

# Decision of the International Jury No. 1

Protest from the Spanish team received by the Championship Director 6 Aug 2008 10:30

The original complaint and the protest were both received within the correct deadlines and the correct protest fee was included with the protest.

The jury took evidence from the Championship Director and the Spanish team leader.

The essence of the protest was about an inconsistency in the scoring of task 1 where, the director removed a 100% penalty for one pilot who landed in less than the 60 second minimum time after accepting a complaint about the first edition of the provisional scoring. In that complaint, there was no dispute that the pilot has indeed landed in less than 60 seconds, but the director was persuaded that the pilot had endured some sort of 'aerological event' which had caused him to descend much faster than intended and therefore should not have the penalty.

The complaint leading to this protest was about the second edition of provisional scoring which had a clear inconsistency with several other pilots still with the penalty, but one now without it.

The task briefing sheet follows the standard rules from the task catalogue for this task and states: *Contestants will be awarded a zero score for: .... Flying less than 60 Sec.*

The jury could find no evidence in either S10, the local regulations, the task briefing sheet or the team leaders briefing that a penalty for landing before the 60 second deadline could or would be lifted in any circumstances.

## Decision of the Jury

The International Jury instructs the Championship director to re-apply all penalties for *Flying less than 60 Sec.* and re-publish the results for task 1 in a final Scoring.

The international Jury supports the Spanish protest and returns the protest fee.

International Jury President.....

Jury Member .....

Jury member .....

Date and time .....