

# STACK Sanctioning Guideline

## SUMMARY

The purpose of the sanction form is to establish the relationship between the organisers of sport kite flying events and STACK (Sport Team and Competitive Kiting).

STACK must insure that all STACK sanctioned events are organised in accordance with the current STACK rules and regulations. Therefore competitors can be assured that the minimum requirements have been complied with.

Any questions regarding sanctioning should be directed to the local National Director and to the STACK International Executive Committee (SIEC).

## PROCEDURE

This is the guideline for obtaining STACK sanctioning for a competition:

1. The Event Organiser will complete the sanction application form **in English** and send it to the SIEC at least 6 weeks before the competition. If there is a STACK National Director (ND) in the country in which the event is to be held, then a copy must be sent to that country's STACK ND for his signature at submission time.
2. Upon receiving the form the STACK Event Co-ordinator has the right to sanction events but may refer events to the SIEC for clarification when necessary. The STACK Event Co-ordinator or SIEC will perform this and state his/her opinion as to whether sanctioning should be granted within 14 days of receipt.
3. The International Head Judge (IHJ) will appoint, at the latest 30 days before the competition, the Chief Judge (CJ). The CJ will compile a list of acceptable judges (the judging panel) based upon estimated level of judging experience and loyalty to rules and guidelines. The CJ must inform the IHJ and the Event Organizer of chosen judges prior the competition. In case of good reasons IHJ may change judges in this list. The IHJ will inform CJ about these reasons. Note: If the event takes place without a sufficient number of approved judges sanctioning will be removed.



4. The STACK Event Co-ordinator will grant sanctioning at the latest 30 days before the competition and will deliver his/her approval to the ND, the SIEC or in case there is no ND to the Event Organizer and the SIEC. This letter of approval will authorise the Event Organiser the use the STACK name and logo in conjunction with the STACK sanctioned event.  
If the sanction form is not sent in time to the STACK Event Co-ordinator sanctioning can be refused. There will be no sanctioning for events that have already happened.
5. The CJ will provide the Event Organiser, the competitors and the SIEC with appropriate compulsory figures at the same time. The deadline is 30 days before the start of the event. It is recommended to provide these figures as early as possible.
6. Ideally all of the above steps should all be completed within 14 days of the form being received by the STACK Event Co-ordinator and SIEC.
7. At this point competitors will be informed by the ND or the Event Organizer if there is no ND, that STACK has approved the event, the compulsories (where relevant) and any other information. It must be clearly stated that some events are only open to STACK members or members of the officially recognised kite associations that do not reside in a STACK represented country. Details should be supplied on how flyers may join STACK. All competitors must be supplied with all information at least 30 days before the events start. The competitors must ensure they can receive the information in a common manner and in time.
8. The STACK Event Co-ordinator is responsible for ensuring that this procedure is correctly followed. The primary assistant to the STACK Event Co-ordinator is the STACK Competitors' Representative of SIEC. In case of the absence of the STACK Event Co-ordinator, the STACK Competitors' Representative will perform his/her tasks. The communication with the STACK Event Co-ordinator must be addressed to the complete SIEC.
9. At the pilots' meeting a supervisory committee will be appointed as described in the International Sport Kite Competition Rules Book (ISK RB).
10. The Event will be run using the present versions of the STACK Sanctioning Procedure, ISK Rule Book, ISK Judges Book and ISK Compulsory Book. Interpretations or any differences should be directed to the SIEC and IRBC immediately and prior to the event.

Official interpretations of ISK Books can only be made by the International Rule Book Committee (IRBC). Official interpretations of STACK documents can only be made by the SIEC.

11. A competition discipline (Ballet or Precision) can only proceed when there are two or more competitors in that discipline. When only a single competitor is present for the competition they shall be considered to have taken part in the event but will not be awarded ranking points or a score. The SIEC may declare a winner under special circumstances if there is only a single competitor for a discipline and there is a pre-qualification required by competing at other events.
12. Any changes to ISK Books Guidelines **must** be submitted to the SIEC prior to the event. These changes must be approved by the SIEC and must be announced by the ND or in case there is no ND by the Event Organizer to all known competitors at that time, but no later the 30 days before the competition. Note: Compulsory figures for exchange must be approved by the IRBC and the SIEC before the can be used in a competition.
13. If there are no changes announced per item 12 the ISK Books Guidelines are rules.

***Final Remarks to the Procedure:***

The SIEC has the right to open these restrictions under exceptional circumstances.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE COMPETITION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL THE END OF THE EVENT TO WITHDRAW STACK SANCTIONING. UPON PROTEST SIEC MAY REVOKE SANCTIONING AFTER THE EVENT. THE SIEC CAN AT ANY TIME REVOKE SANCTIONING IF THE EVENT FAILS TO CONFORM STACK AND / OR IRBC DOCUMENTS.

If STACK sanctioning is withdrawn, then the use of the STACK name and logo will no longer be permitted in any form whatsoever. All STACK judges and competitors will be informed of the



situation, advised that the event is no longer sanctioned and that the event will not be included in any STACK related point system and event listings.

## Appendix – Requirements and Explanations

### COMPETITION FIELDS

The competition fields should meet the following requirements.

#### **Size**

The field boundaries are defined in ISKRB and being an absolute minimum of (in metres):

	Red Line	Recommended Safety/Public Line	
DP/DT/MP/MT	110x110	120x120	A Yellow Line must be placed in distance of at least 3 metres of the Red Line inside the competition field. Recommended is a distance of 5 metres.
DI	90x90	100x100	
MI	75x75	95x95	

#### **Levelness**

Within 1m<sup>2</sup> the levelness should not vary more then +/-10cm, including holes and ridges.

#### **Slope**

The average slope of the entire field should not be more than the ratio 1:30; that is for example 4 metres over a length of 120 metres.

#### **Wetness**

No more than 5% of the whole surface of the flying field should be subjected to being regularly under water of more then 15cm, e.g. tidal pools, effects of rain or any other means.

#### **Surface**

The field can only be sanctioned if lines laying on the ground will not catch anything on the surface. Very short grass and sand are the recommended surfaces.



If the lines of a kite catch such an object, the competitor will be offered the opportunity to re-fly that part of the discipline if so desired and it is accepted that this was the cause.

### ***Turbulence***

Obstacles near the competition fields influence the wind on the field. This turbulence can already be noticed 100 meters downwind from an object that is only 10 meters in height. Obstacles such as building, woods, a line of trees can easily create such a turbulence. This is a ratio of 1:10. If this ratio reduces as low as 1:3 meaning an obstacle of 10 meters in height at only 30 meters away from the competition field is considered unsuitable.

### ***Safety Regulations***

Any obstacle on the field such as holes, ridges or anything else that can interfere with the free movement of the flyer are grounds for refusal or cancellation of STACK sanctioning, even if they comply with the above conditions. Ridges between two distinct surface types are a major problem. (e.g. asphalt to grass)

Clearly visible fencing boundary material (eg: red/white construction site tape, coloured rope or other) must be used. The fencing may be either a hard surface or a tape wrapped around poles, however it must be at least 70cm in height. The purpose of the fencing material on the public boundary is to prevent the public from entering the competition field, whether on purpose or by accident. If during the competition this fencing is altered or damaged in a way that is no longer adequate as described above or in the STACK Regulations, the competition shall be postponed until the problem is solved. If during the competition the organiser's control of the public proves inadequate, the competition shall be postponed until the problem is solved.

The Field boundary (Red Line) and Inner boundary (Yellow Line) must be clearly marked. These markings must be reasonably visible by a person from at least 30 metres away from the boundary. The competition fields will be setup according to the attached drawings.

## **SITE EQUIPMENT**

### ***Shelter***

The organiser **shall** provide a suitable, sheltered place for pilots meeting(s) and debriefing(s). The shelter should protect against heat, sun, cold, rain, wind and other foul weather. This shelter should be large enough to hold at least twice the total number of competitors. A public announcing system will simplify and shorten the meeting(s) but only with more than 50 competitors is it mandatory.

### ***Field equipment***

The following items shall be available for each competition field.

- 2 minimum, 4 preferred red flags
- 2 minimum, 4 preferred yellow flags
- 3 minimum, 5 preferred whistles
- 1 windmeter, capable of reading in at least km/h.
- sufficient binders for all judges and Field Directors

The binders should contain:

- scoresheets, control sheets (for noting previous scores) and pens/pencils for judges.

Additional binders for shadow judges (if present) are recommended.

If a fixed windmeter is used, it shall be readable from any place on the field, and give readings in km/h. The windmeter and its position should be approved by the Chief Judge.

### ***Sound system***

An adequate sound system, suitable to play standard tape cassettes and CDs is needed for events that include Ballet. The sound system should be capable of replaying home recorded disks (CD-R and CD-RW) and should have a line input for alternative sources.

A sound engineer is needed during a Ballet competition. If there is no visual contact possible between the Field Director and the Sound Engineer radio-handsets should be used. The Field Director should direct the Sound Engineer regarding appropriate signalling.



## **Scoring**

The Event Organiser must provide adequate means and personnel approved by the CJ to calculate the scores and results. The preferred solution is the Official STACK Scoring Program (OSSP – the Excel spreadsheet) being approved by SIEC. Any variance from this **must** be notified beforehand and approved by SIEC before the 30 day deadline. The Chief Judge will check and approve the calculations, results and verify the program (especially the formulae employed) if a computer is used. Any announcement of scores and results is provisional until approved by the Chief Judge. To post scores and results a weather proof board should be provided.

The Event Organiser must provide the CJ, the ND and preferably all competitors with all results as soon as is practical after the conclusion of the event. The CJ receives and holds all 'raw' scoring and calculations. Each Judge should receive back a copy of their score sheets, upon request. Original score sheets will be held by the NHJ or the IHJ in case there is no NHJ. The IHJ will hold all EuroCup score sheets. NHJ and IHJ are responsible to hand over these documents to their successors.

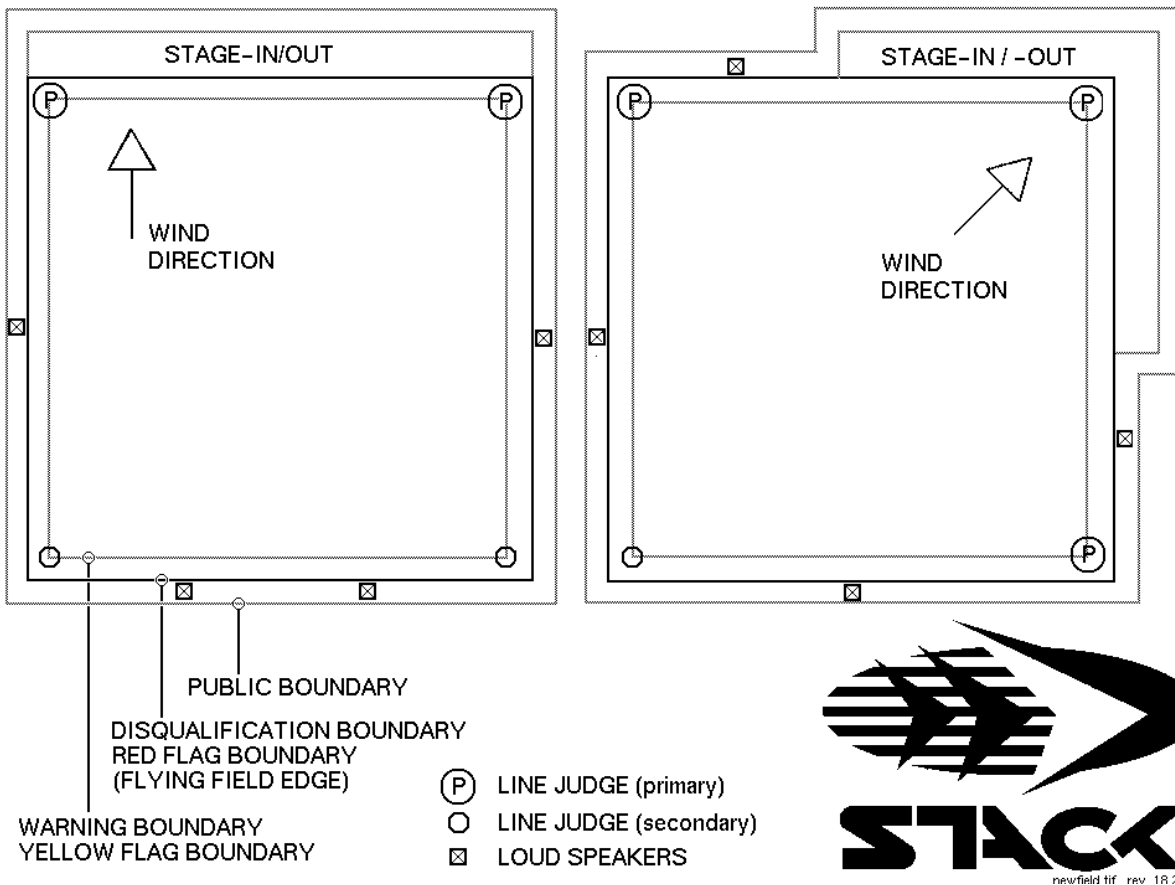
The CJ must forward all scores, including judges' names and their scores awarded for every component of every discipline in the format used for deriving the results (preferably the OSSP), to the SIEC within 14 days of the completion of the event.

The SIEC recommends the use of Open Scoring, whereby each score is identified with the judge who awarded it. If another method is to be used, please indicate this beforehand.

### **Note:**

Any variation from this guideline must be approved by the SIEC in advance; otherwise this will be grounds for refusal or removal of sanctioning.

## PREFERRED FIELD SET-UP



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### Related Documents:

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