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1. Principles, Authority

1.1 Applicable Regulations

- 1.1.1 The FAI World Air Games shall be held in accordance with the relevant provisions in the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, FAI Sporting Code, these General Rules, the Competition Rules and any local regulations applied by FAI.
- 1.1.2 These General Rules provide the guidelines governing all Air Sport Events included in the Event Program of the FAI World Air Games. In case of conflict, the General Rules supersede all sections of the FAI Sporting Code.
- 1.1.3 These General Rules are the responsibility of the FAI Air Sports General Commission (CASI).

1.2 Definitions, Aims and Objectives of the FAI World Air Games

- 1.2.1 The definition of the aims and objectives of the FAI World Air Games are set out as following :
 - (i) To determine « World Air Games Champions » in each World Air Games discipline.
 - (ii) To create a sense of cohesion between different air sport disciplines and create camaraderie among the world's top air sport athletes.
 - (iii) To showcase air sports to the general public and promote public participation in air sport by attracting new participants to air sport disciplines.
 - (iv) To generate revenue for the World Air Games Organisers and the FAI.
 - (v) To promote FAI events to other sports organisations and create an attractive platform for TV, media and other external stakeholders.
- 1.2.2 General definitions and Flight definitions apply to the FAI World Air Games as set out in the FAI Sporting Code General Section. The definitions set out in each Specialised Section of the Sporting Code apply as appropriate.

1.3 Sporting Authority

- 1.3.1 The sporting authority (FAI Sporting Code General Section, 1.3) over the World Air Games is exercised by the FAI Active Member representing the country where the Event is to take place.
- 1.3.2 The sporting authority cannot be delegated to any other legal body or person.

2. Entry Requirements

2.1 Invitations

- 2.1.1 Athletes invited to participate in the FAI World Air Games will be selected by the respective Air Sport Commissions on the basis of International Ranking Lists and/or previous championship results, and will represent the very best athletes in each air sport while offering a distribution of as many participating countries as possible, including a representative of the host nation.

- 2.1.2 The respective FAI Active or Associate Members in good standing with FAI will be required to approve each athlete invited to participate in the FAI World Air Games.
- 2.1.3 All athletes must present at registration the documentation required by the discipline in which they wish to compete, including a valid FAI Sporting License. Athletes whose documents are not accepted by the close of registration will not be permitted to compete. In such cases no financial compensation will be granted.
- 2.1.4 FAI Members may present registration documentation for each invited athlete during the 6 weeks prior to the start of the World Air Games.

2.2 Entry qualifications

Entry qualifications for the World Air Games are as per the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Chapter 3, paragraphs 3.12, 3.13 and 3.14, and Chapter 8. Qualification criteria as per the Specialised Sections of the FAI Sporting Code apply with regard to :

- Licences,
- Experience,
- Skill level.

2.3 Aircraft and Equipment

The relevant Specialised Sections of the FAI Sporting Code apply with regard to :

- Technical requirements and specifications,
- Certificates and documents for aircraft and equipment used in competitions.

2.4 Legal requirements

Notwithstanding 2.2 and 2.3 above, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall inform the FAI of the pertinent legal licensing, airworthiness and registration requirements in its country. The invited athletes are responsible for observing such requirements.

2.5 Insurance

Each athlete and/or each competing aircraft or apparatus must be covered by a Third Party Liability insurance. The minimum amount of the coverage will be decided by the LOC in agreement with the FAI.

2.6 Acceptance of Rules and Regulations

The FAI Sporting Code General Section, paragraph 3.11.1 applies to all Air Sport Events of the World Air Games.

2.7 Test events

Should test events be requested by FAI or proposed by the LOC, such test events should preferably be held simultaneously at the same venues and in accordance with the documents listed in Paragraph 1.1 of these General Rules. Entry fees and conditions of participation in the test events may be decided by the LOC, in consultation with FAI. Test events shall be open to all FAI Member countries, but may be subject to limitation of numbers.

3. National Delegations

- 3.1 Each FAI Member with athletes participating in the FAI World Air Games shall enter one Head of Delegation, who may be an athlete and who will serve as liaison with the LOC.
- 3.2 Each participating FAI Member shall provide athletes' and support personnel as specified in the Competition Rules for each Air Sport Event it enters.

4. Operational Management

4.1 Local Organising Committee (LOC)

The LOC is responsible for providing the management structure, infrastructure, venues and logistics required for smooth running of the FAI World Air Games as set out in the Organiser Agreement.

4.2 World Air Games Sports Director

Appointed by the LOC and approved by the FAI, the World Air Games Sports Director shall :

- 4.2.1 Be in overall charge of all Air Sport Events in the FAI World Air Games.
- 4.2.2 Establish efficient communication and cooperation with the FAI Coordinator.
- 4.2.3 Supervise and co-ordinate the activities of the individual Event Directors.
- 4.2.4 Answer to the International Jury (ref. 5.1.1 below), and ensure the smooth and professional conduct of the whole Event.

4.3 FAI Coordinator

Appointed by the FAI, the FAI Coordinator shall :

- 4.3.1 Advise the LOC on behalf of the FAI on all technical, organisational and administrative aspects of the Event.
- 4.3.2 Coordinate between the LOC and the FAI during all phases of preparation and conducting of the Event.
- 4.3.3 Monitor the preparation and conduct of the Event in accordance with the Organiser Agreement and the Event Program.
- 4.3.4 Upon termination of the Event, cooperate with the LOC to draw up the final report, conduct a complete evaluation of the Event and provide FAI with recommendations for future World Air Games.

4.4 Event Directors and Stewards

- 4.4.1 The LOC shall propose an Event Director for each Air Sport included in the Event Program. In addition to any such Officials required by the rules of the FAI Air Sport Commissions concerned, the LOC may propose Deputy Event Directors, Stewards and Deputy Stewards for each Air Sport. All proposed Officials must be approved by the respective FAI Air Sport Commissions, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

- 4.4.2 Event Directors shall be responsible for the proper and safe conduct of their respective Air Sport Events.
- 4.4.3 Event Directors and Stewards shall carry out their duties in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Chapter 4, paragraphs 4.3.4.1 and 4.3.4.2.

4.5 Air Sport Commission Liaison Officers

- 4.5.1 Each FAI Air Sport Commission (ASC) shall appoint a Liaison Officer.
- 4.5.2 ASC Liaison Officers shall assist and advise the FAI Coordinator and the Event Directors when specific technical or organisational know-how is required during any phase of preparing and conducting the Air Sport Events in their respective Air Sport. At FAI's or LOC's request and with the approval of his Air Sport Commission, the Liaison Officer may propose FAI Expert(s) to provide support to the LOC. The FAI Coordinator will then make appropriate arrangements.
- 4.5.3 The FAI Coordinator has the overall responsibility for coordination between the LOC, Event Directors and ASC Liaison Officers during all phases of preparing and conducting the Event.

4.6 Briefings

- 4.6.1 Attendance at operational briefings given by the LOC or the Event Directors is compulsory for each athlete.
- 4.6.2 Flight and safety instructions issued at operational briefings carry the status of regulations.

4.7 Safety

- 4.7.1 The LOC, the Event Directors and all participants shall maintain a high level of safety in the conduct of the Event.
- 4.7.2 All doping and drug misuse is forbidden. Anti-doping policies shall be applied in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section 3.11.2.

5. International Officials

5.1 International Jury

- 5.1.1 The International Jury will consist of a Jury President appointed by the FAI Air Sport General Commission, and at least one Juror proposed by each Air Sport Commission to provide expert knowledge of all air sports. The Jury's membership may change, at the discretion of the appointed Jury President, to reflect the nature of the case in question. Its duties will be to interpret these General Rules, to deal with protests and monitor the conduct of the event. When a case specific to one sport is under consideration, the Jury must include at least one Juror appointed by the relevant Air Sport Commission. The International Jury is not an Appeals Tribunal.
- 5.1.2 The International Jury will carry out its duties in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.3.2, and the relevant Specialised Sections of the FAI Sporting Code.

5.2 FAI Judges

- 5.2.1 Panels of FAI Judges will be appointed for those Air Sport Events in which Judges are required, by the FAI Air Sport Commissions concerned.

- 5.2.2 FAI Judges will carry out their duties in accordance with the General Section (4.3.3) and the relevant Specialised Sections of the Sporting Code.

5.3 FAI Honorary Officials

- 5.3.1 The FAI President, the FAI Executive Directors, the FAI Secretary General and the Presidents of FAI Air Sport and Technical Commissions will, when present at the World Air Games, have the status of Honorary Officials.
- 5.3.2 The Honorary Officials will perform representative duties as required, in particular during Opening and Closing ceremonies and at official presentations of awards.

6. Protests, Appeals, Penalties, Disqualifications

6.1 Complaints and Protests

All complaints and protests will be administered in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Chapter 5.

6.2 Penalties, Disqualifications

Penalties and disqualifications will be made in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Chapter 5, paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3.

6.3 Appeals

Appeals may be lodged and will be treated in accordance with the General Section of the Sporting Code, Chapter 9.

7. Competition Rules, Local Regulations

7.1 Event Competition Rules and Local Regulations

Competition Rules and Local Regulations, including task descriptions, for each individual Air Sport Event at the World Air Games will be proposed by the FAI Air Sport Commissions concerned and, following agreement with the LOC and the FAI Coordinator, will remain under their responsibility. The Rules & Regulations will be in the form of annexes to these General Rules and shall contain, as appropriate :

- 7.1.1 Definition of classes participating.
- 7.1.2 Minimum and maximum number of athletes and support personnel.
- 7.1.3 Composition of Panel of Judges.
- 7.1.4 Minimum level of experience or competence required for athletes.
- 7.1.5 Rules/methods for Selection/Seeding/Elimination of athletes, as required.
- 7.1.6 Documents required for athletes, aircraft and equipment.
- 7.1.7 Radio requirements and maximum and minimum navigation/safety equipment on board.
- 7.1.8 Name of Event Director and key officials.
- 7.1.9 Numbers of Competition staff and their positions/tasks.
- 7.1.10 Competition Tasks, scoring method and penalties scale list.
- 7.1.11 Rules for the actual competition with the necessary documentation and information.

7.2 Competition Rules

The Competition Rules for each Air Sport Event shall be developed by each FAI Air Sport Commission concerned. No changes in the Competition Rules are permitted during the last 8 months before the Event.

Annexes : Competition Rules

Competition Rules for each Air Sport Event included in the Event Program will be published by FAI when approved by the respective FAI Air Sport Commission.