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CHIEF JUDGE'S STANDARD REPORT

Competition:	The World Games Birmingham 2022 Air Sports - Canopy Piloting
Event:	Canopy Piloting Distance, Speed, Zone Accuracy and Freestyle
Location:	Birmingham, AL, USA
Date:	06.07.2022 - 13.07.2022
Panel of Judges:	CJ: Björn KORTH, EJ: Craig Bennett (Distance), Gundel KLEMENT (Speed), Agnieszka SOLOMON (Freestyle), Nina ENGEL (Zone Accuracy) Judges: Meylin SANCHEZ, Andrew du TOIT new Judges: Anna NORDIN
Scoring Equipment Used:	Omniskore CP (World Games Edition)
Details of the Judges Work: <i>(including judging statistics)</i>	<p>One Judge Zurika BLEEKER was missing due to VISA issues and was replaced by already registered additional Judge Nina ENGEL. The replacement by a US judge was denied after the registration deadline.</p> <p>During the Training the judges verified the course and judging materials.</p> <p>During the competition the judges were judging on the course and (in Freestyle) additional time for cross-checking at the accommodation was needed. For the 3rd round of freestyle all competitors were judged after a single Video review after the performance of the competitor and before the scores were collected.</p> <p>Statistic: Training: 44 jumps judged Zone Accuracy: 102 jumps judged Distance: 103 (1 rejump) jumps judged Speed: 104 (2 rejumps) jumps judged Freestyle 105 (3 rejumps) jumps judged 6 Video reviews needed plus 34 standard reviews for 3rd round of freestyle.</p>

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Recommendations for Organisers:	<p>The availability of only one helicopter and only one pilot resulted in some delays. In the 3rd round of freestyle the rules were discussed with the idea of single passes to have a video review directly after the performance. This option was unavailable due to the workload of the single pilot. With the high temperatures and the flight hours needed during the day the limitation to one pass per load was understandable but could have been avoided by having a second pilot available. We managed the 3rd round of freestyle, but the workload for the judges increased, since they had to handle 4 competitors simultaneously.</p> <p>Breakfast was always available by 6:30 am (doors opening) for bus departure at 7:00 am. Since long lines were building up the remaining time of breakfast was very short since it took up to 15 min to enter the building due to the checking process (scanning needed about 5-10 seconds per person).</p> <p>The bus schedule was not coordinated with the need of the competition. There were a lot of empty drives (started by 5:30 am). Bus schedule adjustments to the need of the competition would have reduced the number of drives.</p> <p>The scoring system were producing result outputs in real time, but this results were mostly not available on the public screen. However there were videos and information showed on public displays. Connection between scoring systems and the official webpage appeared to be working. However there has been some confusion, since unofficial results were displayed as official and final too early.</p>
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Rule Changes - Proposals:	<p>Except for Zone Accuracy, all disciplines were adjusted due to the location. The option of dragging zones in distance makes it hard for spectators to see a difference to Zone Accuracy. The option of dragging zones should not be part of the rules of a regular distance event if there is space for drag distance available.</p> <p>The drag speed is a current rule option anyway and were needed here due to the location. In general, the option with only 3 gates is a good one to reduce the need of judges and course material. Realistically the course is defined by outside Gate 1 and Gate 5 here (3) and Gate 3 (here 2) inside for the carve. However, removing Gates 2 and 4 will have impact on the number of VE penalties and changes the discipline, even with distance and turn remains identically. Gate 2 is rarely and issue and usually combined with a VE on Gate 1 or Gate 3 anyway. But Gate 4 has frequently VE without any other penalty. So removing Gate 4 would change the results of the event.</p> <p>In freestyle handling 5 elements (4 specific and 1 general) for each move is rather difficult. The score creation (3rd round 10 scores per judge) is hard to handle (but could be supported by a scoring system with a direct input. The advantage of more transparent judging is outweigh by the complicated handling and that the elements are weight equally. In case of a critical element (like Release of controls during a ghostrider) only this criterion gets a 0 while the other 3 elements can get up to max score, even with the controls still available all are very easy to make. Additionally, not all moves can usefully identified by exact 4 elements. The disregard of the DoD required everybody to make a move of more or less the same difficulty. Most of the competitors will use the easiest move of the group available, ending up with a lot of same moves making it boring.</p> <p>The general element of Pond usage results in the competitors using the whole pond and demonstrate the moves better and for a longer period of time. This makes the moves better for spectators and judges.</p> <p>The landing as only stand-up yes/no 10% score does not reflect the range of performances during the landing part. To make the landing one element for 1 point (10%), but using the freestyle decimals (0.0 to 1.0) would make it better in my opinion. With this 30% for landing and Pond usage, the move itself should be 70% of the score. But judged as a combined score, with using a guideline for major, medium and minor mistakes. Maybe a mandatory or critical criteria should be introduced to mark essential elements without them the move is more or less not the move.</p>
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Personal Remarks:	<p>I have to remark, that at least one judge and one competitor could not attend the World Games due VISA issues. This issues were not that there were any issues to be solved or denying the entry to the US, but exclusively to the fact that there were no interview appointment available before the competition, even the application was initiated immediately after the nomination with the support documents of the IWGA. This appears like the authorities does not consider this an event of importance. But such persons should have priority for scheduling the appointment due to the deadline of the event taking place.</p> <p>At the location one more FAI rated and WG qualified judge were available and willing to act as additional judge but was not granted access to the pond and for that reason was not available. The scoring system was created based on an incomplete draft of the rules. This was discovered shortly before the competition. Ted Wagner did a good job adjusting the scoring system accordingly, but some elements still had to be repaired during the competition due to the lack of time for a full check of the scoring system. Since the World Game rules were only applied at the WG there were no option of testing the system during an event. However the identification and repair of the issues during the competition took time and resources during the competition so the freestyle results were reliable only the next day. Anyway this issues applies for the WG version only and will NOT have any impact on the scoring system will be used at the FCE in Eloy. Due to weather, we had several delays and the meet director was moving the end of the competition several times for that reason. For the final round Gundel KLEMENT assumed the role of the CJ after the final movement of the last round while I had to go to the airport in time due to issues with my flight (moved by AA). I was constantly informed by the judges about the progress and issues until the final scores was signed.</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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