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# INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION

## SKYDIVING FOR THE DISABLED COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2025

**Submitted to:** ISC Bureau & ISC Plenary 2026

**Submitted by:** Domitille Kiger, Chair

**Date:** 1 December 2025

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## Committee Composition (2025)

- **Chair:** Domitille Kiger (FRA)
- **Deputy Chair:** Emily Bombardi (GTM)
- **Members**
  - Omar Alhegelan (SAU)
  - Manuel Almeida (POR)
  - Jérôme David (FRA)
  - Sarka Ferrerova (CZE)
  - Nikolai Jaklitsch (GER)
  - Carmen Pettena (BRA)
  - Sabrina Schoenmaker (NED)

## 2025 Overview

2025 was a landmark year for Indoor Para Skydiving (IPS), marked by:

1. Publication and implementation of the first official IPS Competition Rules on 1 May 2025
2. Completion of the IPS Judging System Homologation
3. Creation and training of the first IPS Classification Board
4. Operational support for the 2026 World Cup and European Championships (Lille) bid
5. Seven stages of the World Series 2025–2026, plus additional national events
6. Preparation for upcoming rule-change proposals for the 2026 Plenary

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## Achievements of the Year

### Finalisation and Publication of Official IPS Rules (SC5 & Competition Rules)

The IPS rules approved by the ISC Plenary earlier this year were:

- **Finalised,**
- **Approved by the ISC Bureau,** and
- **Officially published on 1 May 2025,**  
confirming delivery on a major commitment made at the previous Plenary.

These rules will govern the 2026 World Cup and European Championships in Lille.

### Homologation of the IPS Judging System – “CTS Digital”

A major milestone for 2025 was the **homologation process** for the IPS judging system, **CTS Digital**.

#### System development and testing

- Tested across **7 World Series stages**.
- Versions 3 → 4 → 5 deployed sequentially; **Version 5** is certified and competition ready.
- Successfully utilized in:
  - Poitiers (2025 World Series Stage 4)
  - Lille (2026 World Series Stage 1)
  - With further tunnel compatibility checks planned in 2026 in Charleroi (Feb) and Berlin (March)

#### Official observation

- An ISC judges’ committee–appointed observer, **Jurate Verstrepen**, attended the November Lille competition and submitted an official report.
- All required functionalities were validated, including:
  - Timing accuracy
  - Automatic generation of heats and results
  - Immediate publication of the **general leaderboard within 5 minutes** of each round on the ISC website.

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The system is officially approved and **ready for operational use** in 2026 IPS events, including the World Cup and European Championships.

## Creation of the IPS Classification Board and Training Workshop

One of the largest achievements of 2025 was the creation of the first-ever **IPS Classification Board**, thanks to the financial support of the FFP and the FAI,

### Workshop in Marseille (3–5 November 2025)

- 8 participants selected from an international call for applications.
- Composition:
  - **4 medical doctors** (France x2, Germany x2)
  - **4 expert classifiers** (Norway, Australia, Italy, France)
- Training Module:
  - A **120-slide** learning program, with videos and case studies
  - 30 total hours of training across 3 days
- Assessments:
  - Group simulations
  - Individual practical evaluations
  - All participants produced **near-identical coefficients**, proving system consistency.
- Certification:
  - All 8 participants have been certified as IPS Expert Classifiers

### Operational readiness

- A secure shared Google environment was created for:
  - Storing confidential medical documents
  - Parallel evaluations
  - Cross-checking discrepancies
  - Coordinating decisions (email + video as needed)

### ISC Classification Board (CB):

Head of Classification: Jérôme DAVID (FRA)  
 Chief Classifier: Dr. Patrick FROEHNER (GER)  
 Members:  
 Chris ASTILL (AUS)  
 Alessandra RICUPERO (ITA)  
 Delphine HUET (NOR)

The ISC Classification Board has designated the Classification Panel (CP) that will conduct Athlete Evaluations for the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Cup and European Championships of Indoor Para Skydiving (April 2026).

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### The Classification Panel (CP) members are the following:

- Chris ASTILL (AUS)
- Jérôme DAVID (FRA)
- Dr. Patrick FROEHNER (GER)
- Dr. Michel GUIAVARCH (FRA)
- Dr. Exi HOENLE (GER)
- Delphine HUET (NOR)
- Alessandra RICUPERO (ITA)
- Dr. Fanny TORRES (FRA)

### Athlete Requirements

- The Athlete's NAC is responsible for submitting the Athlete Evaluation packet, complete with Diagnostic Information to the Classification Board, including:
  - Full medical documentation and supplemental information
  - NAC-signed forms
- A need was identified for **active communication** to athletes so they understand these timelines and requirements.
- Instructions for submission will be posted in Bulletin 1 of the World Cup and European Championships.

## Support to Organizers – World Cup and European Championships 2026 (Lille)

The committee supported Lille organizers in preparing their official **FAI/ISC bid**, including:

- Bid review
- Guidance on classification deadlines
- Rule compliance
- Coordination with judges committee

## Judging Matters for 2026

### Who can judge IPS?

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As per SC5 6.1.2(4)(c), judges must:

- Hold a **valid FS Judge Rating**,
- Attend and pass an **IPS pre-training course** coordinated by an ISC-appointed instructor.

## Need for a Pre-Competition Judging Conference

For Lille 2026:

- A half-day **Judging Conference** should be organized on site.
- This is **not** a full judges' training course; it focuses solely on IPS-specific rules (timing, infringements, assistance, etc.).
- Committee will coordinate with the Judges Committee to:
  - Select **4 judges** (Chief Judge + Event Judge + 2 panel judges).
  - Confirm availability of support judges who may attend World Series stages before April.

## Past Competitions (2025)

IPS did not have an official 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Category FAI events this year.

However, the **World Series**—with 7 stages this season—served as the primary operational backbone for:

- System testing
- Rule refinement
- Classification development
- Athlete preparation

## Upcoming Competitions (2026)

### World Series 2025–2026 (not FCEs)

- 7 stages confirmed (Lille, Prague, Charleroi, Berlin, Milan, Sydney, Poitiers)
- Additional events (National Championships) in Liege (March), and Voss (June)

### 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup and European Championships of Indoor Para Skydiving 2026 – Lille (April 9th to 11th)

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- First FAI/ISC IPS FCE
- Athlete Evaluation Submission
- Judging: 4 IPS-qualified judges required
- Classification Panel: Minimum 1 Classification Panel representative on site

## 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Indoor Para Skydiving Championships 2027

- Germany (Jochen Schweizer Arena) has expressed interest in a full-discipline bid including IPS.

# Rule Change Proposals for 2026

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Explanations in Green

## Proposed 2026 IPS Competition Rule Changes

- 2.1. **Contact Targets and Zones:** Contact targets are touch-responsive systems positioned on the exterior walls of the tunnel, as shown in the Course Diagram, and must be visible through the transparent wall. Each of the four (4) individual targets must contain a contact zone equipped with sensors that change color upon contact and revert within a maximum of one (1) second. Sensitivity may vary between systems and wind tunnels but must remain consistent for all Competitors within a single competition. The minimum surface area of the contact zone is defined in ~~[4.13.6]~~. **[4.12.6]**

## Housekeeping

- 2.1.11 **Target Validation and Scoring:** Competitors must validate individual targets by touching the target's surface with one hand (or upper limb extremity) ~~to confirm a correctly completed~~, **which must trigger an automatic color change confirming correct** contact. Contact made ~~by~~**with** another body part ~~or~~ by someone other than the Competitor, **or with assistance from an instructor** will not be considered valid. Points are awarded for each compulsory sequence in the Race Routine performed within the allowed Working Time of each flight. Valid points must result from correctly executed random or block sequences as depicted in the Race Routine.

**Amended the definition to specifically address what a validated target means, and clarifying that validating a target with assistance does not constitute a valid target.**

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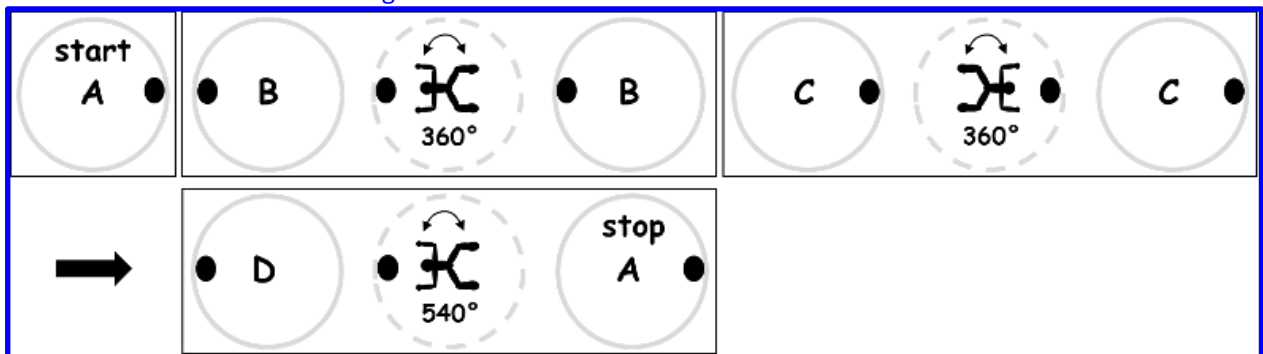
- 2.1.16 Assistance: For safety purposes, Competitors are allowed to receive assistance from an instructor any time during a Flight. Assistance will result in penalties added to Competitors' scores (see ~~[4.14.3]~~[4.13.4])
- 2.1.17 Infringement: Competitors may incur time penalties for infringements of the compulsory race routine, as defined in ~~[4.14.3]~~[4.13.4].
- 2.1.18 Omission: Competitors may be subject to incurring omission penalties when performing the compulsory race routine, as defined in ~~[4.14.3]~~[4.13.4].

Housekeeping

- 3.2.1.1 **Race Routine – Qualifying ~~and Semi-Final~~ Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, random D, and finally random A again (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:**

The initial race routine will now only be performed during qualifying rounds, not the semi-final round.

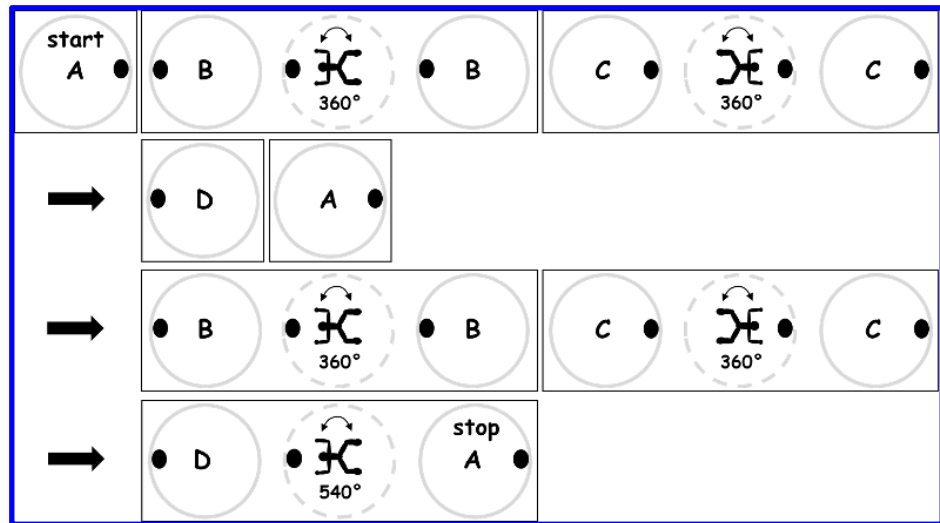
- 3.2.1.2 Race Routine – Semi-final Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, and finally block sequence D-A (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:



New race routine for semi-final round introduced. New text and race routine image added.

- 3.2.1.3 Race Routine – Final Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, random D, random A, block sequence B, block sequence C, ~~random D,~~ and finally ~~random block sequence D-A~~ again (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:

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Modified race sequence for final rounds, both text and visual image reference.

#### 4.7.1

Competitors may receive assistance from one or more Instructors to:

1. Enter and exit the flight chamber.
2. Stabilize in the flight chamber.
3. Finalize the setup of specific equipment that cannot be adjusted before entering the flight chamber.
4. Intervene for safety reasons any time the instructor deems necessary.

#### Housekeeping

#### 4.7.2

**Instructors may not assist Competitors to reach a Target or to perform an Inter.**

#### Added clarification.

4.8.1 Working Time is started by the first occurrence of either of the following:

1. The Competitor validates the first target in their compulsory sequence.
2. Automatically, 30 seconds after the ~~signal to enter~~ Competitor crosses through the door of the flight chamber ~~was given.~~

#### Modifying the start of working time to be consistent with other disciplines, signaling crossing through the door as the start of working time.

#### 4.13.4

Time Penalties: The following time penalties will be added to a Competitor's score for each type of violation incurred during working time:

- a) Assistance (A): A single five (5) second penalty will be applied if a Competitor requires assistance from instructors, regardless of how many times it occurs. Types of assistance include:
  - a. Competitors use their hand or upper limb to hold onto an instructor's body for assistance.
  - b. Instructors may physically assist Competitors as deemed necessary for safety **only**, based on their own assessment of the situation. This action will not be grounds for protest.



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Housekeeping to add the word only to clarify the intent of the rule.

[4.13.4]

- a) Omission (O): A twenty (20) second penalty will be applied for each omitted part in the compulsory sequence. Types of omissions include:
- a. Required Targets that are not validated, with no clear intent or attempt to touch the Contact Zone, followed by validation of another labelled Target within Working Time.
  - b. Inters in a block sequence that are not performed, with no clear intent or attempt to perform them, and validation of another labelled Target within Working Time.
  - c. If both the Inter and the last step in a block sequence are omitted, this will be considered as only one omission.
  - d. Required Targets that are reached or validated with assistance from an instructor.**
  - e. Inters in a block sequence that are performed with assistance from an instructor.**

Added two additional bullets to clarify the intent of the rule.

The Judges may use video monitors and these cameras must record video (see ~~4.13.13~~4.12.13). The cameras for the video monitors must be positioned in accordance with the Judges' assigned physical locations.

Housekeeping

- 1.1.1 Event Judge (EJ): The EJ is responsible for timekeeping, which may be operated by the EJ, or a person appointed by the Chief Judge. Timekeeping will be recorded for:
- a) ~~Authorization to enter~~Competitor crosses through the door of the flight chamber.

Housekeeping consistent with the changes made to 4.8.1.2.

Start of Working Time

- 1.1.1.1 Validation by Competitor: If the Competitor validates the first point in the compulsory sequence within 30 seconds of **crossing through** the ~~signal~~door, the electronic timing system will automatically record the start of working time.
- 1.1.1.2 Failure to Validate within 30 seconds: If the Competitor does not validate the first point within 30 seconds of **crossing through** the ~~signal~~door, the EJ will manually start the scoring system's timer at the 30-second mark.

Housekeeping consistent with the changes made to 4.8.1.2.

1.1 CLASSIFICATION BOARD

The Classification Board consists of five (5) appointed members nominated by the ~~Classification Board Subgroup of the~~ISC Skydiving for Disabled Committee.

Housekeeping

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## Conclusion

2025 was a pivotal year for IPS development:

- The **judging system is ready and validated**
- The first **Classification Board has been fully trained**
- The **rules have been fully published and implemented**
- Organizers are prepared for the **first World Cup and European Championships in 2026**
- The committee now has a clear pathway toward future World Championships

The Skydiving for the Disabled Committee enters 2026 **fully operational**, with more structure, governance, and technical reliability than ever before.