IGC 2023 Plenary Meeting

Annex A Committee
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2023 Report to the Plenary

Dear Delegates,

The 2022 edition of Annex A was published with an effective date of 12 December 2022. The latest publication of the handicaps document was 15 April 2021.

The only significant change this year was the addition of para. 7.4.6, "Energy Control at the Start." Note that this change had the secondary effect of deleting the optional procedure described in 7.4.5b, "pre-start fix below a specified altitude."

Minor changes and clarifications are published in the 2023 Changes to Annex A document.

We continue to work on bringing Annex A into line with the other documents relevant to World and Continental Championships (Bid Form, Organiser Agreement, Bulletins, and Local Procedures). This project is more complicated than we anticipated, and we appreciate the help we have received from outside the Committee, especially from our indefatigable advisor, Mandy Temple.

In terms of our general philosophy, we retain the goal of producing unambiguous standardized rules.

For the sake of standardization, we are in favor of keeping the number of "contest options" under control. We oppose, for example, two different sets of starting procedures in the rules at the same time. This is our opinion, and the actual rules, of course, are up to you.

At this Plenary, we expect only one Year 2 proposal that may affect Annex A: the proposal from Denmark/France on Flight Recorder calibration intervals.

We have had no contact from NAC’s regarding this year’s Year 1 proposals, and the Committee has no proposals of its own this year.

I thank my colleagues Axel, Aldo, Reno, Øjvind - and Mandy - for their work on the rules in 2022, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in Copenhagen, finally!

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