

Year 1 Proposal 6

*Annex A Committee
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Minimum Distance for a valid Championships Day (affects 8.2.1, 8.3.1)

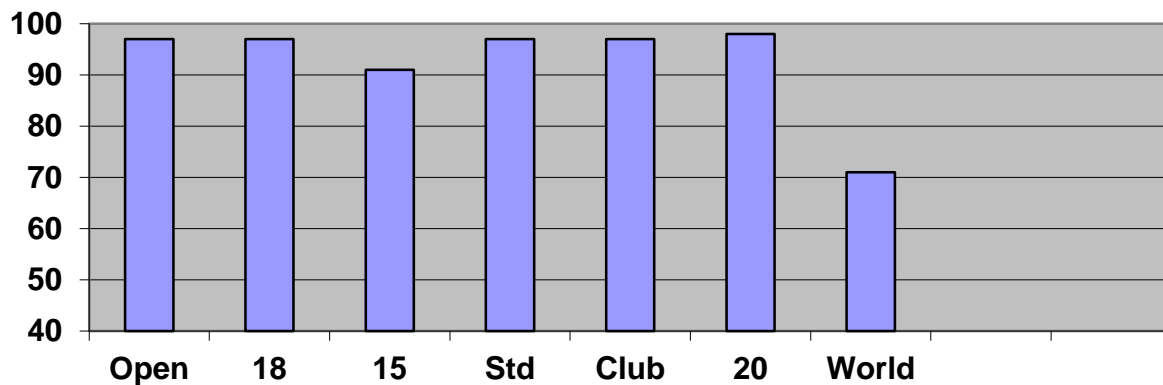
Proposal

To change the minimum distance from 100 km to 60 km in the 13.5 Metre Class only. The Plenary is further being asked to make this change effective in time for the 2015 World Championship in the 13.5 Metre Class.

Discussion

The reason to support the change is that we have lost too many days to this rule in the World Class championships. These are days that have been completely lost, not merely devalued.

Percentage of highest overall score, by class, 2007 - 2012



While it is true that the performance of the gliders in the 13.5 Metre Class can be expected to be higher than that of the PW-5, the small size and relatively low wingloading of the 13.5 metre gliders makes it unfair to require them to go as far as the heavier gliders on a difficult soaring day. It is unreasonable to claim that “100 kilometres” means the same thing to the pilot of a 13.5 metre glider as it does to the pilot of a glider with twice that wingspan.