

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2006

Proposed by IGC Bureau

It is Proposed That:

With effect from 1 October 2007, SC3 Annex A 3.4.3 is amended to read:

Pilots

- a. In Championships with more than one class, each NAC may enter the number of pilots approved by the IGC and specified in the Local Procedures, but not more than two pilots plus one substitute pilot in any class, except for the Junior's and Woman's WGC where a maximum of 3 pilots per class is permitted. A substitute pilot may replace a nominated pilot in the event of a withdrawal.
- b. Pilot changeover from one class to another shall not be permitted later than two months before the Opening Day.
- c. Any number of entries ~~up to 120~~ is allowed if evidence is provided that the conditions and Local Procedures make it safe to do so (as per section 1.4.1), ~~Organisers shall consider dividing classes exceeding with a strict maximum of 50 entries per class. into groups by drawing lots. Procedures shall be specified in the Local Procedures to:~~
 - ~~(i) Rotate pilots between the groups to provide an equal opportunity for pilots to compete with each other, and~~
 - ~~(ii) Provide separate Start Points and Tasks for each group.~~
- d. If the number of entries per class exceeds the maximum of 50, the allocation of starting rights for the 2nd. Pilot per NAC has to be made according to the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking list, valid at the closure date for Final Entries for the relevant Championship.

This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section – SC3

Annex A Rule – 3.4.3

Other -

This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section – non

Annex A Rule –3.4.3 New Wording

Reasons supporting the Proposal:

With reference to the report from the Champions Structure Working Group (attached to this proposal) adopted by the plenum at the meeting in 2004, the Bureau proposes this chance.

Please note that a year 1 proposal was ruled out of order at the 2005 IGC meeting, as it was considered that following the decision in 2004, only a Year 2 proposal could be discussed.

The 120 limitation has been deleted but the limitation to 50 entries per class must be strictly applied as it is considered a safety matter.

As the possibility to enter 3 pilots per class and per NAC only exist in Junior's and Women's WGC, the risk to have more than 50 entries is limited.

If nevertheless this would happen the selection shall be made according to Country Score of the IGC ranking list

Attachment to agenda item 12.3, IGC 2006 meeting

To: IGC delegates
From: IGC Bureau
Re: Recommendations for changes to World Gliding Championships – post 2006

Dear delegates,

The IGC Bureau received and discussed the recommendations of the Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG) at the fall Bureau meeting in Paris. The recommendations of the Bureau are below.

1. Entrants per National Aero Club (NAC) per World Gliding Championship

1. Each NAC may enter no more than two pilots per class in all WGC's held after the year 2006, unless that NAC has a reigning World Champion in that class.
2. A reigning World Champion will be an additional pilot for an NAC in that class. *(Note: The Annex A sub-committee may develop for use in WGC's alternative disciplines to the ones that are currently available including a team-flying event and an individual event. The availability for use of either of these disciplines in a WGC will be subject to the approval of the Plenum. If a class is specified in a bid by a WGC bidder as a team-flying event or an individual event, a reigning World Champion team or individual will not be permitted to be an additional entrant in that class.)*
3. The IGC Ranking List will determine the priority for entries if the number of applications for a WGC exceeds the maximum number specified in the accepted WGC bid.

2. Maximum number of entrants at a World Gliding Championship

The prospective bidder will state in their bid the maximum number of competitors that can be handled at the proposed venue. Annex A will no longer reflect a maximum of 120 entrants or a maximum of 50 pilots per class.

3. IGC Classes for World Gliding Championships

Club Class – There is no recommended change to the definition of the Club Class. It will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for the Standard, Club and World Classes.**

World Class - The IGC is committed to hosting a WGC for the World Class for a period of time to at least 2009. It will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for the Standard, Club and World Classes.**

Standard Class - The Standard Class will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for the Standard, Club and World Classes.**

15-Meter Class – The 15-Meter Class will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for the 15-Meter, 18-Meter, and Open Classes.**

18-Meter Class – The 18-Meter Class will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for the 15-Meter, 18-Meter, and Open Classes.**

Open Class – The Open Class will be part of the **World Gliding Championships for**

the 15-Meter, 18-Meter, and Open Classes. Beginning with the 2008 WGC, Open Class gliders will be limited to a Maximum Takeoff Weight of 750 kgs.

All WGC's for these championships will be held in even years commencing with 2008. Sites for these multi-class World Championships will be selected three years in advance.

4. IGC Category World Gliding Championships

WGC for Juniors – The Bureau recommends that the WGC for Juniors be organized in three classes; the Club, Standard and a 3rd Class to be specified by the IGC Plenary.

WGC for Women – The Bureau recommends that the WGC for Women be organized in three classes; the Club, Standard and the 15-Meter.

All WGC's for these championships will be held in odd years commencing with 2007. Sites for these multi-class World Championships will be selected three years in advance (except for the 2007 WGC's when the sites will be selected in 2005)

5. Disciplines and Scoring Systems

The Bureau charges the Annex A sub-committee to develop appropriate rules and scoring systems for a menu of disciplines. These disciplines will become available to bidders for WGC's after they are fully developed by the Annex A group and are subsequently approved for use in a WGC by the Plenum. Each of these disciplines may have their own unique set of scoring systems and associated rules. These disciplines include:

1. **Team-flying event** – A team-flying event would be one that would have a two-member entry from a NAC compete and be scored as a unit in a class. The winning team would be recognized as World Champions. (*Note: a defending World Champion team would not be permitted to be an additional entry for a NAC for this type of event*).
2. **Individual event** - An individual event would have one pilot per NAC compete in a specified class during a WGC. . (*Note: a defending World Champion would not be permitted to be an additional pilot for a NAC for this type of event*).
3. **Distance Events and Free Distance Events** – The distance events would utilize a type of cumulative distance scoring. These could be held in either a team-flying or individual format.

After the disciplines are fully developed, approved by the Plenum and they become part of Annex A, a bidding NAC for a world gliding championship may select a discipline from the menu of available choices. The bidding NAC will specify in their bid if one or more of the classes for that WGC will be held with a specific discipline other than the currently used WGC disciplines.

6. Alternative Competitions

The IGC will continue to selectively sanction competitions such as continental championships and the World Air Games. As these fall outside the WGC framework, organizers may bid for them and if approved they will be inserted into the IGC calendar. Additionally, The IGC will continue the work on the development of alternative types of competitions such as the Soaring Grand Prix. Alternative competitions will be held in odd years commencing with 2007.

