

2018 US Women's National Championship
Waterford WI

July 21, 2018 @ 2200 Hrs.

Jury Reply to Protest
From Competitor # 7 Meg Skelton
Protest: Re: Definition of Valid Championship

Definition of Valid Championship

- 1) Clarification was requested, at the Master Briefing, regarding the lack of definition of the number of tasks and flights required for a Champion to be declared.
- 2) The Event Director was clear in his follow-up statement in the subsequent briefing that this event would be flown with a minimum of two flights and three tasks before a National Women's Champion would be declared by the HACD.

The Jury denies the protest related to the assertion that the two flights and three tasks should not apply.

End of the Championship –

- 3) The invitation and the rules stated the Championship will end on the morning of July 22, 2018. The travel plans of the pilots and crews were predicated on this and no change can be made as this would qualify as force majeure.
- 4) The FAA Event Waiver will also end on the morning of July 22, 2018.
- 5) There can be no extension of the Championship (despite the weather conditions).

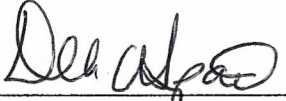
Based on the rules stated and if no other flights are flown, there will be no 2018 US Women's National Champion. The Jury therefore denies the request that the 2018 Women's National Champion be based on a single flight.


Recommendations of the Jury to HACD –

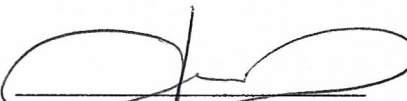
- 1) The Jury recommends that the Definition of a Valid National Championship be clearly stated in the HACD Rules & Regulations and All National, and other affected Championship Rules to state that for a Championship to be valid at least two flights AND a minimum of three tasks shall have been completed. If those conditions are not met, no National Champion shall be declared.

Reference to be checked include: HACD Regs Section VI.d) and Section VII.b.1) And Rules Section III-Rules 1.2 Definition of Champion.

The Jury Decision was unanimous. Per Rule 5.8.1 and 5.8.2, the protest fee is retained for the HACD.


Debbie Spaeth, Jury President


Karen Kent, Jury Member


Janet Lutkus, Jury Member