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Two First Category Events were held in FS disciplines during 2011. They were the World Cup and European Championships of Formation Skydiving, and the World Cup and European Championships of Vertical Formation Skydiving. They were both held in Saarlouis, Germany.

In Formation Skydiving 4-Way, 21 teams competed in the WC and 12 in the EC which is less than at the last WC (25) and EC (16). In 8-Way, 10 teams (including one guest team) competed in the WC, which is twice as many teams than at the last WC. 5 8-Way teams competed in the EC (same as last time). Teams for the female 4-Way was less than expected with only 5 teams from different NACs. Teams for the Vertical Formation event were also less than expected with only 4 teams and 3 different NACs represented.

The competition ran for full rounds in all events except for 8-Way. Due to weather conditions the final round was cancelled, and USA won the event after a very exiting battle with France. France ended up winning all other events, including EC in 8-Way.

I would like to thank the organizers for the excellent work they did to make this a very satisfying and well organized competition.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WC. Changes made to the rules were generally well accepted.

Changes to judging process were discussed. The Committee was asked to look at reduced speed judging, similar to what the USPA have implemented/tries out at their Nationals.

The agenda for our open meeting contains our proposals for rule changes in 2012. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

The next FCE is the Open European Championships in Prostějov, Czech Republic, Aug 29-Sep 02 2012, followed by the Mondial in Dubai Nov 29 – Dec 10. Bids for future competitions are welcome.

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