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Report of the working group : Parachuting for disabled

The Parachuting for Disabled working group was created in 2017 after observing a number of actions for the benefit of sportsmen and women with disabilities from air jumping, mainly in tandem parachute. Since the first competitions that took place in France, Portugal and elsewhere, the maturity of indoor competitions has made it possible to consider integrating disabled athletes and to design competitions in a tunnel!

It should also be said that some parachutists with a disability were already practicing without any assistance, mixing with able-bodied skydivers.

The aim of this working group, according the terms of reference is to give the plenary the information about what's happening in parallel with our official events.

The parenthesis of Covid and the political events did not allow a great development, except for the French project

Started in 2020, the Handi fly project consisted in promoting and preparing athletes to participate in a first "world" competition in April 2022, organized by France. Although the choice was made not to ask for integration in the ISC architecture, the working group participated in some way in the event, of which you have received a report from the FFP.

Many wind tunnels were involved, some of them linked to their NAC's that are usually present in the ISC family.

This event had a very good response and the working group would like to take this opportunity to continue the work left by the organizers of the Handifly race.

What can we do with this legacy?

If we accept it:

- First of all, restructure the working group following the events by integrating actors of indoor competitions for the disabled
- Identify the 2023 indoor competitions that will include a disabled event in their program.
- Evaluate the formulas proposed and the technical choices validated
- Formulate proposals to the ISC 2024 to
 - Integrate a Handi competition in the 1st Cat event program
 - Integrate one or more handi events into the current program
 - Let the Handi competitions be structured outside the ISC and negotiate a "Memorandum of Understanding"

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- Work on the "handicap" classification file in conjunction with specialists and the medical profession, involving the FAI medical commission

If we do not accept it:

- End of story

It goes without saying that what the working group is proposing is to look at the competition itself, and not at the whole integration process, which has required extraordinary funds, which would be impossible to find in the FAI/ISC system (except for a miracle).

Nevertheless, among the investments made and which would no longer need to be made, there is all the work on CLASSIFICATION.

Explanation:

Classification, if you look at it carefully, seems to be the major point in setting up a competition, which is obviously based on a completely different concept from existing competitions: a programmed circuit inside the tunnel validated by sensors and timing. Two groups of experts, one technical and one medical, establish the performance correction coefficient before the competition, for each competitor. This coefficient being applied to the total time of the run.

It should be pointed out that the objective will be to be able to inform the ISC Plenary, which will be asked to submit such a project, taking into account the economic impact in relation to the necessary investment by the ISC (in case of acceptance).

For 2023 the work has already started: we will be present in at least 3 competitions that have announced to integrate a Handi event in their program:

January Czech National
Mars French National
September ZérOGravity project (France)

...not to mention the competition organizers who are interested. The model developed by the Handi fly race on the particular subject of classification is exportable and can be carried out well before the competitions.

As the working group is only temporary, we will ask the plenary to be able to continue to study this activity and make proposals, and to accept its new composition at the Malmo meeting.

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We thank the previous members and in particular Aliya Ananina who, under the circumstances we know of, has been removed from his position as chair.

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