



Document history

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Competition Rules

With reference to the FAI Sporting Code Annex A, Section 3, Part 10, Paragraph 2, Rule 1 the following regulations are to be made with immediate effect.

- 10.2.4.1 All members of the championship administration, jury members, stewards, competitors, crew members and other championship attendees are reminded that the FAI flag is to be displayed at all times in a prominent position for the complete duration of the competition.
- 10.2.4.2 Unauthorized removal of the FAI flag is explicitly forbidden, and the FAI flag remains the property of the host nation.
- 10.2.4.3 The only exception to 10.2.4.2 falls in the final 24 hours before the start of the closing ceremony, to be referred to as the 'allowed period' in the rest of this document. The FAI flag is available on a first come first served basis for any nation who wishes to rise to the challenge for the removal of the FAI flag. Under no circumstances is the FAI flag or any of the supporting equipment to be damaged. All members of the championship administration, jury members and stewards are explicitly excluded from this exception.
- 10.2.4.4 The only exception to 10.2.4.3 is when the competition director or his deputy, explicitly DO NOT wish the flag to be removed. This must be widely publicised via team captains at least 48 hours before the start of the "allowed period". It is strongly suggested to publicise the information at a daily briefing to reach the largest possible audience at once.
- 10.2.4.5 Penalties for removal of the FAI flag outside of the allowed period are as follows:
- Returning the FAI flag to its rightful owner.
 - Delivering a formal apology at the next daily briefing by the perpetrators. In case of no daily briefing, the closing ceremony will be the occasion for the apologies.
 - Providing a crate of beer to the championship administration.
 - Arranging a continuous guard at the FAI flag up until the start of the allowable removal period. This guard should be sufficient to prevent any attempt to break rule 10.2.4.3.
- 10.2.4.6 In case the FAI flag goes missing during the allowed period:
- Rule 10.2.4.1 is no longer valid.
 - Rule 10.2.4.7 becomes valid.
 - The championship administration must have a spare FAI flag available for display during the closing ceremony.



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- 10.2.4.7 The person(s) who successfully remove the FAI flag within the “allowed time” period must publish a picture to prove the flag has been removed without damaging it or any competition property. The picture must also contain a clear indication which team has removed it.
- 10.2.4.8 In addition to the rules above, local procedures may be put in place by the championship administration. These local procedures cannot overrule the FAI-flag rules described in this annex. These local procedures may provide rules regarding local flags and decorative items only.