



## **IGC 2020 Plenary Meeting**

### **Budapest**



### **Annex A Committee**

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# 2020 Report to the Plenary

Dear Delegates,

The 2019 edition of Annex A was published with an effective date of 7 October 2018. The latest publication of the handicaps document was 1 April 2019.

The significant changes from the 2018 edition of the Annex, as a result of Plenary decisions are:

- 1.3.4 Definition of Women's and Junior Championships moved from SC3 to SC3A.
- 4.2.1f Wingloading limit in 13.5 Metre Class replaced with mass limit
- 7.4.7 Communication of Start Times deleted
- 7.5 Collision avoidance and tracking paragraph added
- 8.1 Introduction of Alternative Scoring System
- 8.1.1 Introduction of scoring software version control

At the 2020 Plenary we expect the following Year 2 proposals :

- Period and separation of events (NED)
- External Aid (GBR)
- PEV Starts (Working Group : ARG, AUS, BEL, POL)
- Distance Handicap Task (AUS)
- Early Bird Bonus (AUS, GBR)
- Place Scoring System (AUS)
- Finisher Marking Distance (POL)
- Distance Assigned Area Task (Bureau)
- The scoring of AATs set with insufficient distance

We were party to the deliberations of the PEV Working Group, and we forwarded the feedback from the Organisers of the 3rd PAGC.

We have not been in communication with the authors of the other proposals since last year's meeting.

If all of the above Year 2 proposals are accepted, we will have 2 new Tasks, 3 new racing strategies, one new handicapping system and a total of 3 scoring systems. If we are trying to keep the rules simple, we are failing.

Furthermore, we have a concern that none of the authors of the proposed new racing rules have considered how to integrate the new rules with the old rules – or with each other. While it is the responsibility of the Annex A Committee to organise the rules into a single publication, the burden of making sure that the complete set of rules remains practical and popular among pilots rests with all

the Delegates. We hope there will be time in Budapest to discuss the complexity of our rules and the practical implementation of any new rules we decide to add to Annex A.

We also expect the following Year 2 proposals and question whether the procedures they describe belong in Annex A or in either the Guidelines for Organisers or the Stewards Handbook :

- Proximity analysis (AUS)
- Digital Safety Registration System (NED)

The Committee will submit one new proposal this year, a minor change to the way handicaps are applied.

Since the last meeting, we have received new suggestions from Stewards, Delegates, and pilots. These suggestions are unofficial and incomplete, but they are not documented elsewhere:

- Determine the "point of furthest progress" at 200m AGL.
- Allow pre-approval of a third Flight Recorder, in case of a sudden need.
- Specifically allow 2 entries in the 20 Metre Multi-seat Class at CGCs.
- Eliminate the use of bugwipers (possibly by Class).
- Mandatory 1-second logging interval in at least one Flight Recorder.
- Incorporate the SGP and e-Glide rules into the Sporting Code.

Please consider these to be "Year 0" proposals. The members of the Annex A Committee look forward to discussing these ideas and any others you may have at our meeting in Budapest.

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