Brief comments to the changes of the ARDF Rules, 2013 to 2014

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1. Part A

1.1   The map is regularly used, in foxoring it is necessary.

1.7   Last sentence is deleted, because it is already contained in Terms of Reference of the IARU R1 Working Groups (only wording, no meaning change). Regarding World events, all three Regions shall be consulted.

2.7,2.8 Voting procedure is also described in Terms of Reference and it is not necessary to repeat it again in the Rules. "ARDF specialized bodies": There are no ARDF WG's in other Regions (ARDF coordinator in R2, ARDF Committee in R3), so general term is more suitable (only wording, no meaning change) Also in several other points.

6.1, 6.2 This wording shall make the fees more understandable, allowing competitors to pay exactly for option they wish.

7   The whole paragraph about event information is moved to Part B

8.2, 8.4 Small changes (proposal R1 EC)

8.6   Information about the time limit shall be available before the event. According to the new point B20 (Time limit) it is approved by Chairman of the Jury and published in the Bulletin 4 (see below)

8.10   Shorter wording, using terminology used at another IARU documents

11.2   Internet connection is nowadays much more available and useful than the telephone line

11.4.   We believe that it is time to make some information public. During recent years more and more organizers published location of the competition areas and especially finish areas (of course forbiding direct access to embargoed areas). This will 1.encourage spectators and media to visit finish and create the atmosphere and 2.compensate advantage which may have local competitors with possible knowledge of the terrain. See also 13.5,13.6,32.4

12.1.   Small addition

Rules Part B - most of the Part without changes

13   Event information (moved from Part A)
       Some dates of publishing were a bit moved so they are closer to the time, when contained information is useful for participants and possible for organizers to publish. Generally, ARDF WG website is made more important information source.

13.4.   almost without changes

13.5.   more information about the competition area
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13.7   All important information about the competitions must be available for competitors at the very start of the event. Generally, in recent years important information was given to competitors very late (after midnight before the competition!) which hinders competitors to prepare for the competitions in peace and comfort. This is completely unnecessary. Any responsible organizing team must have all courses prepared well before the commencement of the event. See also 20.8, 21.2

14.   New paragraph defines clearly particular ARDF competitions. Some detailed explanations are given in Appendices 7 and 8.

15.7   New wording makes the regulation less tight allowing team leaders freely assign competitors to particular competitions. Total number of competitors remains the same. Also simplified, avoiding frequent misunderstandings.

17.4.   As to the starting list, the simplest way is to ask team leaders for allocating competitors to start groups just at the registration or even before the event, which gives the organizer one extra day for preparing start lists. See also 13.7 .

20.8   Consequence of 13.7

21   New paragraph Time limit defines this very important feature (so far definition missing).

26.2   30 minutes in addition to all delays and time taken at the start area seems to be enough

26.3   Nowadays it is easy to find orienteering maps on Internet and at every event at least several participants will do so. Showing the competition map without overprints removes the advantage of those participants

28.1.   Experience shows that in recent years siting referees did not catch the idea of dividing categories and simultaneous bands. One reason is to decrease load of the controls, the other is to create shorter courses for older categories, keeping the number of transmitters and technical level of the course

29.5   Old point 27.5 (competitor shall hand over the starting ticket in the finish) has no sense any more (see Appendix 3)

30.6.   Again Information flow

32.4.   The point is simplified as now publishing of the competition area and finish is mandatory.

Appendix 3 : As the SportIdent system is worldwide common, it is made the default system instead of the pin punch.

S1.1,S1.2 - Sprint became regular part of the Championships, so old introduction is not necessary any more. Some definitions already in point 14.

original S2 removed - categories: no difference comparing to basic point

S2.1   Shorter categories could start in integer multiple of the basic start interval

F20.8 removed -no difference to the basic point

F26.5 - as competitors keep their receivers at the foxoring start, deleted sentence lost its sense.

F28.1 already defined in14.1