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Proposed New World Record Category for Skydiving: *Upright Large Formations*

Proposed additions to Sporting Code Section 5:

3.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1.1. Sub Classes of Records

- (1) Competition Records
 - Accuracy Landing Records
 - Freefall Style Records
 - Formation Skydiving Records
 - Canopy Formation Records
 - Canopy Piloting Records
- (2) Performance Records
 - Accuracy Landing Records
 - Altitude Records
 - Largest Formation Records (FS - belly-to-earth, CF, VFS - head down **and upright** orientation)
 - Canopy Piloting Records
 - Speed Records

3.3.3 Largest Formation records

The record performance for the largest formation is the number of persons in one formation. One written plan describing the formation to be attempted and the personnel involved must be submitted in advance to the judges. The formation must be complete as described with all named personnel in the formation.

- ***Head-down orientation—the competitor's head is advanced further into the relative wind than the competitor's feet by a significant amount, i.e., the length of the competitor's torso. All distances and lengths are in terms of what is shown on the judging screen.***
- ***Upright orientation—the competitor's head trails the average position of the competitor's feet in the relative wind by a significant amount, i.e., the length of the competitor's torso. All distances and lengths are in terms of what is shown on the judging screen.***

Benefits of implementing this new record category:

1. Provide an opportunity for FAI large formation upright world records to be set in the future.
2. In 2012, USPA officially embraced this new record category (the record is now 16); freeflyers around the world are ready to step up to the next challenge in the form of Upright Vertical Formations.
3. With the support of the IPC, we can take this important next step forward in the evolution of our sport.
4. Media Attention. Large formation world records – especially when certified by the FAI – are very popular with the local, national, and international media. Positive media exposure of any air sport helps promote all air sports.
5. Revenue: While income should not be a primary factor in deciding to introduce new FAI record categories, it should be noted that the homologation / certification of new world records will generate revenues for the IPC/FAI and the FAI's Air Sports Members.