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Rules cited:

Comp rules 5.10.2 If a competitor experiences adverse weather conditions as determined by the CJ or EJ, the competitor will be offered a re-jump. The competitor's decision for the re-jump must be made within 10 seconds of being advised of this offer; otherwise the score for the jump is automatically accepted and recorded.

5.5.1 The results of the most recent FCE will determine the jump order for the first round. Those competitors will be grouped in reverse order of the Combined FCE placings and will jump at the end of the round.



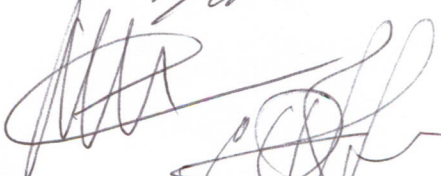
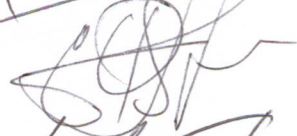
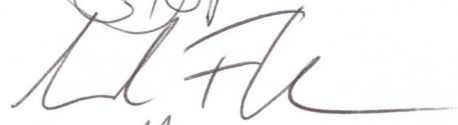
Yesterday, when similar adverse weather conditions occurred, competitors were offered re-jumps due to unsafe conditions using 5.10.2. Today in similar adverse weather conditions, it was deemed that the conditions were acceptable. The Chief Judge stated that competitors were not offered a rejump because the judges did not observe the same conditions as yesterday. We feel that this rule was not applied fairly to all competitors based on the information provided at the competitor briefing.

During the competitor briefing, event staff acknowledged that the anemometer and wind indicators near the pond were not in a good position to measure wind conditions and intensity when the wind was coming out of the ^{South} ~~west~~ due to the tree line. It was acknowledged that the wind from the ^{South} ~~west~~ would be turbulent and impossible to measure empirically. It was stated that event staff would treat these situations fairly and take other adverse weather conditions outside of the wind limits into account when considering weather conditions during a run.

The affected competitors were not asked their opinion of the weather conditions that they flew through by the judges to determine the conditions. We believe that it is unfair to only use observations from the ground as the only indications of conditions when it was previously acknowledged that there was no empirical way to fairly determine the weather conditions. According to 5.5.1 of the competition rules, the highest ranked competitors from the previous FCE will go last in the round. Because of this rule, the best competitors at the end of the round were subjected to the worst conditions for the round. Because of this, their flying ability may make it seem from the ground that the weather conditions are better than they are.

After the last pass landed, the Meet Director asked these competitors what the conditions were in the air. Their response aided the Meet Director in deciding that conditions were unfit to continue jumping. The information they provided was enough to help determine conditions for other competitors but was not considered when determining if it had been safe for their run. Without an empirical way to determine the weather conditions, the competitor's opinions need to be taken into account when determining safety. If their opinion is enough of a factor to determine safety for not continuing, it should be taken into account when determining safety during a jump. It should also not wait until after all the competitors have run to determine the continued safety.

We believe that the competitors today should be given the same opportunity as the competitors yesterday and be offered re-jumps. Since there is not an empirical way to determine conditions, all information should be considered before safety decisions are made and all competitors should be treated the same.

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