

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2020

Proposed by the French Gliding Federation (FFVP)

Delay between the last take off and the opening of the start gate

It is proposed:

To not allow to reduce the delay between the last launch and the opening of the start gate.

This proposal affects:

- Annex A - Rules for World and Continental Gliding Championships

Discussion:

The current Annex A shows :

“The start shall normally be opened 30 minutes after a launch has been offered to the last sailplane in the class that is currently being launched. This time period may be reduced to 20 minutes if the distance from the center of the release area to the Start Point or Start Ring is less than 15 km.”

A 30-minute delay is more and more used. It equalizes the chance of all competitors in the class, especially for the last ones to take off.

The distance of the start gate is not the only reason. The cloudbase, the climb rate, the type of tugs or the type of gridding may also influence the fairness.

A 30-minutes delay shall always be used.

This proposal simplifies the rules and improves the fairness.