

CASI Meeting 2011 - ANNEX 2

CASI Working Group re Sporting Code, General Section, 6.1.2.

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The mandate of the WG, as determined by the CASI at its meeting in Dublin, October 2010, is “To determine if General Section 6.1.2 is appropriate and to make a proposal for next year”.

The current text of 6.1.2 is:

6.1.2 “To be eligible as a World Record, the performance must have been recognized as a National record by the NAC concerned, except for international team performances in Class G (Parachutes - Largest Formation Record), Multiseat Gliders and Motorgliders in Class D and for all performances in Class K (Spacecraft) and Class P (Aerospacecraft). In any case the FAI rules have to be fulfilled”

There is reference to 6.1.2 in 6.4.1, as follows;

6.4.1 “The NAC which issues the FAI Sporting Licence of any person attempting an **International** World record or, in cases of team attempts, the NAC that issued sporting licences to the largest number of team members (the Organising NAC) is responsible, **in the case of a World record**, for certifying that person's or the team's attempt as a National Record (subject to the exceptions mentioned in 6.1.2 above) and for submitting the International Record claim dossier to FAI regardless of where the record attempt took place.

NB; In view of the current wording of 6.1.2, if it is retained, we believe the amendments to 6.4.1 in bold are required.

and again in 6.8.1; as follows

6.8 Certification of International Records

6.8.1 A record attempt must be recognised by the organising NAC as a National Record where required by 6.1.2.

6.8.2 An International Record claim must be supported by a file containing all the information and certification necessary to prove that the conditions have been met. The file must be submitted by the organising NAC after the record was recognised as a National Record where required by 6.1.2, and must be received by the FAI Secretariat within 120 days of the attempt, unless an extension is granted by the relevant Air Sport Commission President having reviewed any factors that may have made it difficult to submit the file in the normal timescale. The FAI Secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the record file to the claimant and the organising NAC. The file must be in the standard format set out in the relevant section of the Sporting Code and shall include a statement that the attempt was made in accordance with the regulations of the Sporting Code including the provisions of 5.2.2.3 on Unsporting Behaviour.

The discussion that follows represents the opinion and conclusion of a majority of the WG.

The WG has examined and discussed this issue and has determined that there are several reasons for concluding that 6.1.2 is not appropriate.

GS Chapter 6 now concerns itself with "International Records", which are World records and Continental records. The recent amendments to GS Chapter 6 allow the ASCs to make the decision on Continental Records and set the parameters.

For good reasons, Continental Records do not have to be recognised as National Records. The WG has concluded that there is no difference in concept or practice between World and Continental Records and there is nothing to be gained or achieved by such the current requirement to have a World record first recognised as a National Record.

6.4.1 states that, in the case of a team, the Organising NAC (being the one that issues the most Sporting Licences to members of that team) is required to give National Record recognition. Why should FAI require an NAC to give National Record recognition to a team that has in it non-Nationals. That is why the exceptions to 6.1.2 for the Largest Formation Parachuting and Multiseat Gliders and Motorgliders records are in place. It is for NACs, not FAI, to decide to whom they give National Record recognition.

If the National Record recognition requirement is deleted, there will be no need to treat World and Continental records differently, the exceptions currently listed in 6.1.2 can be deleted and 6.4.1 would no longer force the Organising NAC to give National Record recognition to non-nationals.

Removing it would not in any way affect the screening and validation of record claims by NACs as the NAC still has to assemble the record dossier etc.

For these reasons it is the conclusion of a majority of this WG is that the National Record requirement be eliminated.

The suggested text of 6.1.2, 6.4.1, 6.8 would then be as follows

~~6.1.2 "To be eligible as a World Record, the performance must have been recognized as a National record by the NAC concerned, except for international team performances in Class G (Parachutes – Largest Formation Record), Multiseat Gliders and Motorgliders in Class D and for all performances in Class K (Spacecraft) and Class P (Aerospacecraft)."~~

Replace "In any case the FAI rules have to be fulfilled" with this text

Any performance being submitted for recognition as an International Record must be in compliance with all relevant provisions in this General Section and in the appropriate specialist Sporting Code Sections 1 to 13.

6.4.1 “The NAC which issues the FAI Sporting Licence of any person attempting an International ~~World~~ record or, in cases of team attempts, the NAC that issued FAI Sporting Licences to the largest number of team members (the Organising NAC) is responsible, in the case of a ~~World~~ record, for certifying that person’s or the team’s attempt as a National Record (subject to the exceptions mentioned in 6.1.2 above) and for submitting the International Record claim dossier to FAI regardless of where the record attempt took place.”

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