

A complaint was made by the two competitors to the Chief Judge regarding the wingsuit of Mr Galda, the response to which did not satisfy them.

Consequently, they made a protest indicating that they consider the said wingsuit "is non-compliant to ISC Wingsuit Flying competition rule 3.2.2.3., does not qualify under rules 3.2.2.1. or 3.2.2.2. and violates the principle of competitive fairness".

They highlighted that the Mr Galda's wingsuit contained an extra cell, claiming that this alters airflow and wing behaviour.

The jury then examined the incriminated wingsuit and compared it with the wingsuits of the two protesters which are of the same model. The jury determined that a panel of fabric had been added to the back of the suit between the wing and wingtip and that it did not constitute an inflatable cell. In addition, the Chief Judge was made aware of this before the inspection and contacted the manufacturer for clarification of whether it was or was not a modification.

The response from the manufacturer indicated that:

1) "it does not increase the span or change the profile. I don't know why this was done, all I can think of is that it is an arm circumference or fit issue. This mod(ification) would only serve to provide more space between the gripper top and the sleeve edge."

2) " ... I am certain that this will not improve or even change the aerodynamic properties".

The jury interviewed all concerned parties to allow them to add any additional information and to clarify certain points. During the interview of Mr Galda, he indicated that the modification was to fix an issue regarding arm length and a potential safety issue and gave a demonstration.