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One CF FCE was held in 2022, the 20th World Championships of Canopy Formation in Eloy, Arizona, U.S.A.. The Committee would like to thank Skydive Arizona, the Hill family, and all of the organizing staff and the numerous volunteers for hosting this successful event. The CF competition was comprised of the 2-way Sequential event (11 teams – 6 NACs), the 4-way Sequential event (6 teams – 5 NACs), and the 4-way Rotation event (4 teams – 3 NACs). Unfortunately due to lack of NACs, the 4-way Rotation event had to declare “winners” rather than “champions.” The committee believes that the lack of rotation teams is more a reflection of the absence of the Russian and Belorussian NACs rather than a lack of interest from the community at large. A number of suggestions came out of the competitors meeting and the CF Committee has been discussing each of these suggestions in our closed meetings.

Competitor suggestions range from judging issues such as number of viewings, viewing speed, and the use of freeze frame. On the competitor side, suggestions were discussed regarding super speed rounds, grip definitions, elimination of the 30 second rule, modification of the rotation event, the head and shoulder requirement, and exit altitudes (including for inclement weather). Other areas of discussion include the expansion of World Record categories and FCEs during World Cup/European Championship years.

All of these topics were raised in the Facebook group “CF Corner” and at the 2022 World Record attempts in Lake Wales in order to attain competitor feedback and ascertain the amount of support for each suggestion. The committee has taken the community’s input into consideration and will adjust the rules accordingly. Some suggestions will be incorporated into the rules, while others have been deemed not feasible at this time. The CF Committee would like to thank those organizers who expressed interest in and offered to host a World Cup in 2023.

Regarding the question of yearly FCEs, the committee believes that there would be insufficient participation to justify offering World Cups; however, we are seeking alternatives in the form of SCEs in order to provide competition for those who do wish to participate (similar to the S&A world cup series). The committee welcomes any suggestions or input regarding this issue.

The Bureau requested that each discipline work with the judges committee for a possible reduction in judging staff for an FCE. The CF committee has discussed this with both the competitors and judges as well as investigating the historical record regarding a 3 vs. 5 judge panel. It has been decided that the amount of CF judges is already at the minimum level at this time.

A new CF Night World Record was achieved in Zephyrhills, Florida on October 12, 2022. A Night 37-way Large Formation World Record was performed by the Qatari Team. The CF Committee congratulates the Qatari Team on this very special achievement!

On November 18, 2022 a 2 point 54-way CF Large Formation Sequential World Record was achieved in Lake Wales, Florida. Congratulations to all participants of this awesome achievement!

In 2022, both Natasha Higman (through the Facebook group - CF corner) and Marylou Laughlin (through her work with World Record participants) have worked with the CF community to discuss common issues of interest and possible solutions. Thank you Tash and Marylou!

I would like to conclude by thanking the Committee Pasi Pirttikoski (Finland), Natasha Higman (UK), Marylou Laughlin (USA), Alexandra Petitjean (France), Peter Pfalzgraf (Germany), and Eduardo Guillen (Argentina). The CF committee is seeking a deputy chair to replace Julia Sotnikova.

Unfortunately, Julia from Russia had to resign as the CF deputy chair earlier this year, I wish to personally thank her for all of her efforts on behalf of the CF committee and hope that she will be able to return to the committee soon. The committee wishes her all the best.

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Chair Canopy Formation Committee