

# 2024 IGC Plenary Amendment

## 7.1.1.aa Update to JWGC Bid 2026

### Background

At the Plenary meeting in March 2023 Australia made a bid for the Junior World Gliding Championships in 2026.

Bids were also received from Germany and Slovakia

Australia had in mind the IGC rule of 2010 which stipulates that every five cycles JWGC must be held outside of Europe.

Somehow this rule had been forgotten and there were some consternation when the rule was rediscovered

As a result the decision on the bid was delayed for 12 months to try and find a solution.

One advantage of the delay was to allow teams to experience the issues around attending the World Championships in Narromine and to see how shipping costs settled post Covid.

The 2010 rule clearly had no provision for Covid and one further consequence of Covid was that Narromine was delayed by 12 months.

This means that the forward schedule could show three contest outside Europe in four years; WGC Narromine in 2023, WGC Uvlade in 2024 and JWGC Lake Keepit in 2026.

### Solution

Australia could insist that the written rule is followed and that we are awarded the event in 2026 - but if we run an event and no one comes everyone loses, that is not a good solution.

Instead Australia offers to defer their bid for JWGC to 2028.

This will allow Slovakia and Germany to compete for JWGC 2026 and would automatically grant Australia JWGC 2028 uncontested.

This seems to be a practical solution that follows the intent of the 2010 rule and it does not disenfranchise Germany and Slovakia who made their bids in good faith, ignorant of the rule, and reduces the congestion of events outside Europe.

### Process

1. Australia will formally defer their bid for JWGC to 2028
2. There will be a vote between Slovakia and Germany for JWGC 2026
3. JWGC 2028 will be awarded to Australia based on the current bid in line with the intent of the 2010 rule