10.3.10 Electric gliding working group report to the 2024 IGC Plenary.

Two recent E glide competitions took place at Varese in 2022 and at St Auban in 2023. During these competitions the rules for E glide competitions were continually refined. In 2024 there will be an E-Glide contest in Italy at Varese from the 8th to 14th of September. The rules for a fixed location conventional type contest are now considered to be fair and appropriate for this type of contest.

The current rule version E5 can be found at https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/e5glide_-_rules.pdf

Whilst there is considerable enthusiasm amongst a small number of pilots for this type of contest it has yet to attract any considerable number of pilots to the concept. It is time to consider if IGC shall continue with a specific E glide concept with separate rules.

There has been no progress on other aspects of Electric gliding such as electric tow planes and winches. The current working group is very focused on contest flying, to broaden the scope of this groups work it would require that the group should be reformed with a broader interest membership. This has not been possible.

Currently there are discussions on creating an online contest specifically for sailplanes with electric MOP. An online format would present a greater opportunity for a more creative type contest

Results of E3 Glide Varese 2022

Results of E 4 glide St Auban 2023

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