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Date: 30.12.2020
Proposal submitted by: DAeC German Aeroclub

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Type the text changes in the space below (show deletions as strike-through and additions as bold underlined):
Organizing of future Womens World Championships in 3 classes.

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At the IGC plenum in 2018 a proposal from France was considered to change the number of classes in Womens World gliding Championships.

The justification was: “There are not enough high-level women pilots worldwide to fly in 3 three classes in WWGC. We have often seen classes in WWGC with only the very minimum required number of pilots. The risk of having a class not valid class is high. It’s true even when the WWGC is in Europe. We assume it will be the same in Australia or anywhere else.”

The situation appears to be developing more positively. During 10th WWGC January 2020 in Australia the assumed very low number of participating women in one of the classes did not prove true!

Participation:
Club class: 17
Std. class: 16
18m class: 14

For reference, participation at 9.th WWGC 2017 in Czech Republic:
Club class: 23
Std. class: 14
18m class: 11

Current indications for future participation are for enough high-level women pilots worldwide to fly in 3 classes on WWGC’s.
With the development and growing popularity of 18m class, this class will have enough participating women pilots as well.
Therefore this should be recognized as a chance and promotion for future WWGC and therefore we propose to maintain flying in three classes.

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The number of participants on past WWGC are shown in the diagram below; participants in total (blue), orange, number of participants by reducing the participants from Standard class.
In practise, some pilots might move from Standard class to Club class or to 18m class; however there is a clear indication that the number of participating women pilots with 2 classes only will decrease.
From an organizers point of view there is much more interest to organize a WWGC with around 45-50 pilots instead of around 30-40 pilots; the effort for the organization is almost the same, but some more participants make it financially more interesting. And a higher number of participants in general make a world championship more interesting, both to the pilots as well for the public.
The proposal should be applicable from: 2022
(note: 11th WWGC Great Britain has been moved from 2021 to 2022 due to COVID-19 and was already planned (bid and adopted) to be organized with 3 classes.

Sporting Code Volume: n/a
As far as can be seen there is no rule that determines the classes for WWGC. It is the bidder that can propose the classes and the plenary that approves; but there are always predecessor WWGC’s as reference)

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Final Wording of Proposal:

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Last amendment: 3 March 2021