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Subject:

Changes in prices and organization of Gliding Championships held in the Czech Republic:

- 22nd EGC 2024 at Tábor / LKTA in Club, Standard and 15m classes
- 39th WGC 2025 at Tábor / LKTA in Club, Standard and 15m classes
- 13th Women WGC 2025 at Zbraslavice / LKZB in Club, Standard and 18m classes

Dear IGC delegates,

The Aeroclub of the Czech Republic together with the Aeroclub Tábor and the Aeroclub Zbraslavice are the organizers of the above mentioned European and World Gliding Championships to be held in years 2024 and 2025. We kindly ask you to make the following changes to the competitions compared to the original bids:

1. Increase of aerotow prices

Our offers for organizing the events prepared in September 2021 have been made in economic conditions that have changed significantly to date.

Due to the development of aviation fuel prices and the change in the tax policy of the Czech state in this area, we are forced to ask for an increase in the prices of aerotows at all the above competitions, while maintaining the prices of entry fees.

Here are our main reasons for increasing the aerotow prices at these competitions:

According to the Bureau of Statistics of the Czech Republic, there was in 2022 an inflation of 15,1% and 10,7% in 2023, averaging to 12,9%. From 2021, when the bids were submitted, to this date, there has been an increase in AVGAS 100 aviation fuel prices from 33 to 39 (in CZK purchase, excluding VAT and Excise Duty) which is an increase of 18%.

As of 1 January 2024, as part of the Czech government's savings package, changes to tax laws have been applied and the benefit of Excise Duty deduction possibility in aviation activities has been cancelled. The Excise Tax deduction allowed the price of AVGAS aviation fuel to be reduced by 26,8%. This Excise Duty deduction is no longer possible.

Regarding all above mentioned circumstances, we kindly ask you for your approval to increase the price of aerotows at the Championships by 15%:

- 22nd EGC 2024 at Tábor to **69 EUR** form originally bided 60 EUR in all classes
- 39th WGC 2025 at Tábor to **69 EUR** form originally bided 60 EUR in all classes
- 13th WWGC 2025 at Zbraslavice to **64 EUR** form originally bided 55 EUR in Club class
- 13th WWGC 2025 at Zbraslavice to **69 EUR** form originally bided 60 EUR in Std and 18m classes

We believe that this moderate increase in aerotow prices can ensure a functional economy of competitions while maintaining the high standard of competitions held in the Czech Republic and keeping still affordable aerotow prices for competitors and teams.

2. Changes in organization of the 39th WGC 2025 at Tábor

Change of the competition date:

Change of the competition date from the original date according to the bid 24.5. - 7.6.2025 to the **new date 7.6. - 21.6.2025** due to the organization of the military air exercise Lion Effort, which is usually held in the second half of the month of May, in 2024 specifically from 13 May to 24 May.

The military exercise workspace significantly interferes with the WGC 2025 competition area. The organization of this military exercise has become a recurring event and is planned for 2025, again in the 2nd half of May.

Change of the competition director:

Matěj Rendla to be appointed as the new competition director.

3. Changes in organization of the 13th Women WGC 2025 at Zbraslavice

Change of the competition director:

Martin Hřivna to be appointed as the new competition director.

Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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