

**FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE  
INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION  
EXPLANATION OF FORMATION SKYDIVING RULE CHANGES FOR 2004**

*Explanations in italics and red*

2.3 Body: consists of the entire competitor and their equipment.

2.7 Total Separation: is when all competitors show at one point in time they have released all their grips and no part of their arms have contact with another body.

*Clarifies the total separation issue.*

3.2.2 The accumulated total of all rounds completed is used to determine the placing of teams.

3.2.2.1 If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied:

3.2.2.1.1. For entry into the semi- final and the final rounds:

- i) the highest score in any completed round,
- ii) the highest score starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken,
- iii) the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.

3.2.2.1.2. For determination of the final placings:

- i) one tie break round, if possible (for the first three placings only),
- ii) the highest score in any completed round,
- iii) the highest score starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken,
- iv) the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.

*Defines placings. Teams will always be on separate placings and only 10 teams will go to the semi finals and only 6 teams will go to the finals.*

4.5.1 The jump order for the first competition round of each event will be in the reverse order of the first ten placings in that event at the most recent IPC sanctioned World Parachuting Championships of Formation Skydiving. All teams not covered by this procedure will jump at the beginning of the round, with their jump order determined by a draw.

*Reference to tied teams removed as this no longer can occur.*

*Move from 8 to 10 for semi finals.*

*Change International to World.*

4.1 Teams may consist of competitors of either or both sexes, except in the female event where (except for the videographer) all competitors must be female

*Reworded only*

4.2 Jump Abortion: The team may choose not to exit the aircraft for any pertinent reason, and land with the aircraft. Once any team member (other than the videographer) has left the aircraft after the « RUN IN » command has been given,

the jump shall be evaluated and scored. A team that has landed with the aircraft, shall be given a new opportunity to jump as soon as possible.

*Reworded*

*Team Captain changed to team*

*Videographer reference added to comply with Section5 (scoring)*

*EXIT changed to RUN IN.*

*Reference to Sporting code deleted as unnecessary*

4.4 Competitors are not allowed to use a wind tunnel (freefall simulator) after the draw has been made.

*Self explanatory*

4.6.1 Each team shall provide the video evidence required to judge each round. Each freefall Videographer must use the video transmission system if provided by the Organiser.

*Only one of the competitors may jump on each jump as a Videographer removed...covered elsewhere.*

4.6.3 As soon as possible after each jump is completed, the freefall videographer must deliver the freefall video equipment (including the tape(s) used to record that jump) for dubbing at the designated dubbing station.

*Deleted reference to video evidence as unnecessary*

4.6.4 Only one video recording will be dubbed and judged. Secondary video recordings may only be used in NV situations.

*Wording changed also video image changed to video evidence through rules.*

4.8.3

- If an infringement in the scoring formation of a block sequence is carried into the inter (ref.2.8), this will be considered as one infringement only, and only one point will be deducted, provided that the intent of the inter requirements for the next formation is demonstrated and no other infringement occurs in the inter.

*This no longer applies to NJs*

4.9.2 Contact, or other means of interference between competitors in a team and/or their Videographer shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.

*Reference to videographer added.*

5.4 The Judges will watch the video evidence of each jump to a maximum of three times at normal speed.

If, after the viewings are completed, and within fifteen seconds of the knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed. If the review results in a unanimous decision by the Judges on the part(s) of the performance in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly.

*Allows review in case of absolutes.*

5.5 The Judges will use the electronic scoring system to record their evaluation of the performance. The judges may correct their evaluation record after the jump has been judged. Corrections to the evaluation record can only be made before the Chief Judge signs the score sheet. At the end of working time, freeze frame will be applied on each viewing.

*Puts a time frame in which judges can correct their evaluations*

3.3.2 It is the responsibility of the team to clearly present the start of working time, correct scoring formations, inters and total separations to the judges.

5.7 **ADD** If Judges cannot determine the start of the working time, the following procedure will be followed. Working time will start as the videographer separates from the aircraft and a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.

*To ensure the videographer catches the exit*

*If the videographer does not show the exit there is no rejump.*

6.3.4.5. Any 4-Way competitor (including Videographers) can only enter in one 4-Way team.

*Wording change from category to team and to add Videographer as status changed.*

*This also occurs elsewhere in the rules.*

6.3.6.1 Each delegation may be comprised of:

- One (1) Head of Delegation,
- One (1) Team Manager,
- One (1) Team Coach,
- One (1) Interpreter,
- Judges and Training Judges as provided in the Sporting Code Section 5
- Freefall Videographers as 6.3.6.4

*Reference to jury member deleted*

6.3.6.2 At a World Championship or Continental Championship:

- One 4-Way team consisting of up to:  
Six (6) 4-Way Competitors
- One female 4-Way team consisting of up to:  
Six (6) female 4-Way Competitors
- One 8-Way team consisting of up to:  
Ten (10) 8-Way Competitors

6.3.6.4 Videographers must be entered for each team as part of the delegation. The evaluation process for the video evidence will be the same for any Videographer. Videographers may be one of the following:

A) One of the team in which case they may only jump as a Videographer and they will be eligible to receive awards and medals, or

B) Other Videographers, regardless of gender, from any delegation. These Videographers are not eligible for awards and medals. In this case there may be no more than five (5) competitors in a 4-Way team and no more than nine (9) competitors in an 8-Way team. These Videographers may jump only as a Videographer and are subject to the same regulations as other competitors on the team.

Option B is valid for 2004 and 2005 only.

The Videographer may be replaced, (with the agreement of the Meet Director) in which case the replacement Videographer will not be eligible for medals.

*Allows for videographers that are not team members and therefore not eligible for medals. Replacement of the videographer in case of injury or for other reasons is*

*possible.*

*The IPC plenary asked the FS Committee to add a time frame to encourage teams towards option A. This will be reviewed each year as necessary.*

6.3.8.4 The semi- final round will consist of the teams with the 10 highest placings from the selection rounds.

6.3.8.5 The final round will consist of the teams with the 6 highest placings from the semi- final.

*Change to include two more teams in finals.*