

14<sup>th</sup> WORLD HELICOPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

FREESTYLE

Documents Attached

1. Protest submitted by Siegfried Schwarz – Austria
2. Diagram of 'Box'.
3. Statement by Championship Director
4. Jury Conclusion and Decision.
5. Subsequent letter (10<sup>th</sup> September 2012) sent by Austria

Team Manager Austrian Team – Protest against the results of freestyle event

The Austrian Team and the Pilot of the helicopter BO-105 protest against against the ranking results.

The unofficial ranking list posted on 25<sup>th</sup> august in the evening listed "SIEGFRIED SCHWARZ" as second place. After a oral complaint on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 0800 hours in the morning to the championsdirector due to the incorrect measurement of the competition area we got the definite answer that the freestylepilot "SIEGFRIED SCHWARZ" has the rank #1.

During the competition of the helicopter race the result was changed again by the chiefjudge – our pilot was on the second rank again.

Nobody informed the Austrian team about this change in the rankingresult. At the end of the airshow in the afternoon we got oral information by the championsdirector that the ranking was changed. Immediately we had a conference between chiefjudged, championsdirector and teammanager of the Austrian team. We got the information from the chiefjudged that the judging was right and he would not change the ranking again.

DRAKINO AIRFIELD 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012 14:55 hours local time

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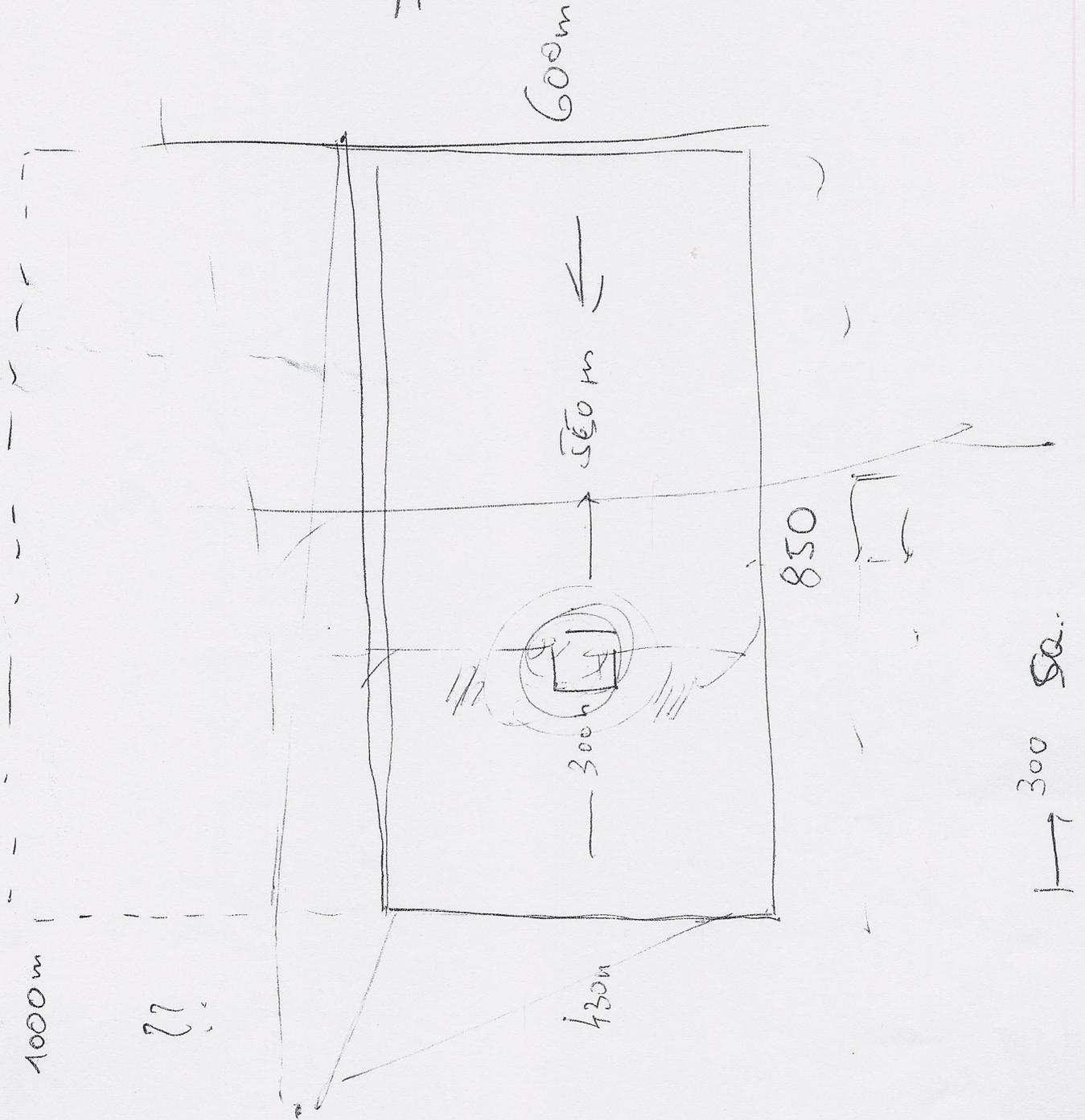
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Handled in with oral  
Complaints

# FreeStyle Box

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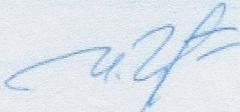
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To David Hamilton,  
President of International  
Jury, 14<sup>th</sup> FAI World  
Helicopter Championship

From Irina Brushina,  
Contest Director

The Jury is advised that  
the setting out of the Competition site  
for the Freestyle Event and the  
positioning of the centre of the  
box were wrong. There should be  
no penalties for box infringement.

 Irina Brushina  
26.08.2012 / Championship Director

## Jury Findings

**PROTEST** – Submitted by Austrian Team Event No 5 Freestyle Date 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012

### Information

Event No 5 is not included in the overall Results of the World Championship. It is open to those who wished to enter and is not compulsory.

The Contest Director and the Chief Judge did not wish to be present.

The Jury questioned the Competitor and the Team manager separately.

### Findings

At the Hearing a single question was put to the Competitor. "Did he make the Protest?" He indicated "No". He did not sign the Protest.

The Team Manager was called. He was asked who made the Protest. The reply was the Austrian Team.

Evidence had been submitted in the form of a sketch which indicated the Competition Box with dimensions. When asked who prepared the sketch it was the Team Manager. When questioned about how it was measured the reply was by car and looking at the kilometre readings.

The final question put was in respect of the Protest itself. The Team Manager was asked "What are you seeking?" The answer "Get the first prize back for the pilot where it belongs".

The Championship Director confirmed that errors in setting out had been made. Therefore there should be no box penalties.

### Jury Conclusions

1. The Protest was submitted by the Team manager.
2. The Protest was not made in accordance with the World Helicopter Championship Rules Chapter 2.10.4 March 2012 edition.
3. The Championship Director agreed that the 'box' had not been laid out in accordance with the Rules.
4. There was no detailed written requirement for action by the Championship Director.
5. There was no disagreement that the 'box' dimensions were wrong.
6. As the Protest was not made in accordance with the Rules the Jury recommended that all 'box' infringements be deleted and the 600SF returned.

19.30 26.08.2012

David Hamilton – President; Konrad Geissler – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Jacques Escaffre - Jury Member

10 September 2012

Dear Mr. President,  
Dear Jury,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the written Jury decision, dated 26 August 2012, sent to me by the Jury President on 3 September 2012.

A copy of this written decision was forwarded by me to the pilot Siegfried Schwarz, who is in complete agreement with the following:

**In light of the fact that point 6 of the Jury decision clearly confirms that all box infringement points have been deleted owing to the incorrect dimension of the Free Style Box, Siegfried Schwarz and Team Manager of the Austrian Helicopter Team, Wolf-Dietrich Tesar, request that the result list, Protocol No. 6 (Annex 1) be recognized as the official list of results. This Protocol (Annex 1), was finalized after an oral consultation with Irina Grushina, Championship Director and signed by the Chief Judge Wolfgang Perplies.**

We would also like to make the following comments to the remarks made under Findings of the Jury decision:

*See Annex 4*

**1. Correction to paragraph 1:**

Before the hearing in the apartment house of the Jury President, and in the presence of the Austrian Team Manager Wolf-Dietrich Tesar and Jury member Konrad Geissler, the Jury President asked the pilot Siegfried Schwarz whether he wished to uphold this protest. This question was answered by the pilot with a brief, unequivocal, „yes“.

After posting of a revised list of results at 13.45 by Chief Judge Perplies (Annex 2), our protest was submitted in time by the Team Manager to the Championship Director at 15.10.

As further clarification, the Team Manager justifiably assumed, after checking the list of results in the morning (Annex 1), that the correction had been made after the Chief Judge had consulted with the Championship Director.

The pilot and the Team Manager were only informed of this revised list of results shortly before the planned closing ceremony at 14.30.

**2. Regarding the „final question“ to the Team Manager:**

This answer should be seen in the context of the results contained in Protocol No. 6 (Annex 1), showing Siegfried Schwarz as winner. As such, this statement is valid and should not be taken as a negative aspect against the decision of the Jury.

**3. Final paragraph:**

The Championship Director has explicitly stated that the Free Style box was incorrectly dimensioned (leading to an approximate 30-50% reduction in the size of the box) and that the infringement points for exceeding the limits of the box should be deleted. It is therefore not clear why two first places were announced at the award ceremony in the evening, namely Siegfried Schwarz and Quentin Smith. The total points are in no way compatible.

**Further comments on the Jury Conclusion:**

Chapter 2.10.2. of the Championship Rules clearly states that a Team Manager can submit a complaint to the Championship Director. As the Championship Director, after consulting the Deputy Chief Judge, immediately acknowledged that the Free Style box was incorrectly dimensioned, the results were amended without a written submission, simply by removing the points for exceeding the box limits.

The pilot's signature was missing from the protest note, as Siegfried Schwarz was participating in the air show on Sunday, 26 August, in the afternoon, and was therefore unable to sign the protest before it was handed over. During the hearing this oversight was not rectified. However, there can be no doubt that the pilot submitted the protest with the Team Manager in accordance with the Rules (see the first paragraph of the Jury's findings).

It was never mentioned during any briefing that the Free Style box was smaller than required. The Free Style pilots were only able to visit parts of the box by car shortly before the event took place, but a

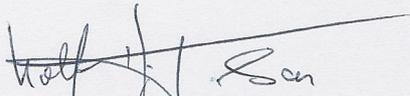
measurement of all sides of the box before the event was not possible. In addition, training flights in the box were not possible during the training days prior to the World Championships.

**Final remarks:**

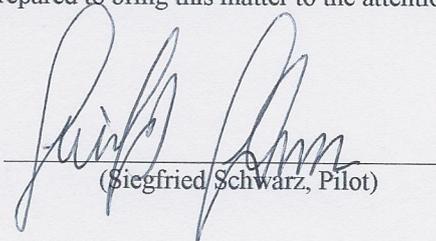
Despite the unequivocal confirmation by the Championship Director that the dimensions of the Free Style Box were not in conformity with the Rules, it is incomprehensible that two first places were announced (Annex 3), when it is clear that, by deletion of the 40 penalty points for box infringement, would result in a first place for Siegfried Schwarz and a second place for Quentin Smith.

We therefore request that the Jury decision of 26 August and the official results be revised.

Failing that, Siegfried Schwarz and the Team Manager are prepared to bring this matter to the attention of the FAI.



(Wolf-Dietrich Tesar, Team Manager – Austria)



(Siegfried Schwarz, Pilot)

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