

**CIA Plenary Meeting March 2013**

**Proposal to reconsider and redefine FAI CAT2 events in aerostation**

Considering that there are many who believe that the CIA should be more inclusive than just supporting the highest level of balloon competitions, and considering that “non-FAI” ballooning activities are a very substantial part of all ballooning activities, and considering in addition that although they vastly contribute to our activity’s public- and media appeal, the participants in these events don’t see a real benefit to them, it is felt that the CIA, as the world’s ballooning regulatory body, should make every possible effort to include any sporting ballooning activity in its realm .

Therefore it is proposed to revise and adapt the FAI Sporting Code Section 1, Chapter 7, and the CIA sanctioning procedures to make organisers and participants see that it is in their best interest to seek to obtain an FAI/CIA sanction.

The following conditions must be met when considering this revision:

- The sanctioning process should be as simple as possible.
- The organisational structure of an event should be simplified as far as possible.
- The sanction should be granted, where possible, by the concerned CIA delegate, acting on behalf of the CIA.
- The sanctioning fee should not exceed the costs for the CIA.
- The competition part in any event to be sanctioned should be run under a standard, easy, concise and stable set of rules, published and maintained by the CIA.
- The results of any sanctioned event must be transmitted to the sanctioning CIA delegate or the CIA if this is not possible.

The following incentives should be made visible to organisers and participants:

- The sanctioned international events will be listed in the FAI Sporting Calendar.
- The event results will be integrated in the CIA World Ranking List, thus making possible an international results comparison between competitors.
- All event related documents may carry the FAI and CIA logo, and the FAI and CIA flags may be flown at the event.
- Competitions will be run with a standard set of rules.

The CIA Rules Subcommittee, EDS, the Competitors Subcommittee and the WRL WG (when created) are tasked to propose the required regulations and appropriate Sporting Code amendments/modifications to the CIA Plenary in 2014.

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***Discussion in the Plenary deferred to 2014.***