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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Proposal to amend Sporting Code Section 5	<b>AGENDA #</b>	22.1.3
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Sporting Code section 5

## 6.6. JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS FOR FIRST CATEGORY EVENTS

### 6.6.3 Other FAI Skydiving Judges

The other FAI Skydiving Judges required will be selected by the CJ from the annual nomination list (6.5) of available FAI Skydiving Judges. The CJ must select 1 Judge not previously selected for an FCE in that discipline, for a panel of up to 10 Judges, and 2 Judges not previously selected for an FCE in that discipline if the panel is greater than 10.

**For ST&AL, a judge selected for the first time, may have qualification in only one of the disciplines – AL or ST. (NEW)**

#### REASONS

1. *In Sporting Code section 5, Par. 1.1.1 (3) Accuracy Landing (AL) and Freefall Style (ST) are defined as two different disciplines.*

*Evaluation methods for ST and AL are given separately in different paragraphs of SC section 5: Par. 6.1.2 (5) and 6.1.2 (6).*

*There is the same situation in Par. 6.4 QUALIFICATIONS TO JUDGE AT FCE.*

*Requirements for qualification are given in different paragraphs: 6.4.1 and 6.4.2.*

*All this confirms the definition of AL and ST as different disciplines, as it expressed in Par. 1.1.1 (3) of Sporting Code section 5.*

*This difference makes the expression “in that discipline” applied in Par. 6.6.3 ambiguous, and this expression needs to be clarified.*

2. *It is a common practice (or there is a decision of Judging Committee and AL&ST Committee – not confirmed) to invite only judges who have both AL&ST qualifications for FCEs. It would seem to be rational to have “universal judges” for a two-event competition, but rotation of judges between the AL and ST panels is rarely applied. So 1 or 2 judges among 12 do not interfere to make rotation between others if necessary.*

*Besides, we consider that any practice or decision should follow the Sporting Code and the Competition Rules. That’s why statements of these basic documents should be unambiguous.*

3. *According to data available at <https://www.fai.org/page/isc-judges> by 10.03.2022, there are 41 judges in AL and/or ST (A and S) qualified for FCE. From this number 21 judges have qualification for both AL and ST and 20 judges have qualification for AL only. Many of them have been nominated by NACs that have activity in AL only. With practice of inviting for a FCE judges with both AL and ST qualifications only, 49% of judges qualified for FCE, have no chance to be involved in a FCE. This eliminates any sense of qualification for FCE for them and their NACs.*