

2nd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship
Vichy, France 31st August 2014 to 6th September 2014
Jury Report, Performance Bond Refund

Several parts of the preparations and execution of this event were either late or below expected standard or both. The contract signed by the organiser February 26, 2014, stipulates deadlines and penalties for late action. In addition, the CIA has decided on the deadlines for other elements of the preparation of FAI Category 1 ballooning events. Below is a list of penalties to be withheld from the Performance Bond.

Overall, I believe this event was very poorly organized and very confusing. It was never clear to me who the organizers really were, or what roles the FFA (Martine B) and the ED (Zoltan P) played. All of my communication about travel arrangements was with Martine B. I communicated with Zoltan P about entry lists and rules. The ED's activities seemed highly focused on/limited to competition matters. I do not believe there was a single person, or even an identifiable committee, acting as the "Event Director" as expected by the Sporting Code. I never got a sense that the event was planned - more like things were being dealt with very informally, from crisis to crisis.

While I believe there are several areas that parts of the deposit should be (must be!) withheld (items that clearly/objectively were not provided or were late), I will not be upset if the amount withheld/returned changes based on discussion prior to or at the CIA Meeting.

I believe there is tremendous value in going through this process so that all organizers, Event Directors, NACs, Subcommittees, Juries, etc. realize that FAI/CIA is serious about sanction agreements and organizer performance. Also, this is a relatively new process, so we need to learn from it, and develop guidelines and procedures so that we are more clear and consistent going forward.

October 10, 2014 and January 21, 2015

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FAI International Jury

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Note:

*OA 2.4: Organizer will be informed by the CIA President, about Performance Bond retained, in writing within 20 days of receipt of Jury report
Organizer may then, within 30 days of receiving the notification by the CIA President, in writing to the FAI or the CIA President, request a review by the next CIA Plenary.*

SUMMARY OF AMOUNT TO BE RETAINED FROM PERFORMANCE BOND

Item	Reference Below	Days Late	Penalty	Rule Reference	Amount CHF	Note
Sanction Fee Payment	1	452	10 CHF Per Day - Maximum 10% of PB	OA Schedule 1.1	800	Paid June 18, 2014.
Performance Bond Payment	1	165	10 CHF Per Day - Maximum 10% of PB	OA Schedule 1.2	800	Paid June 18, 2014.
Rules Submitted	2	121	10 CHF Per Day	OA Schedule 1 - 2.1 (vi) b	1210	Submitted May 20, 2014.
Rules Published	2	0	10 CHF Per Day	Sporting Code I, 5.7.4	0	Published June 11, 2014.
Web Site	3	92	10 CHF Per Day	OA Schedule 1 - 2.1 (vi) d	920	
Facilities	4		Jury Proposal	OA Schedule 3	100	
FAI/CIA Logos	5		Jury Proposal	OA Schedule 4.3	25	
Protocol	6		Jury Proposal	CIA & FAI Protocol	50	
Travel Allowance	7		Jury Proposal	CIA Jury Handbook	1865	Amended on advice of CIA President and 1st Vice President.
Results & Pictures	8	1	100 CHF Per Day	OA Schedule 1 - 2.1 (vi) d	100	
Total Penalty					5870	

Amount To Be Returned	2,130
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DETAILS

Key Dates

CIA 2013 Plenary:	March 22/23, 2013
CIA 2014 Plenary:	March 20/21, 2014
Sanction Application (SA) was posted/updated:	March 9, 2014
Sanction granted:	CIA 2013 Plenary
Sanction Fee Paid:	June 18, 2014
Organiser Agreement (OA) signed:	CIA 2013 Plenary
Performance Bond Paid:	June 18, 2014
Start of Invitation Process:	January 4, 2014
Start of the event:	August 31, 2014

Documents

CIA Sporting Code	March 21, 2014
CIA 2013 Plenary meeting minutes	March 23, 2013
CIA 2014 Plenary meeting minutes	March 21, 2014
Protocol for FAI and CIA Sanctioned Events	March 2005
Protocol for Award-Giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI Championships	October 2009

Organisers

From the Event Sanction Application:

"~~Société des Courses de Vichy, the city of Vichy and the Fédération Française d'aérostation~~—Comité d'Organisation des Championnats du Monde Junior et de la Coupe Gordon Bennett 2014 (date of change 09/02/2014)" therefore:

FAI member:	Aeroclub de France through Fédération Française d'Aérostation (FFA)
Local organiser (LOC):	COMITÉ D'ORGANISATION DES CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE JUNIOR ET DE LA COUPE GORDON BENNETT 2014"

See the Jury's Performance Bond Refund Report (submitted by Hans Åkerstedt) for the 58th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett for additional information about the name(s) of the organizers for this event.

1. Sanction Fee and Performance Bond

The Sanction Fee (SF) of 2,000 CHF should have been paid on March 23, 2013, when the sanction was granted by the CIA and the FAI OA was signed. The SF was paid on June 18, 2014. The SF was paid **452 days late**.

The Performance Bond (PB) of 8,000 CHF should have been paid before the start of the invitation process. Invitations to NACs were sent out on January 4, 2014. The PB was paid on June 18, 2014. The PB was paid **165 days late**.

FFA comment:

1/ The french federation paid the Sanction Fee and Performance Bond in lieu of the organizing committee who had his own idea about deadline.

Unfortunately for the FFA, we have now to pay penalties when we tried to help and to respect the rules. This is very harsh for us.

2. Rules

The proposed rules for the event should have been submitted 60 days before the 2014 CIA Plenary 2014, by January 19, 2014, but were not. They were submitted to the Uwe Schneider (Chairman - CIA Rules Subcommittee) on May 20, 2014, or **121 days late**.

The rules were approved on June 11, 2014 and published the same day - 81 days before the start of the event and in compliance with Sporting Code 1 5.7.4.

FFA comment:

As very often we had to depend on the Event director and the rules were sent only after talks between the rules SC and the Event Director.

Yes, we were late.

Jury President comment:

I know of no reason for rules to be submitted late. There is no requirement for every detail (about things like PZs, CLPs, etc.) to be in the rules - they are routinely provided before the GB and updated throughout an event. The SC approved the rules very quickly. In fact, the entire rules SC was not consulted on approving the rules.

3 Web Site

For a long time, the website was static with very little information. Pilots and officials had to request information by e-mail that many times were not answered promptly as the organiser did not have the requested information. Probable cause was lack of communication between the FAI member and the local organiser. This caused high workload for the FFA and inconvenience to the teams and officials. The website started slowly to be updated about one month before the start of the event.

The website shall be created and maintained 30 days after the sanction is granted and contain current information for competitors, officials, sponsors, media and the public. Maintaining and updating the website started about 92 days late.

Ref: OA, Schedule 1, (vi)-c.

FFA comment:

Yes. It was weak. But all information required had been sent to all teams. We did try to get the organisers to have the website ready day after day.

4. Facilities

Facilities were adequate until the morning of the day of the launch, August 29. On that day all plans (room assignments) were changed with no consultation or explanation (other than from the new users of the rooms). The jury and scoring rooms were assigned rooms in another building however the jury was later assigned to a room in the original building!

Network access points and security keys changed throughout the duration of the event, and network availability and performance was inconsistent if not poor.

Access to the facilities was inconvenient due to security and lack of key access. Lighting of the outside area (including the Official Notice Board) was virtually non-existent and unsafe to say the least.

Ref: Organiser Agreement, Schedule 2-(vii) and Schedule 3-(ii)

FFA comment:

Officials were invited to be in Vichy on August, 29th. The General Briefing was scheduled on Sept, 1st, which was 4 days later. Without our approval, The ED and his scorer had decided to come 3 days earlier. We had no room available at that time as the GB was still being run but we eventually did find some accommodation which was used as an office by the ED. Then, at the date originally decided, the facilities were available for the WJ team.

For your information the ED and his scorer had been invited to take part to a training camp a couple of months prior to the event, in order for them to know the local facilities.

It was not necessary for them to arrive so soon, unfortunately, the FFA paid for the full accommodation for these unrequired days.

Yes, the network was inconsistent.

Jury President comment:

The host network was unusable for scoring. A small, isolated net had to be created for scoring.

The fact that rooms were re-allocated several times and access was not 24/7 is clear indication that the relationship between the event site, organizers, FFA and ED was poor. It appeared as if little was learned from the pre-event. As an ED, I would want to be on-site for at least 1 week before the GB for a World Championship. I do not understand why it was expected the ED would only arrive the day before, or that there should be confusion over whatever date the ED and his team would arrive

5. FAI/CIA Logos

The FAI/CIA logo was on the official rules for the event. The FAI/CIA logo on the website was only shown 20% of the time (rolling display with 4 other logos)

Ref: Organiser Agreement, Schedule 4.3

FFA comment:

Right.

6. Protocol

The CIA president was not invited until just before (or perhaps after!). Note that payment of travel and hotel expenses is not mandatory.

Ref: e-mails August 28, 2014 and September 1, 2014

The competitors and officials oaths were read at the opening ceremony.

The national anthem of the winning country and the FAI anthem were played at the Awards Ceremonies.

Ref: Protocol for FAI and CIA sanctioned events, version 2005 and Protocol for Award-Giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI Championships, version 2009.

FFA comment:

The CIA president had sent an email saying he was coming and asked us to make the "necessary arrangements". Which we did. (attached email).

Hotel was booked and paid, badge, pack etc... were ready for the president

Jury President comment:

The CIA President told me (Hans) that he had not heard anything from any of the organisers. I asked you several times for a copy of your invitation. On September 1st you finally sent a copy of his invitation sent by you the same day (Sep 1st). A bit late considering that the CIA president had told you that he intended to be there from Aug 29 to September 1.

7. Travel Allowance

As far as the event jury knows, all officials received some reimbursement for travel and hotel costs. It is not known if reimbursements fully covered all expenses and/or expectations. It is not clear what was agreed to in advance of the event. Payments were made several days after arrival in the form of a travel allowance apparently set unilaterally by the organizers, rather than an amount to cover reasonable and actual expenses. In the case of the Jury, we all are OK with the amounts received. This appears to be the same for other officials with one exception, that being Gary Lacey (Deputy Event Director) - see attached e-mail. Gary Lacey's total travel expenses were 2,140 Euros. He received 600 Euros at the event, leaving 1,550 Euros (or about 1,865 CHF using Yahoo Currency Conversion on October 9, 2014), which I am recommending that we hold back to cover Gary Lacey's "out of pocket" expenses.

FFA comment:

Travel Allowance: All officials have received a travel allowance and were happy with the amount.

All but Gary Lacey. The reason being that when we had been asked to invite Gary, we clearly said that a travel allowance for an official coming from Australia was above our budget. We were told at the time that Gary was coming anyway to Europe to visit his parents in England. So, he was granted a travel allowance from England to Vichy. Then, at Vichy, he told us that this was not the case. We double the amount up to 600 Euros and, at the time, he said he was happy with this amount.

Jury President comment:

*As noted by the GB2014 Jury President, travel arrangements and allowances for the Jury were not handled properly. Numerous attempts were made about travel arrangements, with few direct replies. Eventually, we made our arrangements and the funds provided *probably* covered our costs, but there never was an accounting of actual costs. I received the amount I asked for airfare (Canada to Europe air cost was shared with Hungary as I was at the Hungarian Championship the week prior). I was given a "flat" amount to cover a rental car and gas from Geneva (and return). The event did provide a room for 2 (myself and my wife). I paid 300 Euro for meals for my wife.*

*It is likely that I was the one that suggested Gary Lacey to Martine B. I *did not* tell here that Gary L was going/coming to Europe - I indicated that he had in past years when attending events such as Mobilux. I *did not* act as Gary L's agent and *was not* involved further in any arrangements for Gary L. I have seen copies of e-mail between Gary L and "the organizers" and my recollection is that they are not definitive - no clear statement of what would be paid for. I will forward this correspondence as soon as possible. Gary L did indicate to me that he was OK with the amount provided - I think I indicated this in an earlier version of the Deposit/Penalty document. Others suggested that Gary L should receive more. No commitments have been made to Gary L about receiving more.*

8. Results and Pictures to FAI

OA Schedule 1 2.1 (vi) d) requires the organizer to send "results and at least 3 pictures to FAI within 24 hours of the closing ceremony. I have verified that at least pictures were sent to FAI on September 8, one (1) day late.
