IGC 2021 Plenary Meeting

Annex A Committee
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2022 Report to the Plenary

Dear Delegates,

The 2021 edition of Annex A was originally published with an effective date of 13 October 2021. The latest publication of the handicaps document was 15 April 2021.

The significant changes from the 2020 edition of the Annex, as a result of Plenary decisions are:

1.3.4b Increase of maximum age of Junior pilots in 2022 (only)
5.4c Requirement of 1-second recording interval
7.4.2 Elimination of the Designated Start option
8.3.2 Elimination of unnecessary scaling of handicaps

In order to streamline the Local Procedures documents, a few standard procedures were moved from the LP to Annex A:

3.3d Requirement to provide national flags
4.1.2b(iv) Weighing procedures at technical inspection added (Appendix 3)
7.1e Daily weighing procedures
7.4.5a Procedures for announcing the start added (Appendix 4)

Other minor changes, approved by the Bureau since the 2021 Plenary:

1.4.5.3 Sporting limits must appear in the Forbidden Airspace file
6.3.3 Distance Handicap Task OZ radius to be specified in Local Procedures
9.3.3 Fixed protest fee

A few weeks after the publication of Annex A, our colleague Mandy Temple (AUS) pointed out that Annex A PART 11 (the outline for the Local Procedures) was not in agreement with the main body of the Annex. This led to an overhaul of PART 11 and a re-publication of Annex A on 23 November 2021.

At the 2022 Plenary we will be prepared to discuss two Year 2 proposals:

Energy Control at the Start (France)
Removal of periodical calibration of FRs (Denmark & France)

The Committee has no proposals of its own this year.

In May 2021 the Committee experimented with an online meeting. It worked well, and we plan to do it more often now that IGC has its own Zoom account. However, in-person meetings are much more productive, and we look forward to the next one, whenever that may be.

In addition to thanking Axel, Aldo, Reno, and Øjvind for their work in 2021, I would like to express my appreciation to Mandy Temple for helping us with the rules involving the Local Procedures.

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