

CIAM Free Flight Subcommittee 2012

The 2012-13 Subcommittee has 17 members. Two of the 2011-12 members were dropped after they failed to participate in votes and one active new member added.

Subjects covered during the year have included:

- 20 second attempt rule. There was discussion of the illogical nature of this rule and a proposal to remove it was considered but not adopted. This was mainly because the basic arguments have not changed since the time it was last removed and then reinstated by common demand.
- The exclusion of F1A models from 20 sec attempt in the event of DT was discussed. With new low drag aerofoil gliders there is the possibility of a high speed crash when the launch malfunctions. The same considerations apply as for power models, safety demands the possibility of DTing the model to avoid an accident without risk of not penalising the competitor beyond recording it as an attempt. A proposal was submitted for this change.
- Allow RDT for all outdoor. Classes. The subcommittee agreed that RDT provides a useful capability to ease retrieving models and a proposal has been submitted to extend it to the classes which are currently excluded.
- FIQ rules. Various aspects of the current rules were considered and a proposal submitted to revise some details of the energy limit definitions.
- A proposal has been submitted to refine the definition of World Cup competitors (eligible for points and for counting the number of participants) as those people who record a time in the first round. This avoids the possibility of entering late in the event and making a flight only in the last round to aid a well placed competitor get more bonus points.
- Two proposals have been submitted to clarify items in ABR: the marking of free flight models at processing in Championships, and the definition of Junior championships.
- A free flight ranking developed by the chairman was supported as a proposal

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