with competition numbers.

CHAPTER 4 PERSONNEL**4.1 EVENT DIRECTOR (GS: 4.3.4.1)**

4.1.1 THE EVENT DIRECTOR SHALL BE IN OVERALL OPERATIONAL CHARGE OF THE EVENT. HE SHALL HAVE A DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS TO ASSIST HIM. THE EVENT DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BALLOONING COMMISSIONS..

4.1.2 THE EVENT DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT AND THE SMOOTH AND SAFE RUNNING OF THE EVENT. HE SHALL MAKE OPERATIONAL DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE SPORTING CODE AND COMPETITION RULES. HE CAN PENALISE OR DISQUALIFY A COMPETITOR FOR MISCONDUCT OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULES. HE SHALL ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY AND GIVE EVIDENCE IF REQUESTED.

4.2 STEWARDS (GS: 4.3.4.2)

4.2.1 STEWARDS ARE ADVISERS TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR. THEY WATCH OVER THE CONDUCT OF THE EVENT AND REPORT ANY UNFAIRNESS OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR BEHAVIOUR PREJUDICIAL TO THE SAFETY OF OTHER COMPETITORS OR THE PUBLIC OR IN ANY WAY HARMFUL TO THE SPORT. THEY ASSEMBLE INFORMATION AND FACTS CONCERNING MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JURY.

They advise the event director on interpretation of the rules and regulations and on penalties.

4.2.2 A STEWARD HAS NO EXECUTIVE POWERS. HE MUST NOT BE A MEMBER OF

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. A STEWARD MAY ATTEND A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY AS AN OBSERVER OR WITNESS.

4.3 INTERNATIONAL JURY (S1: 5.10)

4.3.1 THE INTERNATIONAL JURY IS NOMINATED. THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY IS APPOINTED BY THE CIA AND MAY NOT BE OF THE SAME NATIONALITY AS THE ORGANISING NAC

4.3.2 THE JURY MEMBERS MAY CONSIST OF TWO OR FOUR MEMBERS BASED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE ORGANISING NAC. ALL JURY MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE CIA.

4.3.3 QUALIFICATIONS AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR JURY MEMBERS ARE CONTAINED IN A HANDBOOK APPROVED BY THE CIA. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS HANDBOOK ARE COMPULSORY AT ALL FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS.

4.4 JURY PRESIDENT (GS 4.3.2.4)

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE CHAIRMAN AT JURY MEETINGS, THE JURY PRESIDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE ORGANISERS TO ABIDE BY THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND THE PUBLISHED RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE EVENT. IF THE ORGANISERS FAIL TO DO SO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY HAS THE POWER TO STOP THE EVENT UNTIL A JURY MEETING HAS CONSIDERED THE SITUATION. THE JURY HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE EVENT IF THE ORGANISERS FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND PUBLISHED REGULATIONS.

4.5 ATTENDANCE (GS 4.3.2.6.1)

ATTENDANCE AT JURY MEETINGS IS COMPULSORY FOR JURY MEMBERS, EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL REASONS SUCH AS ILLNESS OR EMERGENCIES. IN SUCH CASES AN ELIGIBLE REPLACEMENT NOMINATED BY THE JURY MEMBER CONCERNED, OR BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSION OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE ACCEPTED BY THE JURY PRESIDENT. THE EVENT DIRECTOR AND THE CLAIMANT HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL EVIDENCE BEFORE A JURY. TREATMENT OF PROTESTS IS DELT WITH IN 5.5

CHAPTER 5 COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

5.1 COMPLAINTS (S1: ANNEX 3)

5.1.1 ASSISTANCE: A COMPETITOR WHO IS DISSATISFIED ON ANY MATTER SHOULD FIRST ASK THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO ASSIST HIM. HE MAY ASK FOR HIS RESULT OR POINTS SCORE TO BE CHECKED, OR THE CALCULATION TO BE EXPLAINED.

5.1.2 COMPLAINT: A COMPLAINT IS A REQUEST BY A COMPETITOR TO THE DIRECTOR TO INVESTIGATE ANY MATTER IN WHICH THE COMPETITOR IS DISSATISFIED.

5.1.3 COMPLAINT FORM: A FORMAL COMPLAINT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH AND IN WRITING AND WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPLY.

- 5.1.4 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE: COMPLAINTS SHALL BE HANDED OR TRANSMITTED BY THE COMPETITOR TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNATED OFFICIAL, WHO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND RECORD THE TIME OF RECEIPT.
- 5.1.5 TIME LIMITS: COMPLAINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO THE COMPLAINT AND MUST BE DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY.
- 5.1.6 SHORTENED TIME LIMITS: COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SCORING, OR ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE LAST DAY OF THE EVENT, MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN SET TIME LIMITS ANNOUNCED AT AND PUBLISHED AFTER THE GENERAL BRIEFING.
- 5.1.7 COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICATION: REPLIES TO COMPLAINTS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AT FIXED TIMES, ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE BY THE DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR MAY AT HIS DISCRETION PUBLISH THE TEXT OF ANY FORMAL COMPLAINT TOGETHER WITH HIS REPLY. IF REQUESTED BY THE COMPETITOR, HE MUST DO THIS.
- 5.2 PROTEST (S1: ANNEX 3)**
- 5.2.1 PROTEST: IF DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION ON A COMPLAINT MADE DURING THE EVENT, A COMPETITOR HAS THE RIGHT OF PROTEST.
- 5.2.2 PROTEST FORM:
1. WITHIN A SET TIME LIMIT OF THE REPLY TO HIS COMPLAINT, THE COMPETITOR SHALL DECLARE HIS INTENTION TO PROTEST TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR.
 2. WITHIN A SET TIME LIMIT OF THE REPLY TO HIS COMPLAINT, THE COMPETITOR SHALL SUBMIT HIS PROTEST IN ENGLISH AND IN WRITING ACCOMPANED BY THE PROTEST FEE.
- 5.2.3 DEPOSIT FEE: THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT FEE TO ACCOMPANY A PROTEST SHALL BE 100 EURO OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY LOCALLY RATED CURRENCY.
- 5.2.4 PROTEST PROCEDURE: DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION TO PROTEST, AND PROTESTS WITH DEPOSITS, SHALL BE HANDED OR TRANSMITTED BY THE COMPETITOR TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR, WHO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND RECORD THE TIME OF RECEIPT. THE EVENT DIRECTOR MUST PRESENT ANY PROTEST TO THE JURY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DELAY.
- 5.2.5 TIME LIMITS: DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION TO PROTEST AND PROTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN SET TIME LIMITS ANNOUNCED AT AND PUBLISHED AFTER THE GENERAL BRIEFING.
- 5.2.6 SHORTENED TIME LIMITS: PROTESTS CONCERNING A COMPLAINT MADE OR THE DECISION ON A COMPLAINT PUBLISHED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE EVENT, MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN SET TIME LIMITS ANNOUNCED AT AND PUBLISHED AFTER THE GENERAL BRIEFING.
- 5.2.7 PUBLICATION: THE TEXT OF ALL PROTEST AND THE DECISIONS OF THE JURY SHALL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD.

- 5.2.8 RIGHT OF HEARING: A COMPETITOR WHO HAS MADE A PROTEST HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A VERBAL PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE TO THE JURY. HE MAY BE ASSISTED BY AN INTERPERTER OR ADVISOR OF HIS CHOICE DURING THIS MEETING.
- 5.2.9 PROOF OF RULES VIOLATION: THE PRODUCTION AND DEMONSTRATION OF EVIDENCE FOR ANY ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT BY A COMPETITOR ALWAYS REST ENTIRELY WITH THE EVENT OFFICIALS. RULES SHALL NOT BE WRITTEN IN ORDER TO OBLIGE THE COMPETITOR TO PROVE HIS COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES OR HIS INNOCENCE IN CASE OF ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT.
- 5.3 TREATMENT OF PROTESTS (GS: 5.5)**
- 5.3.1 THE EVENT DIRECTOR MUST PRESENT ANY PROTEST TO THE JURY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DELAY. THE PRESIDENT SHALL CALL A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIVING A PROTEST, UNLESS A SHORTER PERIOD IS STATED IN THE RELEVANT SPORTING CODE OR THE LOCAL REGULATIONS.
- 5.3.2 THE JURY SHALL HEAR BOTH SIDES ON THE MATTER OF ANY PROTEST, APPLYING THE RELEVANT FAI REGULATIONS AND THE RULES FOR THE EVENT.
- 5.3.3 THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY SHALL REPORT THE PROCEEDINGS IN WRITING TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR WITHOUT DELAY, WHO SHALL DISPLAY THE REPORT.
- 5.4 FRIVOLOUS AND VEXATIOUS PROTEST**
- A competitor whose protest is found by a unanimous Jury vote to be frivolous and vexatious shall be penalised 250 competition points.
- 5.5 RETURN OF DEPOSIT (GS5.4.3)**
- NORMALLY, THE DEPOSITED FEE IS RETURNABLE ONLY IF THE PROTEST IS UPHELD, OR IS WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO THE HEARING BY THE JURY.
- 5.6 JURY APPROVAL (GS: 3.16.1)**
- THE RESULTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT SHALL BE FINAL ONLY AFTER ALL PROTESTS HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE JURY AND THE JURY HAS CEASED ITS FUNCTIONS. THE FINAL RESULTS MUST BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE PRIZEGIVING IS HELD.

CHAPTER 6 OBSERVERS

- 6.1** An Observer is a Competition Official, responsible to the Chief Observer. His duties are primarily the recording impartially of particulars of positions, times, distances, etc. achieved during tasks. He/she has the duty to report any apparent infringement of these rules and any case of inconsiderate behaviour towards landowners or the public by any competitor or crewmember.

6.2 APPOINTMENT

At task briefings an observer will be appointed to each balloon for that task. He/she will not be appointed to the same balloon more than once. An observer must not be of the same nationality as his assigned pilot.

6.3 ASSISTANCE

An observer may assist in the ground handling if he/she wishes and is asked to do so by the pilot. An observer shall not attempt and is not qualified to amplify, explain or interpret the rules.

6.4 TRANSPORT

It is the duty of each competitor and his crew to convey the observer to the Launch Area and to return him/her promptly to the Competition Centre after measurement of results and recovery of the balloon.

6.5 OBSERVER ON RETRIEVE

The observer shall occupy a seat in the retrieve vehicle with a clear view. The crew must do their best to keep in visual contact with the balloon until the final marker has been dropped. The observer may assist with map reading during the retrieve if asked to do so by the crew.

6.6 GPS LOGGERS

A GPS logger is a device that logs the track and altitude of a balloon. The data of GPS loggers will be used as observation tools for PZs or other rules, and a competitor may be penalized based on the data of GPS loggers.

If a GPS logger supplied by the organizer fails to record a log, the GPS log recorded by the GPS of the competitor may be used as backup. The Event Director has right to keep or open the data of GPS loggers as other information collected by officials or observers during the event. Instructions of GPS loggers will be given at the General Briefing and a competitor must obey those instructions.

CHAPTER 7 MAPS**7.1 OFFICIAL MAPS**

The official competition map will be
for Germany: ICAO Maps published by DFS (Deutsche Flugsicherung) (8 sheets), Version 2004 (published by April 2004)
for Poland: Jeppesen VFR+GPS Chart EP1 to EP4 (4 sheets), Version 2004 (published by May 13th)
for Czech Republic: Jeppesen VFR+GPS Chart LK-1 (1 sheet), Version 2004 (published by April 1st)

Competition maps will be provided by the organizer on request and on cost.

7.2 CONTEST AREA

An area defined by reference to the Competition Map(s), and published at the start of the championship. Tasks will not be set, and results will not be measured outside of this area.

7.3 OUT OF BOUNDS

The Director may define areas as out of bounds and a mark or contest landing in such areas will not be measured.

7.4 PROHIBITED COMPETITION ZONES (PZs)

The Director may define airspace or landing areas as prohibited for competition purposes. PZs may be of any shape with an upper limit in feet above sea level or with no upper limit. A competitor flying within a PZ shall be penalised 500 to 1000 competition points. The penalty shall be proportionate to the offence.

7.5 MEASUREMENT UP TO 100 KM

Distance up to 100 km will be measured on an appropriate Air Sectional Chart.

7.6 GREAT CIRCLE

7.6.1 Distances over 100 km shall be measured by determining the arc of a Great Circle, at sea level.

7.6.2 For purposes of this calculation, the earth is considered to be a sphere with a radius of 6,371.00 km.

7.7 STRAIGHT LINE MEASUREMENT

The Director may change measurement of distances to a straight-line measurement if necessitated by the task.

7.8 GPS POSITION

Observers may use GPS co-ordinates for assessing results when necessitated by lack of other information.

CHAPTER 8 PROGRAMME; BRIEFINGS**8.1 TASK PROGRAMME**

The Championship will consist of up to three flights. The Event Director, depending on meteorological conditions will select the task(s) of each flight.

8.2 TASK SELECTION

Tasks will be selected from those described in Chapter 15. Particular tasks may be set more than once or not at all. The task rules of Chapter 15 are defined as variable rules and minor changes to those may be made without authorisation

8.3 MODIFICATION OF RULES (GS 3.9.1)

8.3.1 THE GENERAL RULES FOR FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE SPORTING CODE. COMPETITION RULES FOR A PARTICULAR EVENT SHALL NOT CONFLICT WITH THE RULES IN THE SPORTING CODE. THEY SHALL BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION AND MUST NOT BE CHANGED THEREAFTER.

8.4 GENERAL BRIEFING (S1: ANNEX 3)

A GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE RULES, REGULATION AND MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE EVENT SHALL BE HELD BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT. ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL BRIEFING IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ENTRANTS, OBSERVERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THE OFFICIAL COMPETITORS LIST, COMPILED FROM THE ROLL CALL OF THE ENTRANTS TAKEN AT THE GENERAL BRIEFING, SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE GENERAL BRIEFING BUT BEFORE THE FIRST TASK BRIEFING.

8.5 MULTIPLE TASKS

- 8.5.1 The Director may set more than one task to be performed on one flight. The tasks will be scored separately, with a winning score of 1000 points (before any penalties) for each task.
- 8.5.2 Unless otherwise specified, tasks in a multiple task flight shall be flown in the order indicated in the task data, penalty disqualification in the task.
- 8.5.3 Penalties related to the take off will normally be applied to the first task. Penalties related to the landing will normally be applied in the last task. Other penalties should be applied in the task in which they incurred unless this is impossible, in which case they will be divided equally over more than one or all tasks.
- 8.5.4 Marker order. The task data shall specify for each task the marker (s') to be used. If no competitive advantage is gained, the penalty for releasing the wrong marker is 25 task points per task.

8.6 BRIEFINGS

The Director will call task briefings. The time and place for any briefing will be published on the official notice board and if possible, at the previous briefing. At the briefing the following information will be given verbally, by written handout, or by posted notices:

- a. Meteorological information
- b. Air traffic safety information
- c. Details of PZs
- d. Task data
- e. Task rule variations
- f. Launch area and launch period
- g. Observer appointments
- h. Provisional place and time of next briefing
- i. Time check

8.6 OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Only scheduled briefings, supplementary briefings and the official notice board shall be used to distribute information to competitors.

8.7 ENTRY FOR TASKS

A competitor will enter the task by answering his name at the roll call at the task briefing.

8.8 LATE ENTRY

A competitor may make a late entry with a penalty of 50 points up to five minutes before the

actual start of the Launch Period, or 100 points thereafter. The competitor must report to the Signals Point and request a late entry. Officials will not be available to give a personal briefing except in regard to air traffic safety matters and PZs

CHAPTER 9 LAUNCH PROCEDURES

9.1 LAUNCH AREA

A defined area in which balloons may inflate and take-off.

9.2 not used

9.3 PREPARATION OF BALLOONS

The Launch Director will allocate to each competitor a space in which to prepare and inflate his balloon. The Launch Director has the authority to regulate the operation of all balloons and vehicles on the Launch Area.

9.4 SIGNALS POINT

A point at the Launch Site where flag signals are displayed, and competitors task declarations, late entries, and supplementary briefings take place. Competitors are responsible for keeping observation on the Signals Point, and its obstruction shall not be grounds for complaint or protest.

9.5 LAUNCH POINT

A common point published by the Director in or near the launch area, from which all angles and distances are measured irrespective of the take-off points of individual balloons.

9.6 LAUNCH SIGNALS

Coloured flags displayed at the signals point will have the following meanings:

RED	No launch permitted, previous permission to launch cancelled
GREEN	General permission to launch upon clearance of Launch Director
YELLOW	Five-minute warning
PINK	Supplementary or amended briefing information available at signals point
BLACK & WHITE	Task Cancelled
VIOLET	Reserved

9.7 LAUNCH PERIOD

No launch may be made outside of the Launch Period. The yellow flag will be raised five minutes before the end of the Launch Period. A competitor launching outside of the launch period (and any extension thereof) will be disqualified from the task.

9.8 EXTENSION OF TIME

After the end of the Launch Period, a competitor may request an extension of time from the Launch Director. The Launch Director may grant an extension if he is satisfied that the competitor, although completely ready to take off within the Launch Period, was delayed by the action of officials or other competitors or by other causes outside his control (equipment malfunction excluded).

9.9 TAKE-OFF

Each competitor will request take-off clearance either by radio or to a launch official assigned to him for that flight.

The Launch Director will give each competitor permission to take-off with the words "Number ___ cleared for take-off". The competitor may then take-off at will, subject to any instructions from the Launch Director at the time. This permission does not relieve the competitor of complete responsibility for his take-off, including adequate lift to clear all obstacles and other balloons.

If the balloon does not take off within two minutes, the Launch Director may cancel permission to take-off.

CHAPTER 10 FLIGHT RULES**10.1 RATE OF CLIMB**

A competitor shall not initiate or maintain a fast climb unless he is certain that no higher balloon is in his ascent path.

10.2 RIGHT OF WAY

A competitor is responsible for avoiding collision between non-fabric parts of his balloon and the envelope of any balloon, which is not in flight. When two balloons are converging, the pilot of the higher balloon shall give way and climb as necessary to avoid collision. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 1000 competition points.

10.3 CLEARING GOAL AREA

A competitor who has released his marker shall clear the vicinity of the goal as quickly as reasonably possible.

10.4 DROPPING OBJECTS

No object (other than sand or water for ballasting) may be dropped from the balloon except for official markers or small pieces of paper or similar lightweight materials for navigational purposes. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 100 competition points.

10.5 CROP DAMAGE

In the event of any crop damage or any other property damage, the competitor, accompanied by an official observer, must attempt to contact the landowner or property owner and make any necessary arrangements. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 1000 competition points.

10.6 FLIGHT CREW AND PASSENGERS

Only the pilot in command and co-pilot may be on board during a task. No passengers are permitted. Penalty for infringement of this rule is disqualification from the event.

10.7 GROUND CREW

Each competitor shall ensure that he has sufficient crew to operate his balloon and retrieve vehicle. He shall ensure that all those involved with his balloon are adequately briefed to ensure safe operation. A competitor is responsible for all the actions of his crew during the Championship.

10.8 FLIGHT INTERRUPTIONS

Ground contact during a task is not allowed. Nothing may be added or taken away from the balloon and no person may leave or enter the basket until the task has been completed. Trailing of the trail rope immediately before landing will not be considered ground contact. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 500 task points.

10.9 BALLAST

In addition to the usual ballast sand, each balloon may be required to carry at least 40 litres of water to be used where the dropping of sand could lead to damage or complaint.

10.10 ASSISTANCE

During a task any physical assistance from persons on the ground prior to completing the task is not permitted, except during take-off. Penalty for infringement is up to 500 competition points.

10.11 LANDINGS

All tasks are completed when the pilot lands after dropping his marker or when the balloon has come to rest after a contest landing. A competition landing shall be determined by a straight, smooth horizontal trace on the barograph covering a time lapse of at least five minutes. The pilot may land at his discretion subject to any minimum distance required by the task rules. The balloon may be packed up but the basket may not be moved from the final resting place after an observer has recorded landing until the landing. The pilot may fly on after the Observer has recorded the landing point and the task is complete.

10.12 LANDING REPORT

Competitors are required to telephone the designated official at a designated place, or report in person, within four hours of the landing time. Information given will consist of landing location, landing time, and any other information pertinent to preliminary scoring.

A penalty of 10 points per hour shall accrue to any pilot failing to report within the four-hour limit. The Director will consider extenuating circumstances.

10.13 OBSERVER REPORT AND LOGGERS

The observer's report form and the GPS logger must be returned to the Competition Centre within 24 hours of landing unless the Event Director has granted permission for an extension.

10.14 MALFUNCTIONING GPS LOGGER

In case the Logger provided by the organiser fails, the data obtained from the pilot's GPS may be used instead, provided that the track log is set to the settings as given in the general briefing.

CHAPTER 11 (reserved)**CHAPTER 12 GOAL; MARKER****12.1 GOAL**

A distinct feature shown on a competition map, set by the officials or chosen by the pilot. A valid goal must appear from the map to be easily accessible to vehicles on the ground and precisely identifiable for measurement. Unless otherwise allowed in the Task Briefing, it will be the intersection of two roads or a railroad track and road

12.2 IDENTIFICATION

When declaring a goal, a competitor shall identify his goal by geographic co-ordinates in degrees, minutes and tenths of minutes, longitude and latitude. He may add descriptive details to distinguish between possible goals located close together near his co-ordinates. In the case of any ambiguity, the least advantageous interpretation will be placed on the competitor's declaration.

12.3 LIMITATIONS

No goal selected by a competitor may be within a congested area, or within 500 meters of a PZ, or a motorway or similar highway, or a geographical point designated by the Director.

12.4 TARGET

An X made from bright material with each leg at least one meter wide and eight meters long displayed in the vicinity of the goal. Where a target is used, measurements are made from the centre of the target, not from the goal, unless otherwise specified during the task briefing.

A pilot reaching a goal where an expected target is not displayed should aim for the goal.

12.5 MARKER

A weighted streamer supplied by the organiser for a given task. The competitor is responsible for collecting the necessary marker(s) before each task. The marker must not be modified in any way; the marker's streamer must be unfurled before release. No mechanism may be used to propel the marker. Penalty for infringement of this rule is up to 250 task points.

12.6 MARK

The point on the ground vertically below where an official marker comes to rest after dropping from the balloon. Measurements shall be from the closest point of the weighted section of the marker to the target.

12.7 OBSERVED MARK

A mark which has been measured by an official or an observer. It is the duty of the retrieve crew to assist the observer to locate the marker and measure its position. The observer may not be left unaccompanied to search for a marker. No person other than an authorised official or an appointed observer may touch or interfere with the marker on the ground.

12.8 CONTEST LANDING

Unless prohibited in the task briefing, a competitor may elect not to drop his marker and to make a contest landing. The marker must be retained in the basket and handed over to an observer at the earliest opportunity. Task rules, which require a minimum distance from marker to landing, do not apply but all other rules, including distance limits, must be complied with. The scoring position is the final resting place of the basket.

12.9 LOST MARKER

The results of pilots whose markers are lost will be assessed in accordance with whatever independent evidence is available to the officials, if the marker has earlier been seen on the ground by an official or observer. Assessment shall be based on the least advantageous interpretation of evidence available and 100 meters will be added to the pilot's result. The unsupported evidence of the pilot and crew will be disregarded for this purpose. In the absence of better evidence, a competitor's assessed mark shall be his final landing position.

A 50-point penalty is assessed if the marker is not recovered. Where independent evidence can show that the marker was stolen, the penalty is waived.

CHAPTER 13 PENALTIES**13.1 DISHONESTY (S1:ANNEX 3)**

AN ENTRANT OR COMPETITOR WHO DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTS TO DECEIVE OR MISLEAD THE OBSERVERS, OFFICIALS, OR STEWARD OR WHO INTERFERES WITH ANOTHER ENTRANT OR HIS PROPERTY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

13.2 CONDUCT (S1: ANNEX 3)

ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS AND THEIR CREW ARE REQUIRED TO BEHAVE IN A SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER, AND TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF THE EVENT OFFICIALS. INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR SHALL BE PENALISED BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR.

13.4 DISTANCE PENALTIES

Where a Goal selected by a competitor or a final landing infringes a distance limit, the competitor's final result will be increased by twice the amount of the infringement, except that where the penalty relates to landing too close to a Goal or the marker then it will be waived if the competitor can show that he was unable to comply within 10 minutes because of light wind.

13.5 AVIATION REGULATIONS

Infringement of Aviation Regulations are in the first instance a matter between the pilot and the respective ATC-units. However, where the Director finds Air Law has been violated, the violation shall be penalised. Penalty for Air Law violation is up to 1000 competition points.

13.6 PENALTY POINTS

There are two kinds of point penalties; task point penalties and competition point penalties.

Task point penalties are subtracted from a pilot's task score, which cannot thereby be reduced below zero. Competition point penalties are also subtracted from a pilot's task score, however, excess competition point penalties are subtracted from his total competition points.

CHAPTER 14 SCORING**14.1 PUBLICATION OF SCORES**

The result of each task shall be published with the minimum of delay on the official notice board. Location of the official notice board will be announced at the first briefing.
(S1: 5.9.4)

14.2 Competitors will be ranked in order of performance according to the rules for each task after adjustment for any time or distance penalties.

14.3.1 Competitors will be ranked in the following groups in each task:

Group A: Competitors whose result have been measured, or assessed under the rules on lost markers.

Group B Competitors flying the task but not achieving a result, sharing equally the remaining points available. All will be scored using Formula 2 under Rule 14.3.5

Group C Competitor not making a valid launch in the task, will score zero points.

14.3.2 Each competitor will be awarded a number of points according to his performance. The formula to be used will depend on the competitor's place in the ranking order for the task.

If the nature of the task mandates Best Score for the Greatest Result then before applying the scoring formulas in this chapter, the results will be adjusted by subtracting them from the highest result.

14.3.3 The best result will be awarded 1000 points before point penalties.

14.3.4 The superior half of the results will receive a score between 1000 and approximately 500 points, based on Formula 1 as follows:

$$\text{Points} = 1000 - ((1000 - SM) / (RM - W)) \times (R - W)$$

14.3.5 The inferior half of the results will receive a score between 0 and approximately 500 points according to their relative position in the ranking order, using Formula 2 as follows:

$$\text{Points} = 1000 \times (P + 1 - L) / P$$

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| P | = | number of competitors entered in the championship |
| R | = | competitor's result (meters, distance flown or ratio) |
| RM | = | result achieved by the median ranking competitor |
| M | = | P/2 rounded up (Median Rank) |
| L | = | competitor's rank |
| W | = | the winning result in the task |
| SM | = | point score of median ranking pilot using Formula 2 |

14.3.7 In the event that fewer than half the competitors achieve a result in the task, the following changes of definition will apply:

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| RM | = | lowest ranking result in Group A |
| SM | = | points score of lowest ranking competitor in Group A calculated under Formula 2 |

14.4 Points scores will be calculated to the nearest whole number, 0.5 being rounded up.

14.5 TIED RESULTS

Competitors whose results are separated by less than the accuracy of the measurement method employed may at the Director's discretion be judged to have tied and will share an equal position in the ranking for the task. They will share equally between them the points which they would have received had they not been so tied.

CHAPTER 15 TASKS

15.1 A selection will be made from among the following tasks:

- a. Judge Declared Goal (single or multiple)
- b. Pilot Declared Goal (single or multiple)
- c. Hare and Hounds
- d. Long Distance within a Boundary
- e. Long Distance with Time Limit
- f. Fly On

15.2 JUDGE DECLARED GOAL

15.2.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a set goal.

- 15.2.2 Briefing Data:
- a. Goal or target
 - b. Period of target display

15.2.3 If multiple goals are chosen, the pilot will be scored to the nearest goal.

15.2.4 No landing is permitted within 500 meters of a goal or mark.

15.3 PILOT DECLARED GOAL

15.3.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a goal selected and declared by him before flight.

- 15.3.2 Briefing Data:
- a. Declaration Time and place

- b. Number of goals permitted
- c. Minimum and maximum distance of goal(s) from launch point

- 15.3.3 For scoring purposes, a competitor's measurement, being the distance from the mark or landing position to the selected goal, is divided by the distance between the launch point and the selected goal. The ratio of the two measurements is the competitor's result.
- 15.3.4 Each competitor will define his goal(s) by geographic co-ordinates in degrees minutes and tenths of minutes, longitude and latitude in writing and hand it in at the Signals Point before the Declaration Time, clearly identified with his name and competition number.
- 15.3.5 A competitor who wishes to revise his declaration may deposit a further declaration within the time provided that it is clearly annotated to distinguish it from any previous declaration.
- 15.3.6 The timekeeper will close the declaration box precisely at the declaration time, and will accept late goal declaration, writing the time in minutes and seconds on each. Any delay caused by this procedure will not be grounds for protest.
- 15.3.7 Where a pilot makes a late goal declaration his penalty shall be 25 points for every minute or part thereof after the declaration time.
- 15.3.8 If a pilot is permitted to declare more than one goal he will be scored to the goal nearest his mark.
- 15.3.8 No landing is permitted within 500 meters of a goal or a mark.

15.4 HARE AND HOUNDS

A Hare balloon will fly from the launch site, and after landing will display a target upwind of the basket. Competitors will fly from the launch site and attempt to drop a marker near the target.

- 15.4.1 Briefing Data: a. Description of Hare balloon
b. Intended launch time and flight duration of Hare
c. Time limit for display of target
- 15.4.2 Variations from the intended launch time and flight duration of the Hare shall not be grounds for complaint.
- 15.4.3 No competitor shall display any banner or streamer hanging below the basket during this task.
- 15.4.4 The hare balloon will not deflate until 30 minutes after landing if meteorological situation allows.
- 15.4.5 No landing is permitted within 500 meters of the target or the mark.

15.5 LONG DISTANCE WITHIN A BOUNDARY

- 15.5.1 Pilots will attempt to fly the longest distance within a boundary. The result is the distance from the launch point to the mark. The longest distance will be best.
- 15.5.2 Briefing Data: a. Boundary

- 15.5.3 Where the landing is outside the boundary, twice the distance outside the boundary will reduce the result.

15.6 LONG DISTANCE WITH TIME LIMIT

Pilots will attempt to fly the longest distance within a fixed duration of flight. No use of markers. The longest distance will be best (1000 points)

- 15.6.1 Briefing Data: a. Duration time
- 15.6.2 Duration of flight will be timed by the observer.
- 15.6.3 Where the landing is outside the time limit, 30 points per overlapping minute will reduce the score.

15.7 FLY ON

Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a goal selected and declared by them during flight. For scoring purposes, a competitor's measurement, being the distance from the marker or landing position to the selected goal, is divided by the distance between the previous mark and the selected goal. The ratio of the two measurements is the competitor's result. The lowest ratio is best.

- 15.7.1 Briefing Data: a. Minimum distance between previous mark and declared goal
b. Maximum distance between previous mark and declared goal
- 15.7.2 The competitor shall write clearly on the previous marker the co-ordinates of his declared goal for the fly on. If there is no legible goal on the recovered marker, the competitor will not achieve a result in the fly on.
- 15.7.3 As a precaution in case the previous marker should be lost, the competitor may write a provisional goal on the observer's score sheet. He will be scored to this goal if the previous marker is lost, but if it is found then the provisional declaration is of no effect. The competitor may make or revise this provisional declaration at any time up to the release of the previous marker. A verbal declaration is of no effect and will not be recorded.
- 15.7.4 In the event that the previous marker is lost and the assessed mark is the competitor's final landing position, then for the purpose of the scoring ratio and the minimum and maximum distances in the task, the words "previous mark" shall be replaced by the words "previous goal".
- 15.7.5 No landing is permitted within 500 meters of the last mark.

15.8 COMBINATION OF TASKS

Tasks may be combined for an event if they are not mutually incompatible. Each task will be scored separately.