

Decision of the International Appeal Tribunal

13. The Tribunal decided unanimously that despite all the mitigating circumstances, and the fact that all parties involved acted in good faith (and in the case of the Contest Director in generosity of spirit), one basic principle must be maintained in all sporting contests: **All rules must be applied fairly and equally all competitors**. To maintain a level playing field, there can be no exceptions or exemptions unless these are unanimously agreed by all competitors.

14. The Tribunal therefore directs that the prescribed 20% penalty be applied to the scores of crews 420, 421 and 444 for Tasks 1 and 2 at the 16th FAI World Microlight Championships in Hungary (8 to 18 August 2018).

15. The Tribunal further directs that the Protest Fee paid by UKR at Nagykanizsa, if it has been retained by CIMA, be reimbursed immediately to the NAC of UKR from the Deposit lodged with FAI for this Appeal.

16. The Tribunal further directs that the balance of this appeal Deposit be held in a FAI Microlight Commission reserve account until the next Plenary Session of the FAI Microlight Commission in November 2019. That Plenary Session of the Commission shall be required to decide democratically on the allocation of the balance of the appeal Deposit between the following options:

- Total amount to be reimbursed to NAC of UKR
- Partial reimbursement to NAC of UKR, with the balance to be allocated by CIMA to the future development of international microlight competitions
- No reimbursement – total amount to be allocated by CIMA to the future development of international microlight competitions

17. The Tribunal's decisions are final unless an appeal is filed within 21 days of the publication date of the Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, or unless major new factual issues which could have affected the decision are revealed after the decision, in which case CASI shall decide on further action.