

POLISH PROPOSAL OF IMPROVING THE GLIDER AEROBATICS CONTEST

The problem

One who at least once tried to organize a glider aerobatics contest, knows how huge the costs of handling of that event can be. The participants' entry fees can cover only a little part of the entire costs. It also needs much effort for the pilots, because they have to pay in addition for a two-week accommodation and food (often for their families), and flights.

For most of the pilots, the glider aerobatics is not a profession. It is very difficult to get two weeks holiday. Often, it is the only holiday during a year. The problem also concerns the judges and jury members.

Since the glider aerobatics event takes so long time, it becomes monotonous and boring for the spectators.

The proposal

The way to lessen the above problems, would be modifying the sporting code in order to make the championships shorter.

We would like to propose that the glider aerobatics event would take one week.

Explanation and probable effects

We think these improvements would not affect the special spirit and atmosphere of the glider aerobatic event. By shortening it, it would be easy to reduce the costs remarkably. It is easier for everybody to get a one-week holiday.

We should not forget that the principal of the championships is to find the best aerobatic pilots.

The event which lasts one week is far more spectacular and dynamic for other people and for media.

If we look at other sports, we can see the contests as a final probe for the participants, often after years of training.

How to do this

Our proposals are:

- The maximum number of flights during the contest would be five. The minimum of flights to complete the championchips would be three.
- The familiarisation flights would be possible before the official opening, they would not be mandatory.
- The first round – the qualification (3 flights). All the pilots would fly the programs: the known, the unknown no. 1 and the free program.
The second round – the final (2 flights). The unknown no. 2, 2/3 of the competitors would take part. The free program, half of the pilots remaining would take part (i.e. 1/3 of all the pilots).

The daily schedule would be for example:

Day 1. Arrival of the pilots, opening ceremony, opening briefing.

Day 2, 3, 4. The qualification round.

Day 5. The second unknown program.

Day 6. The free program.

Day 7. The reserve day. In the evening – the closing ceremony.