

## Proposed Rule Changes for 2017

### **Current:**

2.3.2 Stairstep: The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy. The grip must only be on the outside "A" line of the end cell. The grip must be taken with the inside leg or foot; this may include an additional handhold, if desired.

### **Proposed:**

2.3.2 Stairstep: The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy. The grip must only be on the outside "A" line of the end cell. The grip must be taken with the inside foot; this may include an additional handhold, if desired. ("~~leg~~" – deleted)

Reason: To coincide with foot grip definition

### **Current:**

3.5.2. (iv) the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.

### **Proposed:**

35.2 (iv) the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation **within working time** in the last completed round.

Reason: Further clarification

### **Current:**

4.9.2 The Organizer must provide the teams with a way of identification of the team showing the team number to be recorded by the Videographer just before exit. The recording should continue with the jump without a stop in recording.

### **Proposed:**

4.9.2 The Organizer must provide the teams with a way of identification of the team showing the **date, round, and** team number to be recorded by the Videographer just before exit. The recording should continue with the jump without a stop in recording.

Reason: To provide further identification particularly for rotations.

### **Current:**

4.10.3. In the event of an equipment malfunction, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will only be granted if the malfunction occurs before the team performs the first formation.

Evidence of the malfunction must be provided by the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will be granted unless it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; in which case, no rejump will be granted and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

### **Proposed:**

4.10.3. In the event of an equipment malfunction, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. **This rejump will not be granted if the team builds a complete formation (correct or not) at any time during the jump.**

Evidence of the malfunction must be provided by the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will be granted unless it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; in which case, no rejump will be granted and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

**Reason:** To ensure uniform application of rejudgments by the judging panel.

**Current:**

5.1.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional two points will be deducted from that round as a penalty two points will be deducted from the score of that round otherwise obtained. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation.

**Proposed:**

5.1.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional two points **per omission** will be deducted from that round as a penalty. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation **within working time. Formations built correctly after the omitted formation will be scored in the normal manner.**

**Reason:** To further clarify the point calculation for omissions as well as how omissions are judged for 2-Way Sequential.

**Current:**

5.2.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional one point will be deducted from that round as a penalty. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation.

**Proposed:**

5.2.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional one point will be deducted **per omission** from that round as a penalty. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation **within working time. Formations built correctly after the omitted formation will be scored in the normal manner.**

**Reason:** To further clarify the point calculation for omissions as well as how omissions are judged for 4-Way Sequential.

**Current:**

5.2.5. An attempt to complete a formation, although incorrect or incomplete, demonstrated by at least 3 canopies connected with grips, and in the formation required by the drawn sequence, will be judged as an incorrect formation, not as an omission.

**Proposed:**

5.2.5. An attempt to complete a formation, although incorrect or incomplete, demonstrated by at least 3 canopies connected with grips, **OR the two 2-way formations in an inter clearly attempting to build the formation required by the drawn sequence,** will be judged as an incorrect formation, not as an omission.

**Reason:** Further clarification of omission versus an incorrect formation.

## Training jumps

4.6.1 Each team in each event will be given the option of one official training jump before the draw is made.

4.6.3 Two drawn rounds will be made available for teams use. Teams can perform a sequence of their own choice instead and receive an evaluation from the judges. In this case, teams must provide the sequence to the judges with the video.

## Program of Events

7.4 . The competition will be organised during a maximum time frame of 5 Competition days. Exceptions may be made where a bid is received for multiple FCE competitions at one time.

## **Housekeeping:**

3.1 – Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Description of events*

3.2 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Minimum Rounds*

4.3 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Safety*

4.4 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *End of Working Time*

4.4.1 – Change the current text of “The chief judge is responsible **to appoint** a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed.” to “The chief judge is responsible **for appointing** a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed.” Check with Buzz and Susan.

4.9.1 – removal of the word ‘freefall’

4.9.3 – removal of the word ‘freefall’ on both occasions

4.9.4 – removal of the word ‘freefall’ on both occasions

4.9.7 – removal of the word ‘freefall’ on both occasions

4.9.9 – removal of the word ‘freefall’

6.1 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Scoring Systems*

6.2 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Start of Working Time*

6.3 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Viewing*

6.4 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Size of Panel*

6.5 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Scoring*

6.6 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Score Sheets*

6.7 - Introduce heading for the paragraph which can be marked in MSWord to automate the table of contents: *Posting*

2.1 Formation: Consists of two or more jumpers linked ... (not “2”)

2.6 Videographer is in capitals, but in 2.8 videographer is in lower case. Choose which it should be all through.

- 2.7 Omission: 2. Remove extra spaces after the word “presented”.
- 3.1 “The discipline will comprise” is correct English. Use of either “will comprise” or “is composed of” or “consists of” are all correct English, but not this “comprised of” mixture which is bad grammar only (but easy to understand too ☺).
- 3.2 A minimum of “one” round must be completed .... Not “1” (the number should be in words).
- 3.2 “Winners” is in capitals. Not necessary. See 3.5 where “winners” is in lower case – OK.
- 3.5.2. (iii) wrap the line properly to the right margin.
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- 4.4.1 The Chief Judge has capital C and J.
- 4.4.2 The Chief Judge has capital C and J.
- 4.5 “two” hours not “2 hours”.
- 4.6 “Practice” with a ‘c’ not “practise” with an ‘s’ x two appearances of each.
- 4.9.1 “Organiser” (English spelling) but 4.9.2 “Organizer” (USA spelling”. Be consistent and choose just one of these all through.
- 4.10.3 Second paragraph: No semi-colon or any punctuation at all is required after “rules by the team;” nor is a comma required after “in which case,” as it is unnecessary.
- 4.11.1 All formationS – missing the ‘s’ on formations.
- 5.1.2 5 should be “five” x twice. (see 5.2.2 which says (correctly) “four or five”.
- 5.2.4.1 ‘3’ should be “three (3)”
- 5.3.2 Remove extra spaces after “first correctly completed formation \_\_\_”
- 6.3 Reverse (3rd) and third. The word third should appear first, then 3rd. Also, A (3rd) third view of part(s) of the jump ~~can be conducted~~ at normal or reduced speed at 70% may only occur at the discretion of the Event Judge. “can be conducted” is not necessary.
- 7.3.1 “... may be comprised of” should be “may comprise”. “of” is bad grammar.
- 7.3.2 Two 2-Way teams consisting of up to “four (4)” to match the next two in the list.
- 7.3.3 Organizer or Organiser.