

PROPOSAL TO 2020 IGC PLENARY

from the IGC Sporting Code committee

Confirmation that FR declarations are required for Diamond & Diploma claims

Discussion:

Up until the release of the 2018 Sporting Code, a declaration for any badge flight could be recorded either within an FR or written (or via the Internet where implemented).

With the 2018 edition of the Sporting Code it became mandatory for a declaration to be within the FR (with an exception for Silver or Gold badge flights – SC3-2.3b), bringing the declaration requirements for Diamonds & Diploma to be the same as for records. This change was a by-product of the significant modifications to the Code in the use of multiple FRs that was approved at the 2018 Plenary.

Written declarations have the inherent weakness that the Data Analyst can never be certain exactly *when* the declaration was made. Declarations within the FR removed the need to determine or discover in paper declarations which was “the last declaration made before take-off”. Having the declaration within the FR also eases analysis of the flight since all data is in one place i.e. the .igc file.

Subsequent to the release of the 2018 Sporting Code, a member of the IGC Bureau questioned whether this specific change should have been explicitly debated by the Plenary. Based on the committee’s response, the IGC Bureau decided that the 2018 Code should not be changed post-release but requested that a proposal (this one) be submitted to the 2020 Plenary meeting for approval. Thus the requirement for FR declarations for Diamonds & Diploma has continued with the 2019 Edition of the Sporting Code and will have been in force for two years by the time the 2020 Code is released.

Proposed:

The Sporting code Committee strongly recommends NO CHANGE to the current requirement that the declaration for Diamonds & Diploma be made within FR(s).

The changes to the Code:

If this clarification (which does not follow the standard two-year proposal cycle) is accepted, it has immediate effect and there would be no changes to the 2019 Code in this respect.

If rejected, the Sporting Code Committee would have to reintroduce the wording involving written (& Internet) declarations – which would also be contrary to efforts to simplify the Code.