

To: Jury

From: Team # 10, Nanna Emilie Madsen, Denmark

We, Team #10, hereby make a formal protest, after having submitted a complaint to the Event Director and Deputy Director at the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2016 at 15:11. The protest concerns the penalty given under rule 10.2 on task 10, Pilot Declared Goal.

The complaint was rejected and the penalty withhold and we therefore protest.

The penalty is given for dangerous flying, as the scoring program has detected team 10 ascending 1.6 meters pr. second in the vicinity of team 22, which were descending with 3.8 meters pr. second. During that particular flight, team 10 were clearly aware of the balloon from team 22. Team 10 had radio contact with the ground crew, which were close and guiding team 10 balloon. At no point were there any danger and as seen from the software, the passing happened at a shifting wind layer. The ground was led by Niels Hvid, 15 years of experience, former Danish champion, youngest ever, 36rd at the latest Europeans. Both balloons had good sight of each other and none of the pilots found a problem with passing each other. No complaints has been made from either side.

The rules for this event do not mention anything about descend/ascend limits close to each other. Neither does the briefing notes. We therefore file the claim for no penalty, as the rules and penalties exercised are not mentioned any places.

The Event Director are referring to section 10.1 in the CIA Competition Handbook, but this one is not about dangerous flying, but about midair collisions and reckless flying. Furthermore the Event Director claims, that from section 10.1, he do not need to inform of such descend/ascend limits, but this is not what passus 10.1 is about. It is taken out of context. Furthermore this section do not even mention distances between balloons and the penalty is too high.

If the ascend/descend limits are to be in force, this has to be in the rules or the general briefing notes. We have amended examples of this from the latest European Championship and the World Air Games.

It is important for us to state, that safety was at no point compromised, as this is not in the spirit of the sport, nor something we practice.

We are looking forward in presenting our case for the jury.

Best Regards

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Pilot  
Team 10



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