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Ad-hoc Working Group Report 2009

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This group met from 1645 to 1735 on 17th October to discuss and formulate a proposed policy on the following subjects:

- The selection and qualification of pilots for the Final Freestyle Programme (Prog. 4, Unlimited Power)
- The most appropriate structure for declaring a valid contest in case of time constraints that do not permit completion of the full set of Aresti sequences, and the qualification of pilots through the Aresti contest.

All members of the WG contributed in a most positive and open-minded manner. The recommendations given below are made with unanimous agreement of all members of the group, with no abstentions.

The Final Freestyle

The target range for the number of contestants for Prog. 4 should remain at 10 - 20 pilots, but may exceptionally increase to 23 in special circumstances described below.

Freestyle Specialists should be welcomed to the Programme, with no more than one nomination per NAC. To qualify for the contest any such nominated specialist must have been a medal-winner during the last 5 years at an Unlimited Class 1, FAI-sanctioned, Aerobatic contest.

The remainder of the field should be drawn from the pilots flying in the Aresti contest as follows:

- A minimum of 9 pilots selected in rank order, top down, from the completed Aresti programmes, but with not more than 3 from any one NAC.
- If the field so selected, up to the maximum specified by the Organisers/Jury, does not include at least 3 female pilots, then additional female pilots shall be selected to make the total of selected female pilots up to 3. Such selection shall be based on rank order, irrespective of NACs represented.

Aresti Contest Structure

These recommendations are based on the following founding principles:

- Save under conditions of *force majeure* (e.g. disqualification, physical impairment, aircraft technical problems) no pilot shall depart from a valid contest with less than two graded sequences counting toward his/her total score.
- No Unknown Programme shall be considered complete unless it has been flown by the top two thirds of eligible pilots.

The progress of the contest should thus follow the following logical progression. If this logic is accepted by plenary, then the wording of the Sporting Code will be changed where appropriate to avoid the need for the International Jury to make wide-ranging interpretations.

- All registered pilots fly Programme Q, and their scores are retained.
- The Chief Judge shall consult with the International Jury and shall with their agreement disqualify any pilot whom they agree shows insufficient safe technique to allow progression to the subsequent programmes. (Such agreement may be reached without necessarily referring to percentage scores achieved in Programme Q).
- The remaining ("safe") pilots fly Programme 1. *A valid contest has now been achieved.*
- Entry to Programme 2 is limited to pilots scoring 60% or more in at least one of the previous programmes. This field is divided into 3 groups.
- Start Programme 2. If time may be short, fly first the middle group and then the top group. Add these scores to the results of Programmes Q and 1. These results make an enhanced, valid contest, includingthe results of Programmes Q, 1 and the top 2/3 of Programme 2..
- Fly the lowest group of pilots through Programme 2. Add these to the two higher groups and then discard the results of Programme Q. *A valid contest using just Programmes 1 and 2 for all pilots.*
- Before going ahead, cut 25% of the remaining field for Programme 3.
- Proceed with Programme 3 as for Programme 2, and include its results if at least the top two groups fly.

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