



**Report of the Statutes Working Group to the  
General Conference – 2019**

The Statutes Working Group (SWG) was tasked to examine several proposals for changes to the Statutes and By-Laws. The resulting recommendations are as follows:

**Recommendation 1: Inclusion of a definition of “Air Sport Person”**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** The concept of ‘Air Sport Person’, which serves as the basis for assessing FAI Members’ activities, is not defined in the Statutes.

<b>Current Wording</b>
<i>Not defined yet.</i>
<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
<p><b>Add to Terms and Definitions</b></p> <p><b>Air Sport Person</b> A person involved in air sport activities as recognized by FAI and who is registered with an FAI member or with a sporting organisation affiliated with an FAI member, or directly with FAI.</p>
<b>If Adopted Will Read</b>
<p><b>Terms and Definitions</b></p> <p><b>Air Sport Person</b> A person involved in air sport activities as recognized by FAI and who is registered with an FAI member or with a sporting organisation affiliated to an FAI member, or directly with FAI.</p>

**Note:** - If this proposed Statutes change is accepted, the by-laws will be modified so that the definition is identical in both documents.

## **Recommendation 2 : Definition of “sporting licence”**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** A Sporting Licence may be issued either by an FAI member on behalf of FAI or by the FAI Secretariat to individuals who are Air Sport Persons, a concept proposed above to be defined in the Statutes. In order to be issued a Sporting Licence by the FAI Secretariat, an AP will necessarily be registered with an FAI member, except for those countries where there is no member.

The introduction of the “**participation**” concept to replace the “**competing**” concept will allow non-competing (officials) Sporting Licence holding APs to participate in Air Sports Activities.

The introduction of “**FAI Air Sport Activities**” to replace “**sporting events or to undertake record attempts**” supports the definition of the term “FAI Air Sport Activities” in the Statutes which comprises all types of FAI controlled activities (“Sporting Event” is a term not defined in the Statutes).

<b>Current Wording</b>
<p><b>Terms and Definitions:</b></p> <p><b>Sporting Licence</b> An FAI licence of a standard type issued to individuals by an FAI member or if appropriate by the FAI Secretariat permitting them to compete in national or international sporting events or to undertake record attempts.</p>
<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
<p><b>Terms and Definitions:</b></p> <p><b>Sporting Licence</b> An FAI licence of a standard type <b>and format</b> issued to individuals by an FAI member <b>on behalf of FAI</b> or if appropriate by the FAI Secretariat, permitting them to <del>compete</del> <b>participate</b> in national or international <del>sporting events or to undertake record attempts</del> <b>FAI Air Sport Activities. A Sporting Licence holder is a registered Air Sport Person.</b></p>
<b>If Adopted Will Read</b>
<p><b>Terms and Definitions:</b></p> <p><b>Sporting Licence</b> An FAI licence of a standard type and format issued to individuals by an FAI member on behalf of FAI or by the FAI Secretariat, permitting them to participate in national and international FAI Air Sport Activities. A Sporting Licence holder is a registered Air Sport Person.</p>

### **Recommendation 3 : Right to refuse to issue a Sporting Licence**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** The right to refuse to issue a Sporting Licence to a national or resident of the concerned member's country is introduced in the Statutes. The right to refuse to issue, to suspend or cancel a Sporting Licence that has been issued to one of the concerned member country's nationals or residents includes Sporting Licences issued by the FAI Secretariat.

The introduction of the reference that Sporting Licence refusal, suspension and cancellation will have to abide by the provision of section 2.9. – ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS FOR FAI MEMBERS AND BODIES guarantees due process requiring fair and impartial treatment of the issue.

Current Wording
<p><b>2.4.3.1.</b> Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8. and Paragraph 4.2.2.12., FAI Active Members shall exercise Sporting Powers in their respective Countries, including the right to issue FAI Sporting Licences on behalf of FAI or to suspend or cancel any that they have issued.</p>
Proposed Amendment
<p><b>2.4.3.1.</b> Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8., <b>section 2.9.</b> and paragraph 4.2.2.12., FAI Active Members shall exercise Sporting Powers in their respective Countries, including the right to issue <b>or to refuse to issue</b> FAI Sporting Licences on behalf of FAI, or to suspend or cancel any that <del>they have issued</del> <b>have been issued to their Air Sport Persons.</b></p>
If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>2.4.3.1.</b> Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8., section 2.9. and paragraph 4.2.2.12., FAI Active Members shall exercise Sporting Powers in their respective Countries, including the right to issue or to refuse to issue FAI Sporting Licences on behalf of FAI, or to suspend or cancel any that have been issued to their Air Sport Persons.</p>

## **Recommendation 4: Creation of “FAI Supporter”**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** The Statutes need to be adapted for the planned introduction of the new FAI Sporting Licence scheme with three categories of licences:

- Supporter Licence
- CAT1 Licence
- CAT2 Licence

CAT1 and CAT2 Sporting Licences will remain reserved for fully registered Air Sport Persons.

Current Wording
<i>Not defined yet.</i>
Proposed Amendment
<p><b>2.12.1.3. FAI Supporter</b></p> <p><b>2.12.1.3.1. An FAI Supporter is a holder of an Identity Card issued by the FAI Secretariat to individuals who have expressed a wish to be part of the global air sports community without obtaining a Sporting Licence. FAI Supporter Identity Card holders are deemed to be Air Sport Persons without the right to participate in competitions and record attempts reserved to Sporting Licence holding Air Sport Persons.</b></p> <p><b>2.12.1.3.2. The FAI Supporter Identity Card will be issued on request of the interested individual. Procedures for issuing and renewing the Supporter Identity Card and the privileges accorded to it are set forth in Chapter 8 of the By-Laws. The annual Supporter Identity Card fee will be set by the Executive Board.</b></p> <p><b>2.12.1.3.3. The Supporter Identity Card will be automatically cancelled if the annual fee has not been received by March 31<sup>st</sup> of any year.</b></p>
If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>2.12.1.3. FAI Supporter</b></p> <p>2.12.1.3.1. An FAI Supporter is a holder of an Identity Card issued by the FAI Secretariat to individuals who have expressed a wish to be part of the global air sports community without obtaining a Sporting Licence. FAI Supporter Identity Card holders are deemed to be Air Sport Persons without the right to participate in competitions and record attempts reserved to Sporting Licence holding Air Sport Persons.</p>

2.12.1.3.2. The FAI Supporter Identity Card will be issued on request of the interested individual. Procedures for issuing and renewing the Supporter Identity Card and the privileges accorded to it are set forth in Chapter 8 of the By-Laws. The annual Supporter Identity Card fee will be set by the Executive Board.

2.12.1.3.3. The Supporter Identity Card will be automatically cancelled if the annual fee has not been received by March 31<sup>st</sup> of any year.

### **Recommendation 5 : Education Commission**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** The reinstated Education Commission does not have specific duties and powers listed in the Statutes, contrary to the other Technical Commissions.

Current Wording
<b>5.3.1.3. FAI EDUCATION COMMISSION</b>
Proposed Amendment
<b>5.3.3.3. FAI EDUCATION COMMISSION</b> - The dissemination of aeronautical and astronautical knowledge, particularly among the young.
If Adopted Will Read
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**Note:** - This resurrects the duties and powers they had when they were previously a commission.

### **Recommendation 6: Nile Gold Medal**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** Following the reinstatement of the Education Commission, the Nile Gold Medal should refer to that Commission in the By-Laws and not be considered as an FAI General award anymore.

**Note:** - The SWG proposes that the General Conference delete these paragraphs from the Statutes and recommend that the EB add these paragraphs to Chapter 7 of the By-laws.

**Recommendation 7: IPC Commission Name Change**

**Proposal by:** International Parachuting Commission (IPC)

**Situation:** During the last IPC Plenary Meeting, the delegates unanimously voted to change the name of the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) to International Skydiving Commission (ISC). This name change modernises and enhances the IPC brand. The word “parachuting” appears to exclude indoor activity. On the other hand, parachuting is now commonly referred to as skydiving. IPC currently incorporates indoor activity in a wind tunnel and the outdoor activity, from an aircraft. The change also reflects the integration of Indoor Skydiving in the Commission and it enforces the already existing bond.

Current Wording
<b>5.2.3.3.7.5. FAI PARACHUTING COMMISSION</b> All matters relating to parachuting.
Proposed Amendment
<b>5.2.3.3.7.5. FAI <del>PARACHUTING</del> SKYDIVING COMMISSION</b> All matters relating to parachuting <b>and indoor skydiving.</b>
If Adopted Will Read
<b>5.2.3.3.7.5. FAI SKYDIVING COMMISSION</b> All matters relating to parachuting and indoor skydiving.

**Note SWG:** The following paragraphs of the statutes contain the word ‘parachuting’ or ‘parachutists’. Because the FAI Sporting Code Section 5 – Parachuting currently only uses ‘parachutist’, ‘parachuting’ and ‘indoor skydiving’, but not the word ‘skydiver’, the SWG left intact ‘parachuting’ and ‘parachutists’ and proposes adding the words “indoor skydiving’ in the Statutes.

Current Wording
<b>1.1.4.</b> FAI activities include ballooning, power flying, gliding, helicopter flight, parachuting, aeromodelling, aerobatics, hang gliding, microlight and paramotor flying, amateur building of aircraft, manpowered flying, paragliding and all other aeronautic and astronautic sporting activities. They are conducted under the FAI Sporting Code and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.

Proposed Amendment
<p><b>1.1.4.</b> FAI activities include ballooning, <b>powered</b> flying, gliding, <del>helicopter flight</del> <b>rotorcraft flying</b>, parachuting, <b>indoor skydiving</b>, aeromodelling, aerobatics, hang gliding, microlight and paramotor flying, amateur building of aircraft, manpowered flying, paragliding and all other aeronautic and astronautic sporting activities. They are conducted under the FAI Sporting Code and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.</p>
If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>1.1.4.</b> FAI activities include ballooning, powered flying, gliding, rotorcraft flying, parachuting, indoor skydiving, aeromodelling, aerobatics, hang gliding, microlight and paramotor flying, amateur building of aircraft, manpowered flying, paragliding and all other aeronautic and astronautic sporting activities. They are conducted under the FAI Sporting Code and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.</p>

**Note SWG:** **powered** flying is grammatically better than power flying. The term helicopter flight (or helicopter flying) is not quite correct because it excludes other types of rotary wing aircraft such as autogyro (sometimes called gyrocopter, gyroplane, or rotaplane). That's why we propose to use the wording 'rotorcraft flying', which is also in accordance with 'FAI Rotorcraft Commission' (5.2.3.3.7.4 of the Statutes).

Current Wording
<p><b>1.3.6</b> To assemble, analyse and disseminate information and statistics about the FAI activities in its member Countries that can contribute to the improvement of aircraft and their equipment, to the improvement of training methods of pilots and parachutists and to safety in air activities.</p>
Proposed Amendment
<p><b>1.3.6</b> To assemble, analyse and disseminate information and statistics about the FAI activities in its member Countries that can contribute to the improvement of aircraft and their equipment, to the improvement of training methods of pilots, parachutists and <b>indoor skydivers</b> and to safety in air activities.</p>
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Current Wording
<p><b>1.3.8.</b> To create and promote international standards for pilots and parachutists and qualification badges and medical requirements for air sport activities.</p>
Proposed Amendment
<p><b>1.3.8.</b> To create and promote international standards for pilots, parachutists and <b>indoor skydivers</b> and qualification badges and medical requirements for air sport activities.</p>
If Adopted Will Read
<p><b>1.3.8.</b> To create and promote international standards for pilots, parachutists and indoor skydivers and qualification badges and medical requirements for air sport activities.</p>

Current Wording
<p>10.7.2. Eligibility. The Medal may be awarded to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with air sport activities, e.g. for work in FAI Commissions, for organising World and Continental Championships, for training and educating new pilots, parachutists or aeromodellers, and for promoting aviation in general, especially with regard to young people.</p>
Proposed Amendment
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**Recommendation 8: To correct references**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** In Statutes 1.8.3. as well as in Statutes 2.9.2.3.1. and 2.9.2.3.2., there are incorrect references to Statutes 2.8 instead of 2.9.

<b>Current Wording</b>
1.8 SPORTING POWERS 1.8.3. Failure to comply with FAI rules governing Sporting Powers shall be penalised as set forth in Section 2.8.
<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
1.8 SPORTING POWERS 1.8.3. Failure to comply with FAI rules governing Sporting Powers shall be penalised as set forth in Section <b>2.9</b> .
<b>If Adopted Will Read</b>
1.8 SPORTING POWERS 1.8.3. Failure to comply with FAI rules governing Sporting Powers shall be penalised as set forth in Section 2.9.

<b>Current Wording</b>
2.9.2.3. NON-COMPLIANCE BY MEMBER ORGANIZATION 2.9.2.3.1. When FAI is notified, or otherwise becomes aware of a case involving failure by a member organisation to deal appropriately with violations of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws or Sporting Code by its individual members or failure to carry out its other obligations to FAI, the FAI President shall initiate an investigation in the same manner as set forth in paragraph 2.8.2.2. 2.9.2.3.2. The investigation and follow up procedures shall be identical to those set forth in paragraphs 2.8.2.2.2. through 2.8.2.2.5.3.
<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
2.9.2.3. NON-COMPLIANCE BY MEMBER ORGANIZATION 2.9.2.3.1. When FAI is notified, or otherwise becomes aware of a case involving failure by a member organisation to deal appropriately with violations of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws or Sporting Code by its individual members or failure to carry out its other obligations to FAI, the FAI President shall initiate an investigation in the same manner as set forth in paragraph <b>2.9.2.2</b> .

2.9.2.3.2. The investigation and follow up procedures shall be identical to those set forth in paragraphs **2.9.2.2.2.** through **2.9.2.2.5.3.**

If Adopted Will Read

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2.9.2.3.2. The investigation and follow up procedures shall be identical to those set forth in paragraphs 2.9.2.2.2. through 2.9.2.2.5.3.

**Recommendation 9: Deadline for GC agenda**

**Proposal by:** FAI Executive Board

**Situation:** In order to adapt to today's practice of electronic communication, there is a suggestion to adjust deadlines for agenda items and for distribution of the agenda of the FAI General Conference.

Current Wording

3.6.1.1.2. Any Active or Associate Member or Air Sports Commission ... shall transmit a proposal to the FAI Secretariat at least three months before the date set for the meeting.

3.6.1.1.4. The Final Agenda for the Conference ... shall be sent ... not less than two months before the date set for the meeting.

Proposed Amendment

3.6.1.1.2. Any Active or Associate Member or Air Sports Commission ... shall transmit a proposal to the FAI Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the date set for the meeting.

3.6.1.1.4. The Final Agenda for the Conference ... shall be sent ... not less than ~~two months~~ **one month** before the date set for the meeting.

If Adopted Will Read

**3.6.1.1.2.** Any Active or Associate Member or Air Sports Commission ... shall transmit a proposal to the FAI Secretariat at least two months before the date set for the meeting.

**3.6.1.1.4.** The Final Agenda for the Conference ... shall be sent ... not less than one month before the date set for the meeting.

## **Recommendation 10: FAI AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION**

**Proposal by:** FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

**Situation:** Last year during the CASI Plenary meeting (agenda item 10) it was unanimously decided to request the following amendment to this article.

<b>Current Wording</b>
<b>5.2.3.2.5.</b> - In the event of an appeal against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature, investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal;
<b>Proposed Amendment</b>
<b>5.2.3.2.5.</b> - In the event of an appeal against a <b>Jury</b> decision <del>relating to a dispute of a sporting nature</del> <b>following a protest in an international sporting event</b> , investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal.
<b>If Adopted Will Read</b>
<b>5.2.3.2.5.</b> - In the event of an appeal against a Jury decision following a protest in an international sporting event, investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal.

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