

Report to the CSPA Board of Directors and membership on the

75th Plenary Meeting of the International Skydiving Commission (ISC) of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale held in Rome, Italy January 28 – February 2, 2025.

In attendance:

- **Rina Gallo:** Delegate; ISC Bureau Vice-President, member of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and member of the Judges Committee. Member of the CSPA CNTC and CSPA Judges Committee
- **Vera Asquith:** Alternate Delegate, ISC Bureau Recording Secretary, member of the Rules and Regulations Committee, member of the ISC Media and Promotion Working Group. Member of the CSPA Judges Committee.

Not in attendance:

- **Richard (Buzz) Bennett:** Appointed Observer, member of the Rules and Regulations Committee

Highlights of the Plenary

Sanction Fees:

In order to balance the budget for 2025, the sanction fee for all competitions in 2025 has been decreased to 105 CHF.

Budget Requests from Special Reserves

Over the past year, FAI has developed a policy which enables the Commissions to access and spend their Special Reserves for long-term projects only. Throughout the year, Committee Chairs were asked to make funding requests. These requests, totaling 64,000 CHF were included in the budget prepared for the FAI General Conference. This total was approved at the GC. The Chairs of each Committee requested these funds once again during their presentation for a Plenary vote. The final amount approved through special reserves for this year ended up being lower than the original request to the GC. Requests included (in CHF):

- ✓ **PS – 1,130** - Parachute Ski World Ranking List
- ✓ **DY – 3,960** - create videos for Dynamic divepool
- ✓ **Indoor Para Skydiving - 6,000** - 3-day workshop to develop a training program a to qualify candidates to appropriately train classifiers
- ✓ **CP – 21,500** - purchase of video camera and media software development
- ✓ **SP – 4,900** – purchase of 50 PLDs (new Flysight 2)
- ✓ **WS – 2,500** – Develop Wingsuit Acro sequence illustrations (both static and moving)
- ✓ **JC – 7,000** – development of an administration system to maintain ISC judge records

Indoor Skydiving:

Last year I reported that there is a movement to split the indoor events into two (2) separate competitions. It seems that participation has grown so much in both the Artistic and Dynamic events that they are able to support a competition of their own. Further, last year Dynamic introduced Solo Speed, which has garnered greater than expected participation even though this is its first year as a competition event. On the other hand, over time we are seeing a decline in the participation of the Indoor FS event. This seems to be a trend in Outdoor FS as well. **Of note:** some indoor skydivers are now transitioning to outdoor skydiving. It seems that indoor is now feeding into outdoor activities.

Indoor Para Skydiving -Working Group for the Disabled:

Handifly has now changed its name to Indoor Para Skydiving and as of this writing, the rules are being approved, and the discipline added to Section 5 of the Sporting Code. This addition will enable a new discipline to be brought under the umbrella of Indoor Skydiving events. This is an historic moment for FAI, as this is the first event in FAI that caters specifically to people with Special Needs. I urge everyone to go on YouTube and watch some of the footage from these Indoor Para Skydiving events. The absolute joy of these athletes will warm your heart and put a smile on your face. It is truly a special event!

World Games:

For a number of years, the World Games has featured Canopy Piloting as one of its feature air sports. However, as you know, the 2025 World Games in China will be “going green.” That is, no new infrastructure is to be built and no fossil fuels used...unfortunately that excludes skydiving. Unfortunately again, it is very difficult to be included in the World Games once you are “out.” However, the 2029 World Games will be in Germany and the German Federation and Aeroclub is looking to partner with FAI to bring skydiving back into the World Games. The FAI has already committed to **providing up to 15,000 CHF** per year toward the project and the German Federation is asking the ISC to support this initiative by putting aside money yearly for this purpose as well.

Quick facts:

1. **World Cup Mondial** - a letter of intent was received from Brazil who wishes to host a World Cup of all outdoor disciplines in 2027. Mondials have been traditionally reserved for World Championship years. However, the political climate in Brazil today is conducive to holding a Mondial style skydiving event. To this end, the ISC has included the ability to hold a “World Cup Mondial” in their rules. Further, in order to be fair to other potential bidders, Brazil must provide a bid by July 1 of 2025 for approval. If the bid is approved, an IBD will be issued to allow the bid to be made public. In this way, other potential bidders would be aware that this bid would have priority over any other bids.
2. **Presentation from Indonesia** - Mr. Ardy Rifiantara, the Alternate Delegate of Indonesia informed the ISC Plenary that Indonesia has a mission to promote more Skydiving activity in the Asian region and they are already seeing growth. Indonesia is ready to host skydiving and indoor skydiving competitions, including Continental FCE’s, a Cat.2 event (Asian Series Skydiving), and they intend on bidding for the FAI Asian Indoor Skydiving Championships in 2026. This follows on the heels of a large Asian turnout at the Indoor World Cup in Macau in 2024. Expect to see more Asian involvement and participation in our sport!
3. **Style and Accuracy Committee** – due to a difficult year in this committee it was felt that a new approach was warranted. After much discussion, a vote was taken and the chair of this committee was replaced.
4. **Media Working Group** – the chair of this committee stepped down and as a result, a virtually entirely new committee has been formed. The new members are very enthusiastic about their mission to promote skydiving to the world!
5. **T&SC** – Last year the T&SC developed a medical protocol, which was approved and endorsed by CIMP (the medical arm of the FAI). Unfortunately, the adoption of this protocol was rejected by the Plenary. This year, the protocol was accepted; however, due to various laws in different countries, it was agreed that although the ISC will abide by this new protocol, the wording in Section 5 will be as follows: “All entrants are required to know, understand, accept and abide by

the Sporting Code and all rules, regulations and protocols for the event. A person entered to compete in an event, by his/her NAC or authorized national authority, will be deemed to have accepted all FAI/ISC rules, regulations and protocols, without reservation. The acceptance of the ISC Injury Protocol is a pre-condition for entry and participation in an FCE.”

6. **FAI Gold Parachuting Medal** – awarded to Michael Egger of Austria for his many years as long-time delegate and Chair of the Parachute-Ski Committee. Michael retired from all ISC activity this year.
7. **Leonardo da Vinci Diploma** – Awarded to Elisabet Mikaelsson (Sweden for her many years of service to the ISC, FAI, and the Swedish NAC).

Rule Changes:

As with all plenaries, rule changes are presented and voted upon. This year a number of changes to the rules will affect the Canadian rule sets as well. The outdoor rule changes are now available as Annexes to the Plenary minutes at:

<https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>

Then go to “meetings --> 2025 - Rome (ITA), 1-2 February 2025 --> Minutes --> then go to the appendices at the end of the minutes for summaries to the various discipline rule changes.

Competition Schedule for First Category Events:

2025

Competition	Venue	Discipline	Location	Dates
World Parachute-Ski Champ		PS	St. Johann, Austria	March 14 – 16
World Championships	Indoor	FS	Raeford, N.C. USA	April 15 – 20
World Championships	Indoor	AE&DY	Charleroi, Belgium	April 23-27
European Championships		ST & AL	Klatovy, Czech	July 7-13
World Cup/European Champ		WS	Prostejov, Czech	August 18-22
World Cup/European Champ		SP	Hohenems, Austria	August 24-31
World Cup/European Champ		FS/AE	Teuge, Netherlands	Aug.26-Sept. 3
World Cup/European Champ		CP/CPFS	Eloy Arizona, U.S.A.	September 7-14
World Cup/Asian Championships		ST&AL	Jiangxi, China	October 18-24

2026 (so far)

Competition	Venue	Discipline	Location	Dates
World Cup/European Champ	Indoor	AE	Aix-Marseille, France	April 1-4, 2026
World Cup/European Champ	Indoor	FS	Lille, France	April 9-11
World Championships		ST&AL	Spisska Nova Ves, Slovak Republic	August 31 – September 4
World Championships		WS & CF	Lake Elsinore CA USA	October 9-14
World Championships		CP, CPFS, FS, AE, SP	Eloy Arizona, U.S.A.	October 18-24

Future Plenary sessions:

- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – January 21-25, 2026

Delegate & Alternate Delegate work:

Since being elected to the Bureau as 1st Vice-President, I have had a very busy year. The duties of the 1st Vice President are numerous and time consuming, not the least of which is vetting all competition bulletins for accuracy and adherence to the accepted official bids. Since this year's plenary, it has been no different. In fact, it has been even busier with a total of nine (9) competitions this year.

I have continued to become involved in different aspects of the sport in order to get a more rounded understanding of skydiving competition. For this reason, I have resigned as a member of the CF Committee and become a member of the Rules & Regulations Committee. This committee oversees Section 5, the Internal Regulations, the First Category Event Application Document, the FAI-Controller Handbook, and the Jury Handbook.

I continue my work on the Judges Committee. As you know, my tasks include maintaining the FAI Judges Database, helping to set up judge training courses and evaluations, and developing and maintaining handbooks for the ISC Results website. Although I have now stepped away from developing and maintaining the approved scoring systems list, I remain the Scoring System liaison to the ISC Bureau as well as the ISC Bureau Liaison to the Judges Committee.

This year Vera stepped down from the Wingsuit Committee, but continues her work with the Media Working Group. She has taken on a new task as member of the Rules & Regulations Committee. Together with myself and Buzz Bennett, this means that there will be three Canadians on this committee.

Vera has done excellent work in her role as the ISC Bureau Recording Secretary. I have been told by many delegates that she is the best recording secretary the ISC has ever had and many people rely on her for accurate information both before and after the plenary meeting. Her duties include writing news articles, updating website documents, creating minutes for all Bureau meetings as well as the onerous task of creating the agenda for the plenary and recording the minutes of the ISC Plenary meeting. The agenda and minutes alone take months to prepare and that process begins in November of the preceding year and continues well after the meeting is just a memory for most people. This is followed by the task of ensuring that the Competition Rules for the various disciplines are received in due time, and are formatted correctly. Vera then posts these on the website, along with all other current documents for the upcoming year.

In closing, we would like to thank the CSPA for its continued support for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend the Plenary so that our work can continue. Your recognition of our efforts is greatly appreciated. Our continued involvement at the ISC level ensures that Canada will continue to be recognized as a vital contributor to International Skydiving and will help shape and move Canadian skydiving forward into the future.

Sincerely,



Rina Gallo - Delegate



Vera Asquith – Alternate Delegate