

Report of the Sporting Code Committee 2010.

The Sporting Code committee has had an unusual year. Continental records were approved in 2010 and the wording of the necessary amendments to SC3 were accepted by IGC, however, it was then pointed out that the General section of the Code had been amended from January 1st 2010 and the SC3 amendments were in conflict with the new General section. In particular, the need for a Continental Record to be a National record was in contention. It was immediately obvious that this would be unfair to some countries whose national record was already a world record performance. The General Section requires the Sport Commissions Sections to follow the General section so this was an area where Gliding was not entitled to be in conflict with the General Section. The SC3 amendments were therefore not published.

Discussions with the Bureau led to IGC proposals to CASI that the General section should be amended to avoid this conflict. In fact the question was asked, why do World records need to be National records at all? At the same time, a French proposal to treat multiseat Gliders and Motor Gliders as a team performance, thus avoiding the need for the performance to be a National record, was for CASI to consider. As this was also linked with the same paragraphs of the General Section the Bureau made a combined proposal which covered both the problems. The CASI meeting was at the beginning of October and the SC3 committee chairman attended along with Tor Johannessen the IGC representative. While the IGC proposal gave more than one way to solve the problem area, CASI decided that the question of the need for World Records to be National Records should be referred to a working group. As a member of this group, I can report in advance of their findings, three of the four members have indicated that they cannot see the need for this provision. The next CASI meeting in Belgrade will make the final decision.

Meantime the SC3 committee has adjusted the wording for SC3 to be in compliance with the General Section as it came into effect on 1st January, and is part of the SC3 proposals for this plenary. If the CASI decision is in line with the working party, there will need to be further amendments next year.

I wish to thank and commend the members of the SC3 committee for their efforts and commitments to seek the right words and ideas to keep the code both up to date and maintain its integrity. Tony Burton, Judy Ruprecht, Tor Johannessen and Axel Reich are very knowledgeable with SC3 matters and are willing to spend many hours to get the wording just right. They will be willing to stay on the committee for 2011.

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