

PROPOSAL TO 2022 IGC PLENARY

Year 1

from the IGC Sporting Code committee

Delete need for OOs to have NAC written approval to act on World & Continental record claims.

Discussion:

In Chapter 4 of the Code, “Official Observers and Certification”, 4.2.3b on competence has the following requirement:

OOs must have written approval by their NAC to act for World or Continental record flights and is to be included in Part 1 of FAI record Form E for these claims. Previous satisfactory experience as an OO for badges or national records should be a prerequisite.

The Sporting Code committee sees this as a legacy from the past that can be deleted. The OO actions before start and after landing are no different for records than they are for badge claims. As further control, SC3-3.0b states that for a World or Continental record claim the organizing NAC must examine the claim to ensure that it complies with the Sporting Code. This ensures that the work of the pilot, OO and Data Analyst is correct.

For planned record-breaking attempts (such as altitude gain or wave flights in South America) the pilot can arrange for a suitable OO to be present, but such a “senior” OO is often unlikely to be available on an unexpectedly good day at the local airfield. Potential European records have been lost in 2021 due to the current OO restriction.

Proposed:

The “written approval” requirement be removed and the text modified accordingly.

The changes to SC3:

References to written approval will be removed from SC3-3.3 and 4.2.3b and from Annex C.