



IPC JURY NOTICE

| Title & Location of Competition | |
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| FAI Mondials Chicago 2016, September 10-21 -22th FS / 11th AE / 1st SP / 17th CF / 34th Freefall Style+Acc / 8th Junior FS+Acc | |
| IPC Jury Meeting No: -9- | |
| Time and Date: | 16.45, 13. Sept. 2016 |
| Subject: - Protest received from TeamCaptain USA 2 Way and Team Captain USA 4-way, Sequential | |
| Details: When the Team Leader of USA presented the Protest, he stated, that it is not a protest against Judging but against the interpretation and application of CF Competition Rule 2.2 (Definition of a Grip: Foot Hook). During the Presentation, the Jury President made the Team Captain aware of SC Section 5, 5.3.1 (5): No protest may be made nor shall one be accepted by the Jury that deals with the evaluation of a jump or a score given by the Judges. In the Protest they clearly ask for a re-evaluation of the 2 Way and 4 Way Sequential dives. After further investigation and interviews with CJ, EJ's, the Chair of the CF Committee and the FAI Controller, the Jury came to the conclusion, that this Protest cannot be accepted in accordance with SC Section 5, 5.3.1(5) | |
| Decision: The Protest and Protest Fee were handed back to the Team. | |

Signature: Doris Merz *D. Merz* Jury President

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The USA delegation files the following protest in accordance with Sporting Code General Section Chapter 5, Rule 5.3.1.

At the technical meeting for canopy formation on 11 September, no clarification was offered by the Chief Judge regarding the interpretation of a grip. Therefore, both our 2-way and 4-way sequential teams have been performing their grips in accordance with the current definition in the Canopy Formation Competition Rules, as follows:


2.2 Grip: Consists of a hand hold or a foot hook on an "A" line or front riser so that a formation is built in accordance with the configurations as depicted in the dive pool.

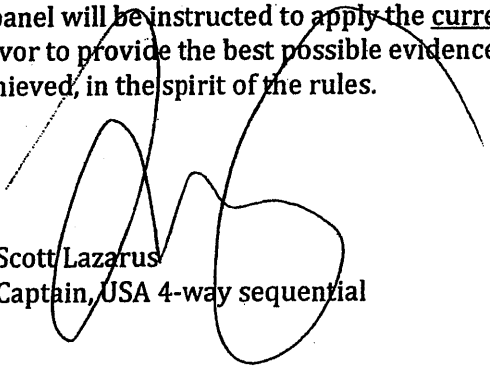
However, for Round 1 of 2-way sequential, our team was not granted a point for the reason of "12: incorrect grip - no hook." When the score was posted, the team had jumped several more rounds and was unsure if they would lose more points for this reason, so they asked the Team Leader to ask for clarification from the Chief Judge of what the judges needed to see to show that a grip had been taken. At this meeting, the Team Leader was told that the team needed to "maintain the line" - that the foot needed to "stay" on the line, not just touch. When asked if making a hook shape and touching the line in such a way as to cause it to move was not sufficient to be a "hook," the Chief Judge replied, "For me." To be sure he understood, the Team Leader asked, "so they need to hold the line a little longer?" to which the Chief Judge replied "Yes." The Chief Judge added that he thought perhaps there should be a proposal to the IPC in the future for a rule change to codify this interpretation. Such a change may be possible but is irrelevant to these championships.

Because the current definition of a grip does not include a time-of-hold requirement, but the Chief Judge's statements indicate that he has instructed the panel to assess a time of hold as part of the definition of a grip, this is an incorrect application of the competition rules. Therefore, the USA requests the following:

1. That all USA 2-way sequential dives from this competition be reevaluated using the current definition of a grip;
2. Because this application also affected the judging of 4-way sequential, that all USA 4-way sequential dives from this competition also be reevaluated using the current definition of a grip;
3. Before such re-evaluation, a technical meeting be held at which the Chief Judge will inform the competitors as to how the panel will be instructed to apply the current rules so that all competitors can endeavor to provide the best possible evidence that the required performance has been achieved, in the spirit of the rules.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Martin
Captain, USA 2-way sequential


Scott Lazarus
Captain, USA 4-way sequential

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