

Swiss Proposal to CIVA 2003

Swiss Proposal #1:

Subject: Gliders International Jury Size Reduction

To reduce the size of the International Jury (IJ) at international glider aerobatics events from one chairman and four jury members to one chairman and two jury members.

Change last line of Para 1.4.1.2 "G" Sporting Code, Section 6 to read:

"...A chairman and two members are required."

Rationale:

a) Experience from recent international glider aerobatics championships has shown that an IJ of five persons is oversized. The duties and functions outlined in Para 1.4.1.1 a) through e) and Appendix 1 can easily be handled by three persons. The current practice to continuously monitor the various contest activities (judging, scoring, line judging, weather forecasting, wind measuring etc.) is not required according to the Sporting Code.

Para 1.4.1.4 allows for a minimum of three members of the IJ to hear appeals or protests.

b) A smaller IJ can come to decisions more quickly, which would reduce downtimes during the contest when a vote of the IJ is called for.

c) Smaller size of the IJ will remove the problem of finding suitable persons for duty on the IJ. (That there has been a problem for some time is illustrated by the provisions of Para 1.4.1.2 "G" specifying who, apart from CIVA delegates and alternate delegates, may serve on an IJ.)

d) Reducing the size of the IJ from five to three persons would save considerable expenses for the organisers. In a time of continuously rising entry fees this might help to stem the cost increase.

Swiss Proposal #2:

Subject: Programme 4 (Unlimited) Inclusion in Final Result

The inclusion of the results from Programme 4 (Unlimited) to be postponed until 1 January 2005.

Rationale:

a) Safety regulations for Programme 4, if to be included, need to be revised, such as min altitude in general, min altitude for certain manoeuvres, pilot certification etc. The feeling is that pilots will be tempted to push the envelope much more if the result is included and thus additional risk factors will be created.

b) Judging is too subjective although much progress has been made.

c) The championships are amateur contests and need to remain as such. It is difficult to find training time for the current programmes, and for most amateur pilots it will be even more challenging to practice effectively for Programme 4.

Swiss Proposal #3:

Subject: Gliders Compulsory Programme Shortened Version

To change CIVA regulations for the conduct of international aerobatic events, part two, events for glider aircraft paragraph 1.4.2.7. It determines how compulsory programs can to be shortened if weather conditions do not permit to fly the complete sequence.

It currently reads:

"If the height of release of 1200 m (over datum) is not available due to clouds in the performance zone, but if there are at least 750 m available, the International Jury can cancel the last figures of a compulsory programme and have the shortened programme flown or they can split the programme."

In its present form, this paragraph does not permit to cancel the first figures of a compulsory program. However, it would be advantageous to have the possibility to cancel the last and/or the first figures. For example, compulsory programs often begin with spins, figures which use a lot of height. Accordingly, the possibility to eliminate figures in the first part of a program as well would allow much more flexibility with regard to an optimization of shortened compulsory programs. The proposal is to change paragraph 1.4.2.7. of the CIVA regulations for the conduct of international aerobatic events, part two, events for glider aircraft, to read:

"If the height of release of 1200 m (over datum) is not available due to clouds in the performance zone, but if there are at least 750 m available, the International Jury can cancel the last and/or the first figures of a compulsory programme and have the shortened programme flown or they can split the programme."