

PROPOSAL TO 2020 IGC PLENARY

Year 2

from the IGC Sporting Code committee

Removal of requirement that a World Record claim must first be approved as a National record

The problem:

This proposal stems from recent issues with National records in a large NAC. It is, for example, possible that a pilot exceeds an existing World record by a significant amount but due to errors he has made (no Sporting Licence, FR lacks "Level 1" approval, missing data in the declaration, etc.), the flight would not be accepted by the FAI. Since the Sporting Code permits the NAC to vary the requirements for National records, it is possible that such a flight could be accepted as a National record.

Later, another pilot from the same NAC exceeds the existing World record by a lesser amount than the first pilot. The documentation is 100% correct, but the NAC does not accept it as a National record since it does not exceed the previously accepted flight. As a result, pilot #2 is denied a World record.

The proposal corrects this unintended consequence to the current rule.

Note 1: The previous title of the proposal, "Decoupling of National and World records" had caused unnecessary confusion. The new title is clearer as to the purpose of the proposal.

Note 2: The requirement that a World record must also be a National record had been a limitation in the General Section, but it was deleted some time ago.

Current SC3 text:

3.0c With the exception of a flight having a crew as defined in 3.1.3b, a World record claim must first be approved as a National record – a Continental record does not. *Note: National records are controlled by their own NAC, not the FAI, and can differ from or be additional to World or Continental record types.*

Proposed SC3 text:

3.0c A World or Continental record claim must be examined by the organizing NAC to see that it complies with the Sporting Code before forwarding the claim to the FAI.

Annex C text: In 1.6, delete the reference to a connection between National and World records.