

Part 1 Restructuring Working Group Report

Agenda item 6.4

Introduction

The “Part 1 Restructuring” project has been aiming at consolidating and streamlining the rulebook for easier reference. No actual change of rules is involved in this process.

The Working Group was composed of M. Roulet (chairman), J. Gaillard, B. Howard, and E. Klimovich.

Outcome

After a first-step improvement in the 2015 version (with several chapters moved to appendix), the expected major overhaul took place mostly in Q1/2016, and concluded with the release of the 2016 version mid April.

We hope this restructured rulebook fulfils expectations, and that users find it easier to navigate and appreciate the more logical reference we have been pursuing. In the process of regrouping similar topics that were previously spread in various places of Part 1, we also eliminated some inconsistencies.

By and large, the structure is now the following:

- Everything very general or dealing with what happens before the competition can be found in Chapter 1.
- Rules related to Programmes are in Chapter 2.
- Operating rules pertaining to what happens during the competition are gathered in Chapter 3.
- Everything about evaluation of flights is in Chapter 4.
- Finally, Awards has a dedicated Chapter (5).
- The structure of appendices is unchanged, except that the FPS methodology is now in a separate document, the maintenance of which is handed over to the FPS WG.

My thanks to the Working Group contributors, and special thanks to Elena Klimovich, Brian Howard and Nick Buckenham for their in-depth review of the draft and their insightful suggestions and comments.

With this, the Working Group has completed its work and will be put in dormant mode. Meanwhile, I encourage Delegates to send me any feedback or ideas for further improvements to Part 1 structure.

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Appendix: More details

A – Part 1 Structure

Before	After
1. GENERAL RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROBATIC EVENTS	1. GENERAL RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROBATIC EVENTS
2. JUDGING RULES FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	2. PROGRAMMES OF WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
3. DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY	3. OPERATIONS OF WORLD AND CONTINENTAL AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
4. THE ORGANISATION OF WORLD AND CONTINENTAL AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	4. EVALUATION OF COMPETITION FLIGHTS
5. REGULATIONS FOR THE EVALUATION OF COMPETITION FLIGHTS	5. AWARDS
6. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING AEROBATIC FIGURES	APPENDICES
7. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CHIEF JUDGE AND BOARD OF JUDGES AT WORLD AND CONTINENTAL AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	A. LIST OF FIGURES FOR PROGRAMMES 2, 3 AND 4
8. STATISTICAL METHOD FOR PROCESSING SCORES	B. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING AEROBATIC FIGURES
9. LIST OF FIGURES FOR PROGRAMMES 3 AND 4	
10. KNOWN COMPULSORY PROGRAMMES	

Separate document

B – Summary of Restructuring Topics

Topic #	Previous chapter	Description	Rationale
1	10	Remove Known Programmes figures	Not a "rule" as such. Should be published by CIVA after each Plenary in a separate document
2	8 6 9	Implement an appendix structure with: - A: List of figures for Programmes 3 and 4 - B: Criteria for judging aerobatic figures - and C: Statistical method for processing scores : <u>Separate doc</u>	Moving the corresponding sections to appendix, in order to ease reference to all other rules and give Part 1 a more streamlined structure
3	3	Merge section 3 "Duties of the International Jury" into para. 1.4.1 "The International Jury"	Simplified / more logical structure
4	2.1 except 2.1.10	Merge para. 2.1. "Board of Judges" -- except para. 2.1.10 "Timing, Interruptions, Height Infringements and Wing-Dipping" -- into para. 1.4.2 "Board of Judges"	Simplified / more logical structure
5	2, 5, 7	Merge remaining of section 2 "Judging rules for World and Continental Aerobatic Championships", with section 5 "Regulations for the evaluation of competition flights", and with section 7 "Code of practice for the Chief Judge and Board of Judges at World and Continental aerobatic championships"	A single merged section covering all judging operations => easier reference, removal of overlaps on e.g. HZ Note: a detailed look led to shift some rules (e.g. 7.5.1.1) from this merged section to para. 1.4.2 "Board of Judges" (logic is : Board of judges composition and administration belongs to 1.4.2, while judges flight operations belong to the new merged section)
6	4.6	Merge para. 4.6 "The aerobatic performance zone" into para. 4.2.5 "Performance zone"	Simplified / more logical structure
7	4.5	Merge para. 4.5 "Aircraft restrictions" into para. 1.2.9 "Competitors and Aircraft"	Simplified / more logical structure
8	4.3	Put in a separate "Programmes" chapter regulations pertaining to the Programmes themselves	More logical structure / easier reference

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9	1.3 / 4.4	Merge all references to "champions" mentioned in para. 1.3 (para. 1.3.1.2, 13.1.3, etc) and para. 4.4 "Awards" into an "Awards" chapter, while simplifying text by removing overlaps	Simplified / more logical structure / removal of overlaps / easier reference
10	1.2.9	Separate para 1.2.9. into 2 separate paras (Competitor ; Aircraft) Consolidating in each para all clauses concerning eligibility and paperwork	Simplified / more logical structure
11	tbd	Take into account various requests for corrections	Incorrect / wrong items drawn to our attention in previous version
12		Move "Administrative Arrangements" into "General Rules..." except part of the "Warm-up flights" section dealing with Operations	Simplified / more logical structure
13		Change name of chapter "Organisation of ..." into "Operations of ..."	More relevant
14		Several moves of single items	More relevant
15		Remove : <i>The lists of figures for Unknown Programmes (Rule 3.4.1.1.) shall be re-approved at each meeting of CIVA which immediately precedes a World Championship.</i>	Not applied, not needed

C – Resolution of Discrepancies / Issues

1. Awards:
 - a. Medals per gender in Unlimited / Individual Programmes: clarification that:
 - i. medals are given per gender
 - ii. and only if the minimum number of competitors per gender as per 1.2.5.1.b. is fulfilled – otherwise medals awarded regardless of gender.
 - b. Darius & Girenas Trophy: clarification that in case of a ‘genderless’ championship situation, this Trophy (in principle awarded to European Men Team Champion) is awarded to the European (mixed) Team Champion.
2. Intermediate Competitions: In 1.2.2.3.a. (new ref), removal of reference to sanction by CIVA as First or Second Category events (World championships are First Category events, and Second Category events are not meant to be sanctioned by CIVA).
3. Figures beyond time limit: Inconsistency between rules in previous versions (figures beyond time limit not marked by Judges, after signal by the CJ, vs “... this should not be brought to the judges’ attention whilst the flight is in progress...”). Tentatively fixed by removing the latter, final fix expected with rule change proposal NP#2017-22 submitted for approval at this Plenary.