

COMPETITION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
February 6-8th, 2009
Reno, NV

SKYDIVERS COMPETITION MANUAL

SECTION 2: FREEFALL STYLE & ACCURACY LANDING

- IPC Changes
- Change 3cm to 2cm AMD.
- Rule Change: 2-1.2.D.1 Each jump is made from 3,000 feet, two out per pass.
- Rule Change: Add to 2-1.2.I.1. and one leg judge.
- Any reference to a back foot AMD should be removed.
- Bryan Burke's AAR

Establish approximate exit point and lower winds like the military does – send up a helium balloon. Bryan Burke AAR

Competitors must accept the jump run established by the Meet Director and Chief Pilot, which will take into account other operations as well as the winds. Bryan Burke AAR

Use a throw-away round as in CF to reduce the number of re-jumps in both Style and Accuracy.

SECTION 3: CANOPY PILOTING

- IPC Changes

SECTION 4: CANOPY FORMATION

- IPC Changes
- Make corrections to bring rules in line with IPC rules.
- Make corrections to the 8 Way rules.

SECTION 5: FORMATION SKYDIVING

- IPC changes
- Rule Change: 5.7. The chronometer will be operated by the Judges or by a person(s) appointed by the Chief Judge, and will be started as determined in 5-1.5.A.2. If Judges cannot determine the start of the working time, the following procedure will be followed. Working time will start as the videographer separates from the aircraft and a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.

- Dive pool pics in SCM too small. Lose important indicator symbols when copied.
- Random J “Springbox” should be “Springbok”

SECTION 6: ARTISTIC

- IPC Changes
- Eliminate Intermediate Freely
- Eliminate Skysurf
- Clarify 1-1.12.D

SECTION 7: COLLEGIATES

- Add canopy wing loading to the different classes in Sport Acc.
- Eliminate the “star” as the 1st point in 4 Way and 2 Way FS.
- Add Rule: Once the draw for a freefall event has been handed out no competitor in that event will be permitted wind tunnel use or training jumps or fun jumps. Competitors entered only in canopy events may fun jump as long as it does not interfere with their competition jumps.
- FS 2 Way and 4 Way raise the altitude to 11,500ft.
- Add 6 Way dive pool.
- Increase VFS to 6 rounds
- Add a Sport Accuracy Team Event.
- Changes from AAR Reports of 2009 Collegiate.

SECTION 8: JUDGING

- Rule Change: Section 8:4.6.8 *Unacceptability*
 - (1) At a USPA National Championship, the Chief Judge has the right to dismiss a Judge from the Panel of Judges if his/her work and/or behavior is incompetent or unacceptable. The decision requires Jury approval.
 - (2) The Chief Judge’s report must contain specific details of the circumstances of any Judge found unacceptable. The particular Judge(s) will lose the privilege of judging a USPA National Championships in the next two (2) calendar years.
- All judges must be current USPA members.
- Add Judges renewal on the USPA membership renewal form.
- Reduce the number of judges to 3 per event- See Larry Bagley AAR

- The chief judge, event judge and principal judges should not be paid the same amount.

SECTION 9: VFS

- IPC Changes
- Rule Change: SCM Section 9-1.11 Judging and Recording
 - D. 1.b. The judges will watch each jump to a maximum of three times at normal speed.
 - (1) If, after the Principal Judges have confirmed the scores and have knowledge of the result, and prior to the Event Judge making the score official, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed.
 - (2) If the review results in a unanimous decision by the Judges on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly.
 - (3) Only one review is permitted for each jump.
- Rule Change: SCM Section 9-1.2 Event Description
 - B. Advanced: Each round consists of three or four (whichever is drawn first) scoring formations from the dive pool. A formation in the Advanced class will include a maximum of one flier in the "upright" orientation.
- Rule Change: SCM Section 9-1.4 Competition Draw
 - C.Procedure for the draw:
 - 2.Advanced: Representations of the numbered block sequences (except blocks 4, 5, and 6) and lettered random formations (except random F, G, H, and I) from the current dive pool are singularly placed in one container for each event.

SECTION 10: NATIONAL SITE SELECTION

- Add minimum number of days to the bid package. Judy Celaya
- All qualified US Judges be invited first, and then all remaining positions can be filled with judges from other countries.
- Future electronic scoring systems. Omniskore?
- Standard Registration Form
- Form a sub Committee to investigate all the possible electronic scoring systems.
- Super Chief Judge
- 1/2 of the sanction fees go to maintain equipment for Nationals. Bryan Burke AAR
- Allow competitors to purchase DVD's of the 2007 Nationals from Tamara, at her cost.
- Standings must be posted so that they are permanent.

- Bidders must meet with the Competition Committee prior to presenting the bid to the full BOD.
- Medals for guest competitors.

SECTION 11: US TEAM DELEGATIONS

- Rewrite of Section 11
- Uniforms: US Team Agreement – see Michael Eitniew AAR
- Timeline for Selection of US Team.
- Female Team S&A Trophies
- Golden Knight Team members did not receive any of the USTTF distribution.
- US Team Sponsorship.
- USPTTF Distribution
- Pay Team Manager \$500 stipend after duties are met.
- New Ways to raise money for the USPTTF

SECTION 12: STATE, NATIONAL & WORLD RECORDS

- New category for State and National - Largest Formation- Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender
- Extend the time to file a state record.

SECTION 13: INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING ACTIVITIES

- IPC Delegate