

2016 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION MOTION

Section 1 of the Sporting Code states that for a Category 1 event, the organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of at least two competitors to each eligible NAC. To fill any unaccepted places once all these initial invitations have been accepted additional invitations will be sent out to eligible NACs according to the following method.

5.6.4.2 Ranking Method

The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be determined by the results of the previous similar event. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.

This means that for the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship the allocation of additional places should be determined using the results of the 2014 World championship. However, analysis of the last 4 world championships indicates that for the entrants for the 2014 worlds was highly unusual in a number of ways as follows:-

- The 2012 World Champion withdrew from the event.
- 35% of the available competitor places remained unfilled.
- 7 pilots were declared as being "No Shows".
- 45% reduction in the total number of competitors compared to previous years.
- 30% reduction in the total number of countries participating compared to previous years.
- 9 countries that would normally have at least 1 competitor had none at all.
- An additional 5 countries that would normally have 2 or more competitors had only 1.
- Over 50% of the top 30 pilots on the 2014 WRL did not compete.

As a result of this we believe that the results of the 2014 World Hot Air Balloon championship should not be used for determining additional places for the 2016 World Championship as this will have a long lasting knock on effect on the normal distribution of places to countries in future events. Therefore would like to propose the following motion.

Motion 1

The "Ranking Method" (5.4.6.2) used to determine the additional invitations to each eligible NAC for the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship shall be determined by using the results of the 2012 World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.

- This motion shall be effective immediately.
- The modification of Rule 5.4.6.2 shall only be effective for determining additional invitations to the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship.

Note:

The results of the 2014 World Hot Air Balloon Championships will remain unchanged and the medal holders from this event will be invited to attend the 2016 World Championship as per rule 5.6.1.5 - Invitation of current Medal Holders.

Motion 2

Rule 5.4.6.2 Ranking Method shall be modified as follows:

Original wording: The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be determined by the results of the previous similar event. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.

Additional wording: In exceptional circumstance and following a decision made by the delegates at the CIA Plenary meeting, the event used to determine the allocation of additional places may be changed from that normally dictated.

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