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# 1 - INTERNATIONAL JUDGING LIST

The International Judging List was updated, approved by the CIVA Bureau and published on 29 March 2022.

## 2 - REMINDER: JUDGES SELECTION FOR 2022

The Judging Process was conducted as follows:

JUDGES SELECTION POWER (ADVANCED & UNLIMITED)						
Board of judges (Code 6.1.3.2.3): Minimum 7						
	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3			
# of judges	Judges from the current list, with a JRP < 5 or = 5	Judges from the current list, with a JRP > 5	New judges	Two judges from the same nation		
7	4	2	1	NO		
8	5	2	1	YES		
9	6	2	1	YES		
10	6	2	2	YES		
Assistants	No restrictions, must be approved by the JC & the CIVA Bureau		Judge "POW-1A or POW-1U" with a JRP < 5 or = 5			

JUDGES SELECTION GLIDER (ADVANCED & UNLIMITED)					
Board of judges (Code 6.1.3.2.3): Minimum 7					
	GROUP A	GROUP B			
# of judges	Current judges "GLID-1"	Current judges "GLID-2"	Two judges from the same nation		
7	5	2	NO		
8	6	2	YES		
9	6	3	YES		
10	7	3	YES		
Assistants	No restrictions, must be approved by the JC & the CIVA Bureau	Judge "GLID-1" with JRP			

After receiving all the Judges' applications by the JC, the selection was made according to the following process:



- Stage 1: Selection by means of a "Selected" or "Not Selected" for each application by 6 Members of the JC. With 4 times "Not Selected", the application was rejected;
- Stage 2: Each Member of the JC had to select the Judges for each group.

The final decision on the selection was sent to the Delegates or Judges (if a given email address was known).

Stage 3: Later adaptations (withdrawals, etc.).

## 3 - SCHEDULE OF SELECTION PROCESS

An invitation to deliver an application was sent by email with the following deadline: 15 January 2022.

The received applications were compiled on a working table and could be consulted by all the members of the JC.

#### STAGE 1

Stage 1 began in mid-January 2022, with the presence of 6 members of the JC.

#### War in Ukraine

After the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine on 24 February 2022, FAI and respectively CIVA decided on 28 February 2022 to "(...) suspend the members of Russia and Belarus with immediate effect and therefore remove all rights as listed in FAI Statutes 2.4.2.1".

#### Consequences:

- Russian and Belarus applications had to be removed from the lists of Stage 1;
- Only 4 members of the JC were allowed to vote.

The result of Stage 1 was postponed by some Judges to find proper solutions for the following reason: A lot of Judges had sent their applications with no assistant's name on them.

Recommendation of the Chairman of the JC for assistants

All applications must be sent with an assistant's name on them. In case of difficulties, the judge who applies must clearly inform the Judging Committee about the fact.

## STAGE 2

Stage 2 started at the end of March 2022 with amendments to the previous applications in order to find capable assistants for some Judges.

Stage 2 ended on 12 April 2022.

- The shortage of judges in some groups (based on the JRP) resulted in certain adaptations (e.g. 2 "new" Judges for EAAC).

#### STAGE 3

Constant changes required 4 versions of the final document Selection of Judges:

- Change of assistants;
- Unavailable judges;
- Official request from Ukrainian NAC to remove some judges who also have Russian nationality.



Recommendation of the chairman of the JC for future applications #1

It is not in the JC's prerogatives to check the exact nationality of judges. They do not have the legal means, nor the time resources.

>> The nationality of the Judges presented on the official lists is the responsibility of the NAC.

One application, sent on 31 December 2021 at 8:00 pm had not been taken into account. After reaching an agreement with the organization (WGAC/WAGAC) and the JC, the Judge was added to the final selection.

Recommendation of the Chairman of the JC for future applications #2

>> Creating a dedicated email address for sending applications (e.g. applications.civa@gmail.com)

## 4 - DURING THE COMPETITIONS

The right solution to the replacement of 2 Judges had to be found a few days before the contest:

- Nick Buckenham replaced John Gaillard for WAC
- Jérôme Houdier replaced Guy Auger for EAAC

## 5 - SUMMARY 2022

In the recurring and difficult situation, all the panels of Judges were completed successfully:

WIAC: 7 JudgesWAC: 7 Judges

WGAC/WAGAC: 8 Judges

- EAAC: 7 Judges

Five "new" Judges were selected in 2022 and they will have a JRP for the future selections.

1ST NAME	SURNAME	NAC	JRP FOR 2023
Rodolphe	Hervé	GBR	~
Andrew	Cunningham	GBR	~
Gilles	Guillemard	FRA	V
Steve	Todd	GBR	V
Peggy	Reidinger	USA	~

#### 6 - OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

JC's proposals: General situation

The JC do not have the capacity to make proposals for rule changes directly, or proposals for rewriting some articles of the rules for clarification.

#### OBSERVATIONS IN SITU

The President of the Jury on site for WAC and EAAC and the Chairman of the JC has observed as following:



- A huge disparity in the use of the PZ, e.g.:

#### WAC:

- 55% of the PZs were given by only two Judges;
- 4% by two of them.

#### **EAAC:**

- One Judge gave 41% of the PZs in the competition (one of the two Judges that gave 55% of the PZs in WAC);
- One Judge did not use the PZ (one of the two Judges that gave 4% in WAC).

## JC's recommendation for PZs

The use of the PZs must be reminded and checked by the Chief Judge.

The pre-FPS score sheets must be added to the handwritten score sheets before publishing the final results, for better understanding by pilots of how the PZs are treated by the FPS.

- Great importance of video and its quality;
- Disparities in judgment during long phases between two alternating rotations, ranging from degradation to the HZs (and sometimes insertion). This is a recurrent case that should be resolved in the rules:
- Harmonious relations between the Judges, also due to a very good coordination of the Chief Judge and their Assistants: In particular, a great job of the CJ Assistants (paperwork and coordination of the Judges' teams).

#### NON-CLEAR JUDGMENT CASES

Several cases of non-clear judgment cases were identified by the JC, e.g.:

- Involuntary flicks (only the case of a flick during a rolling circle is mentioned in the rules);
- Delay between a spin and a rotation / a flick, or between two opposite rotations ("a brief, but perceptible pause" is not clear);
- Stalls during pushing or pulling radius (the PZ for gliders, no application for powered aircrafts);
- Definition of a good spin's departure (B.9.29.1 to B.9.29.3) is not consistent, even for a native English speaker. The notion should be re-defined.

JC's recommendation for future proposals from the JC

The JC is not allowed to make proposals. Without NACs or CIVA president's ones on these points, the situation will remain the same. The JC must be allowed to send proposals to a plenary session to improve the process of judgment.

## NACs PROPOSALS 2022 FOR JUDGMENT

A half-dozen of the 2022's proposals that will be submitted to Delegates when voting in the 2022's plenary session, are directly concerning the process of judgment. It should be noted that some points are in a direct connection with the future duties of the Judges and the Jury, that will have to deal with the results of the vote on these proposals.

JC's recommendation for NAC's proposal for judgment

It seems to be justified that the JC Members should be asked for their opinion on any new proposal to change the rules concerning the process of judgment.





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