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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	4th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships
Event:	Wingsuit Flying Performance Event
Location:	Skydive Arizona, Eloy, Arizona (Sawtooth Field)
Date:	9-17 October 2022
Panel of Judges:	Vera Asquith (CAN), Chief Judge Mike Pennock (NED), Event Judge Bert Ham (NED) Ulla Maersk (DEN) Alix Raymond (USA)
Scoring Equipment Used:	Skyderby (Technical Scoring Director: Gary Taylor) SMD: Flysights
Details of the Judges Work: *(including judging statistics)*	Number of Competitors: 40 Jumps Judged: 25 Tr. Jumps, 365 Competition Jumps (incl. 5 rejumps). All judges performed their duties to a high standard and worked well as a team. Throughout the competition the work of the judges included: 2 judges assigned to uploading and analysing data. One judge (with a volunteer) transferring helmets from the charging area to the loading area, checking flysights, wingsuits and lane assignments. One judge (with a volunteer) checking landings, weighing and transferring helmets to upload area. The work could not have been done with less than four Judges (+ CJ)
Recommendations for Organisers:	Sawtooth Drop Zone was adequate for the function of the Competition, however according to competitors' feedback, it "did not feel like a World Championship". Various competitors expressed the following: No Banner, no FAI flag, no sponsors, no windblades, minimal attendance by Officials, minimal food options (and no food available after mid-afternoon). The competitors did not have a shade tent while waiting for their load, (they stayed under the tent where the helmets were kept.) Skyderby was selected as the Official WS Performance Scoring System from the very start (as published in Bulletin 1), but the System Provider, Alexandr Kunin, was not notified until encouraged to do so. Therefore, support was limited. Some jumps were delayed due to there not being a rigger on the Drop Zone. Judges were not asked to provide their Dietary Restrictions.

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Rule Changes - Proposals:	- As a result of a complaint and subsequent Protest regarding the use of modified Wingsuits (Aerodynamic Grippers), it is proposed that the definition of a Wingsuit be re-written to be more specific. - Add in SC5 (4.6.1) WS 8 ***(Acro and Performance)*** - Propose clarification: the judges require one Conference Day for Acro Training and one day for Preparation for the Performance Event. - Define consequences of not meeting min/max exit altitudes (Performance) - Definition of PLD minimum accuracy values
Personal Remarks:	The Skydive AZ (Sawtooth) team was excellent to work with: Andy Honigbaum (Asst. Meet Director), Harley and Marisa (Manifestors), Frank (Loadmaster), Alex (Fight Director). Also, the Technical Scoring Director, Gary Taylor, performed his duties extremely well. The Acro Competition was cancelled after the Judges had already purchased their airline tickets, so the scheduled 1 1/2 Conference Days was not required in the end. The extra time enabled the preparation of the Event to be very organized. Assistant to the CJ's, Rhonda Kaletz, did a fantastic job ensuring the judges were well cared for in the very isolated setting (Sawtooth). One World Record and two Continental records were set. It was a nice change to be accommodated in Airbnb houses, but the two houses for WS Judges were far apart, and there was very limited choice of restaurants in the community we were in.

In accordance with the Sporting Code Section 5, 6.9.1. (11) this form is to be completed and sent to the Chair of the Judges' Committee and the IPC Recording Secretary within 30 days of the competition's completion.

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