



Proposal for CIVL Plenary
February 2018

The US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association proposes that the number of hang glider pilots in any Category 1 event be limited to 100.

There was a lot of concern at the worlds in Brasilia in August surrounding the number of pilots at Category 1 competitions. The discussion and consensus among many was that 150 is just too many for a safe competition. Although there could be locations where allowing 150 pilots is safe, in most places it is simply unsafe and makes for a less satisfying competition.

Obviously, the downside to cutting the maximum number down to 120 is that organizers cannot get sufficient sponsorship to make a Category 1 event financially viable. For the upcoming hang gliding worlds in Italy, the organizers have reasonable sponsorship, so it isn't likely to be an issue there. For future Category 1 competitions, organizers would be made aware of this rule well in advance of putting in bids and could plan for less income from entry fees.

Sporting Code S7A – Cross Country current reads:

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Proposed changes: (in **bold print**)

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