

To: IGC Plenum – Lausanne, Switzerland – March 2011
Re: Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG) Report
From: IGC Bureau
Agenda Item: 10.1.2

At the 2010 IGC Plenum meeting in Lausanne several proposals were adopted that would impact the Competition Calendar of the IGC.

The first proposal adopted was from the IGC Light-End Working Group. It states;

A 13.5m racing class be created to allow all eligible¹ gliders and motor gliders² with a wingspan of less than 13.5m to participate in IGC international competitions. This new racing class will subsume and replace the current FAI World Class at WGC and international competitions.

A working group chaired by Roland Stuck was charged to develop the guidelines for the 13.5 Meter Class. The report and recommendations of this WG will be considered under agenda item 10.1.

The second proposal adopted by the 2010 Plenum was a proposal from Norway. It asked for the immediate inclusion of the 20-meter Two-Seater Class in the World Gliding Championships structure.

At the conclusion of the 2010 plenary meeting, the IGC President tasked the Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG) with incorporating the two adopted proposals into the IGC Competition Calendar. The Charter given to the CSWG included the following;

- From the 2010 IGC MINUTES. *“It is proposed that the IGC Championship Working Group, in conjunction with the Bureau, conduct a complete review of the World Championships calendar, with respect to classes supported. The group will consider all classes defined in Annex A. A report, with recommendations, will be presented at the 2011 meeting of the IGC Plenary.”*
- 13.5 METER CLASS. *Recommend how and when we fit the newly created 13.5 meter class into the IGC Competition Calendar,*
- 20 METER TWO-SEATER CLASS. *Recommend how and when we fit the 20 meter Two-Seater Class into the IGC Competition Calendar.*

¹ Eligibility for participation in IGC international competitions is defined in Sporting Code Section 3 (2009 Edition, valid from 1 October 2009), para. 6.1.6: A glider must hold a valid Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly that does not exclude competition flight and comply with the conditions of its airworthiness documents

² SC3, para. 6.4: Motor gliders are integrated into the other championship classes (except the World Class) under championship rules for motor gliders (Annex A refers). SC3-A, para. 1.3.3: Motorised sailplanes shall be permitted to participate in their appropriate classes, provided they have fully functioning MoP recorders.

The work of the CSWG was conducted via email between April and June 2010. The following persons agreed to contribute their thoughts to the work of the CSWG:

- Eric Mozer (USA) – moderator
- Brian Spreckley (UK)
- Roland Stuck (FRA)
- Terry Cubley (AUS)
- Goran Ax (SWE)
- Axel Reich (GER)
- Arild Solbakken (NOR)
- Rene Vidal (CHI)
- Bob Henderson (NZL)

The proposal from the IGC Bureau is as follows:

1. No changes are to be made to the following classes; **15 Meter, 18 Meter, Open, Standard, Club**
2. No changes to the IGC Competition Calendar are recommended to the Multi-Class World Gliding Championships comprised of the **Open, 15 Meter, 18 Meter**. This event is recommended to remain in **EVEN** years.
3. The Multi-Class World Gliding Championship that has the current configuration of **Standard, Club and World** classes will be changed. The **World Class** will be deleted and the **20 Meter Two-Seater Class** will be added.
4. The Multi-Class World Gliding Championship comprised of **Standard, Club and 20 Meter Two-Seater Class** classes will be competed in **EVEN** years. The entry configuration for this WGC will be as follows:
 - **Standard Class** – 2 entries per NAC
 - **Club Class** – 2 entries per NAC
 - **20 Meter Two-Seater Class** – 1 entry per NAC
5. The **13.5 Meter Class** will have it's own World Gliding Championships to be held for the initial time in 2015 and be competed bi-annually in **ODD** years
 - **13.5 Meter Class** – 4 entries per NAC

If the proposal from the Bureau is adopted the first opportunity to consider bids for the new structure of Multi-Class Championships will be in 2013 for the WGC's to be held in 2016.

If the proposal from the Bureau is adopted with respect to the 13.5 Meter World Gliding Championships, the first event can be held in 2015. Bid applications for this event will be due to the IGC Bid Specialist by September 30, 2011. The IGC Plenum will consider the bids and decide on the venue for this WGC at its 2012 meeting.