

31-Aug-2018

To the President of the Jury,

Pursuant to the ~~FAT~~ Sporting Code General Section 6.3.2, the United States Parachute Team is lodging a protest that was unable to be resolved via a complaint that followed the rules as noted in 6.1.1 and 6.1.3. The decision that was made through this procedure allowed Australian Competitor, Chris Byrnes, to receive the opportunity to complete his competition jump after missing his assigned load.

The initial question converted into a complaint during a conversation with the Chief Judge, Buzz Bennett. He stated that the competitor in question missed his assigned load, and because weather forced a portion of that load to land, the ~~entire~~ rest of the load, including Byrnes, would be called again to jump on a subsequent load. This was described to United States Parachute Team manager Scott Callantine as "getting a get out of jail free card".

Clearly stated in the FAT Sporting Code Section 5, Chapter 5, 5.2.5 (1):

"Competitors will be called to the loading area or the standby area (air chamber for wind tunnels approximately 15 minutes before they must board the aircraft or enter the wind tunnel. They will also be given a second call 5 minutes before they must board the aircraft or enter the tunnel chamber to begin their performance."

It was observed that the 15 and 5 minute calls were heard by competitors.

Additionally, 5.2.5 (2) states:

"If they do not arrive in time to board the assigned aircraft or enter the wind tunnel, competitor or team will receive a score for that jump equal to the maximum or minimum score as appropriate."

Furthermore, during the time that the 15 minute call was given, competitors were expected to be on the competition site as described in SC5, ~~FAT~~ ch 5, 5.2.5 (2).

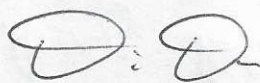
Therefore, the United States Parachute Team is protesting the fact that Chris Byrnes was allowed to make up his competition jump, even though he missed his load and the consequences are clearly listed in the rules, and his jump should continue to be assessed as a score of 0%.

Attached is our SOE note. Thank you for your time.

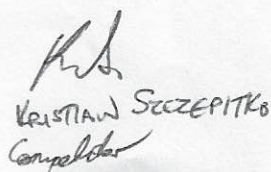
Sincerely,



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Competitor



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