



FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)
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Paris Le Bourget Air and Space Museum, France

The CIVA Sanction Fee

The Sanction Fee (SF) that CIVA charges organisers for each competitor at every category-1 championship was raised from 200 to 300 CHF at the 2023 plenary conference in order to maintain an acceptable financial level in the CIVA Reserve.

Since this last revision the following two factors have become relevant:

1. The new CIVA Travel Agreement (TA) system

The TA system now offers a fixed amount to each official, whether a Jury member or a Judge / Assistant, instead of the previous approach that attempted to match the whole cost of each person's travel to and from the event. Officials are thus free to organise a travel solution that suits them, either above the set TA level at their own cost for increased personal convenience or alternatively pocketing any 'surplus' that remains unspent.

This has been done to stabilise the budget by encouraging users to seek the most efficient travel solution rather than relying CIVA to cover their costs, whatever these are. Feedback is that this new approach has simplified and reduced TA management to a reasonable minimum. A small rise in the pre-set amounts specified for each type of event to offer officials some benefit may be proposed in the 2026 budget to reflect rising world costs.

2. FAI financial plans

For some time FAI has been developing a strategy to revise the way commission financial reserves are managed. The aim is to reduce the level of unused cash in each ASC reserve to an agreed operating minimum, and transfer the remainder to a new FAI development resource to be employed for the benefit of all air sports. The historic view that reserves should be maintained at an artificially high level to accommodate unpredicted overspend, in our case by adjusting the Sanction Fee, now becomes inappropriate until this strategy is finalised; it is evident that the unused part of our reserve has been seen as a 'comfort buffer' that in reality offers no operational value to the commission.

At the present time therefore the bureau considers that a Sanction Fee of 300 CHF per competitor for World and European category-1 championships remains the appropriate setting, and there is no intention to call for any change.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Buckerham'.

Nick Buckerham
CIVA Bureau 2025