



IGC 2021 Plenary Meeting



Annex A Committee

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2021 Report to the Plenary

Dear Delegates,

The 2020 edition of Annex A was originally published with an effective date of 21 October 2020. The latest publication of the handicaps document was 1 April 2019.

The significant changes from the 2019 edition of the Annex, as a result of Plenary decisions are :

- 1.2.3.1.1 Duration and separation of events, no reserve day, last day on a weekday
- 1.4.5.4 Task Sheet requirements
- 5.3.1.1 External Aid section rewritten
- 5.4b, h Designation of Primary Flight Recorder
- 6.1, 6.2.3 Distance Handicap Task (DHT) added
- 6.3.3.1 DHT described
- 7.4.2.1.1 PEV Start added
- 7.4.5d PEV Start procedures
- 7.6.1.1.1 Turn Point radius
- 8.7.1.1.1 PEV Start penalty added

Shortly after the publication of Annex A, it was brought to our attention that SC3A 5.3 External Aid to competitors did not properly reflect the decisions taken at the 2019 Plenary. We apologize for this error, which was corrected in the updated version published on 19 November 2020.

The implementation of the Distance Handicap Task (approved in March 2020) is delayed because we still don't have a complete specification of the algorithm required to set the Task. We will continue to work with the developers of similar tasks and with the Scoring Software Working Group until this problem is solved. In the meantime, Organisers wishing to use this new method of handicapping should contact our Committee for advice.

At this meeting we will present our Year 2 proposal to eliminate an unnecessary calculation step in the computation of scores in handicapped competitions.

Additionally, at the 2021 Plenary we expect the following Year 2 proposals :

- Required 1-second recording interval in competitions (Bureau)
- New penalty for finishing too low (BEL)
- Eliminate the Designated Start (FRA)
- Total Energy Control at the Start (FRA)

While we have not been in direct communication with the authors of these proposals, we believe that all of the proposals are compatible with the current Annex A..

We thank the Organisers and the Chief Steward of WGC2021 Stendal for allowing us to review their draft Local Procedures.

Because we lost the 2020 competition season, our collection of feedback and suggestions from pilots and Stewards has remained unchanged since 2019.

We remain concerned that the Annex has become unwieldy, as I reported last year. I continue to advise that a simplification project should soon be undertaken.

I look forward to our virtual meeting in March, but I will miss our informal discussions about the competition rules. I hope that we can pick up where we left off at the next one.

I thank Axel, Øjvind, and Reno for maintaining their sense of humor while attending to all the details of maintaining our competition rulebook.

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