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Event director
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I protest the decision of the ED not to cancel task 39 by virtue of 8.2, COH 2.7.1, and 8.9.

Point 1:

8.9 is not only for common launch points/areas. Complete rule pasted below:

"If it should be necessary to publish additional or revised information to competitors at the common launch area, a pink flag will be raised at the signals point. The competitor should attend in person or send a responsible crew member to the signals point. The information will be given verbally and a written copy may be displayed. All competitors will be deemed to have proper notice of the information. Alternatively, an official may circulate a written notice to each balloon and obtain the signature of the competitor or crew member."

It starts mentioning "IF it is necessary to do this at a CLP then..." While I do agree the rules should be reviewed for clarity in the next annual meeting, it is clear by the last two sentences that there are procedures for supplemental briefings to provide task data changes not at a CLP and/or a signals point. Per this rule for task 39 there was not a signature obtained by every single pilot or their crew member for the modifications to task 39 that happened outside a briefing/supplemental briefing.

If you disagree that there cannot be supplemental briefing outside a CLP, then the event director should use RECALL procedures to have another briefing, not the whatsapp chat to ambiguously change task data.

Point 2:

8.5.3 is a subset of 8.5 which is for ^{modification} ~~modification~~ of RULES.

8.5.3 is about modifying task RULES and NOT ABOUT modifying individual task DATA. This means that if you were to try and change the definition of a type of task in rules section 15 you would need to provide all pilots written notice. This has ABOSLUTELY NOTHING TO DO with modifying task data in the flight window for an individual task.

Point 3:

How can a pilot have an "alternative method of attendance" for a whatsapp text message that they do not reply to. The point made by ED in written response citing 8.10 does not justify the actions to amend task data outside a supplemental briefing per rule 8.9 without getting pilot "signatures".

Point 4:

As previously stated, there are NO RULES, NO PROCEDURES, and NO PRECEDENTS, for modifying a task from an MDD to a GBM outside of a briefing/supplemental briefing and/or after a launch period has opened.

Point 5:

I request the Jurors to reflect on rules section 4.3 in entirety. They need to perform certain actions to uphold this section of the rules. Perhaps they needed to do this before the event started in General briefing if there is a grave misunderstanding of the purpose of the WhatsApp communication. However, it is hard to do so when the event director skipped over the rules entirely and just told competitors to read them in the general briefing. Having not stepped in to enforce the rules the ED was trying to bend in the general briefing, we plead with the Jury to do their job now to enforce the rules above as they are written and as previously stated in other protests for this event (i.e. the entirety of section 8).

Thank you for your consideration. I ask that the decision, with this document be uploaded to ENB. I ask that it also be formally included in the event debrief and for the review of the CIA/FAI annual meeting.

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