

INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

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Date: 6 October 2020

Proposal submitted by: Annex A Committee

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Type the text changes in the space below (show deletions as ~~strike-through~~ and additions as **bold underlined**):

8.3.1

Ho	Lowest Handicap (H) of all competitors, if handicapping is being used; otherwise, Ho = 1.
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8.3.2

Dh	Competitor's Handicapped Distance. (Dh = D x Ho / H) (<u>Dh = D / H</u>)
Vh	Finisher's Handicapped Speed. (Vh = V x Ho / H) (<u>Vh = V / H</u>)

Type the reasons in the space below:

Summary: Eliminate the unnecessary scaling of handicaps.

In our competitions we currently use handicaps that are adjusted (for weight) and rescaled (to the lowest performance glider at each event). This is a proposal to eliminate the rescaling.

In effect, this is a proposal to set $H_o = 1$ for all handicapping purposes.

This is a simplification of the scoring calculation that will, in the vast majority of cases, have no effect on the scores.

It will remove the possibility of a losing a day for a spurious reason:

Example:

In the current rules, the minimum handicapped distance (D_m) is increased for all gliders with better performance than the lowest performance glider entered. These minimum distances are fixed, even on the days when the lowest performance glider does not fly. If, on such a day, fewer than 25% of the competitors achieve the augmented minimum distance, the day will be lost.

The only reason to preserve the rescaling is to cause the handicapped speeds to be numerically close to the actual speeds. The desirability of doing this is questionable, since the handicapped speeds are almost never published in the results.

We can see no impact of this proposal on strategy or tactics.

This proposal was reviewed by the IGC Handicaps Committee and no objections were received.

If this proposal is approved, we will ask the Plenum to accept it with Year 2 status.

Provide supporting data or reference to external documents for the proposed technical amendments in the space below:

none

The proposal should be applicable from: October 2020, if approved by the Plenary

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Heading of section: DEFINITION OF SCORING PARAMETERS

Number & heading of the paragraph: 8.3.1 Championship Days

8.3.2 Competitors

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Approved Amendment (if applicable):

Final Wording of Proposal:

Overall Votes Cast: For: Against: Abstain:

ADOPTED: Yes: No: