

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2020

Proposed by the French Gliding Federation (FFVP)

Add the free grid option

It is proposed:

To add a free grid option

This proposal affects:

- Annex A - Rules for World and Continental Gliding Championships

Discussion:

For decades, competitions use the classical gridding system : a place is allocated to each glider and each day its place advances by 2/7. This system is the only one described in the Annex A.

But during the WGC 2018 and the EGC 2019, the organiser successfully use another system : the "free grid". There is no allocated places on the grid. The gliders fill the grid in the order of their arrival on the grid. It is much easier for everybody and safer for the glider.

This "free gridding" is also used in national competitions for more than 10 years. No unfairness has been reported.

Please note that a minimum 30-minute delay between the last take off and the opening of the start gate, avoid any rush on the grid to get the best place.

This proposal allows to officialize the procedure used in recent IGC competitions.