

The CIVA International Judging Seminar



Instructions to Presenters

General:

The aim of your seminar is to explain the full range of demands that a Judge will face at a CIVA international event, through presentation of all key aspects from the rules through to the judging process itself and the FPS Judging Analyses that are provided at the conclusion of each sequence.

*Great emphasis should be placed on the practical aspects of **Calling**; this is the simplest and most direct way to encourage attendees to get involved in the judging process as an active participant rather than just an interested observer. Calling parts of sequences in the lecture room, in English or the attendees native language, is absolutely the best way to get them thoroughly involved in the difficult process of critically observing a sequence flown at a 'real' speed, assessing the errors seen and interpreting them to provide the appropriate downgrades. Use a model aeroplane during this process – get the attendees to "fly" it in turn; this is better than any amount of cold lecturing.*

Play the two videos "CIVA Judging Seminar - WAC-11 Free Unk-1 Calling HD.mp4" and "CIVA Judging Seminar - US Nats Free Unk 2014 Goody Thomas 175MB HD.mp4" several times. These provide clear demonstration of calling and judging a top-level sequence. Show that each figure lasts 20-30 seconds, there is no rush. Turn the sound down and get them calling!

Where possible the seminar should lead toward some practical judging work, with one or more sequences flown by a suitably experienced pilot. After the sequence judging, instruct the pilot to fly 12-15 flick-rolls on various level, ascending and descending lines and axes for judging by all participants. The pilot should make a private list of how the flicks will be flown before the flight, so that some are 'good' but many do not satisfy the criteria and should thus be marked PZ – the judges' success in determining which should be fully marked makes an interesting group discussion.

The key is to make this a noisy, robust and 'involved' seminar by encouraging everyone to actively play at calling and judging as often as possible.

Finally – the issuing of a signed CIVA Certificate of Seminar Attendance to each participant at the conclusion of the seminar should be used as a bargaining method to get attendees to commit to judging at a forthcoming event. And after the event – please email a simple report back to CIVA (Nick Buckenham if possible) with your comments on how the seminar went, with particular regard to any revisions / improvements that you feel should be added to this material.

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Material:

The online CIVA Judging Seminar material comprises the following core set of files:

1. These instructions!
2. Seminar PowerPoint presentations 0 to 4:
 - CIVA Judging Seminar v3 Module-0.pptx - *Thinking about thinking*
 - CIVA Judging Seminar v3 Module-1.pptx - *Intro, Basics, Rules*
 - CIVA Judging Seminar v3 Module-2.pptx - *Angles test, The Judging Team, Calling*
 - CIVA Judging Seminar v3 Module-3.pptx - *Errors, Video, Positioning, Observation, 4m Freestyle*
 - CIVA Judging Seminar v3 Module-4.pptx - *FairPlay and ACRO, Judging Analyses, Q&A*
3. CIVA Judging Seminar - Zoom round the Rules 2023 v1.pptx
Text and graphical explanation of key rules, to be shown as a step-out item in Module-1
4. CIVA Judging Seminar - Radii of Loops and Corners.pdf
Single-sheet graphic explanation of radii judging criteria
5. CIVA Judging Seminar - Agenda v1.docx
To be edited by the presenter to specifically suit the seminar
6. CIVA Final Freestyle Judging Sheet 2019 v1.pdf
The CIVA 4m Form-A
7. CIVA Final Freestyle Judging Summary Sheet 2019 v1.pdf
Working sheet to store judges marks for previous pilots
8. CIVA Judging Seminar - P+G General Differences v3.pdf
Table of key differences between Power and Glider judging
9. CIVA Judging Seminar - The Monkey Business Illusion.mp4
Short video with interesting "Did you see ..." elements
10. CIVA Judging Seminar - WAC-11 Free Unk-1 Calling.mp4
Video of Graham Hill & Nick Buckenham calling / judging at WAC 2011
11. CIVA Judging Seminar - WAC-11 Free Unk-1 Form-B.pdf
Supporting Form-B sequence diagram for the above Video
12. CIVA Judging Seminar - CIVA Judging Seminar - US Nats Free Unk 2014 Goody Thomas 175MB HD.mp4 – this is a video of calling a Free Unknown sequence at the US Nationals 2014.
13. CIVA Judging Seminar - US Nats Free Unk 2014 Goody Thomas.pdf
Supporting new-style Forms Left/Right with sequence diagrams for the above Video

Note that the videos must be un-zipped after download before they can be used

Seminar Work-Flow:

Preparation

1. Edit the Agenda to suit the occasion, make into a pdf
2. Distribute the following pdf's to all attendees at least 3 weeks before the seminar:
 - CIVA Judging Seminar Agenda
 - CIVA Judging Seminar Supplementary Notes
 - CIVA Judging Seminar - Rarii of Loops and Corners
 - CIVA Judging Seminar - WAC-11 Free Unk-1 Form-B (this is the sequence flown in the video)
 - CIVA Judging Seminar – US Nats-14 Goody Thomas L/R (this is the sequence flown in the video)
 - CIVA Judging Seminar - Sequence to Call
3. Instruct your attendees to download and print CIVA Section-6 – Power or Glider as required
4. Edit the CIVA Certificate of Seminar Attendance to suit the seminar local details, and print sufficient copies to sign and present to all attendees at the conclusion of the seminar.

Seminar Content

The seminar is driven primarily through five PowerPoint **Modules**. Three of the modules have at least one “step-out” video or other presentation – for these you will need to temporarily cease the module and run the step-out file, then return to the previous page of the module. Remember that F5 starts the module at the 1st page, SHIFT-F5 re-starts the module at the showing page, i.e. not back at the intro page. When you are showing the ‘Attitudes’ pdf use CTRL-L to get Adobe Viewer into full-screen mode, and show each of the eight images for about TWO seconds only.

1. Introduction
 - Basics
 - Rules > Run: Zoom round the Rules - separate PowerPoint
 - The Zeros
2. Angles test > Now an integral part of this PowerPoint file
 - The Judging Team
 - Pulling and Pushing
 - Watch Calling videos > Run: the WAC-11 video
 - Practice Calling > Use the CIVA Sequence to Call
3. Handling Mistakes
 - Positioning
 - Observation > Run: “The Monkey Business Illusion” video
 - Hot Tips
 - The 4m Freestyle > Use: the supplied Form-A and marks collation sheet
4. FairPlay and ACRO
 - Judging Analyses > Running some ACRO analyses here is very helpful
 - Final Q&A

Then:

5. Practical Judging > Requires good preparation with Pilot, agreed sequence and pre-printed judging paperwork. Divide attendees into groups of three, each to Judge, Scribe and Call once.

It is very useful to get your Pilot to fly one sortie comprising only 12-15 Flick Rolls, some 'true' and some 'bad'.

Finally:

6. Issuing of Certificate > Issue a signed certificate to all attendees, and bargain strongly for their attendance on a forthcoming judging line.