

The competitor is asking the Event Director to accept his intent which is an extremely subjective item. Looking only at the objective facts, the TDS specifically stated the method of declaration and phone number for such declaration. Additionally, it was announced in briefing by the Head Scoring Official that any declarations made by text would be responded to via thumbs up to show receipt. The competitor made an error and this error caused the competitors re-declaration to be invalid.

Per Balloon Federation of America Competition Rules 2022, Page 8, paragraph II.13.2, b, i "The competitor must clearly declare his Fly On goal(s) using one of the following methods:... 3. Text or other electronic methods of declaration (BFA Declarations App) as specified on the TDS."

As the competitor did not declare as specified on the TDS the re-declaration is considered invalid and as such the competitor was scored to his valid declaration which was submitted at the conclusion of the flight briefing.

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