

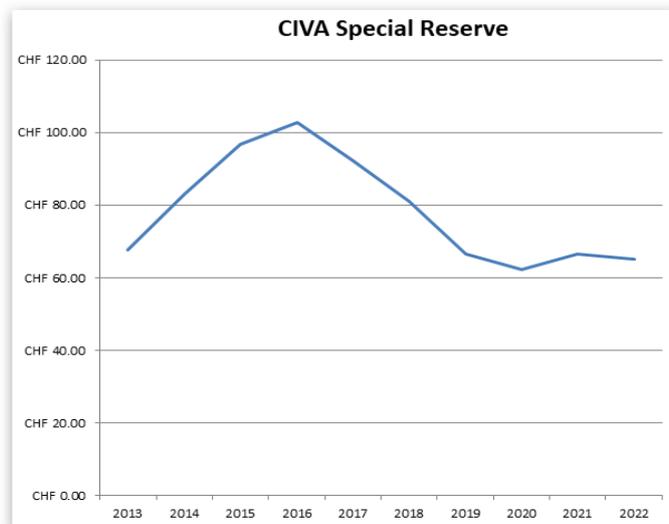


## The CIVA Sanction Fee

The standard sanction fee that CIVA receives from each competitor at every championship has remained unchanged at 160 EUR since 2014, when it was raised from 150 EUR to the current level. As this is in effect directly charged to the competitor it is a small but key part of every entry fee, and remains of course the sole contributor to CIVA finances.

The CIVA “Special Reserve” is the FAI finance resource dedicated to this commission, and provides the funding pool within which all CIVA’s costs and payments are managed. Until last year we were able to access this finance stream in ‘real time’ as a Credit Suisse account. Now however all commissions use a new FAI financial accounting system that provides detailed monthly snapshots of their financial status.

It is important to understand that these Special Reserves are not bank accounts or liquid assets that can be drawn upon as the need arises, they simply show the current position within the overall FAI finance system as they relate to each sport. All ten sporting commissions operate with a similar approach, under the control of the FAI EB.



### Competition entries

Since the peak at the end of 2016 the CIVA Reserve has declined year-on-year to about 64% of that value. Through the 2014 to 2018 period the average number of championship competitors per year was circa 170 -

Year	Power			Glider		Totals	Sanction Fee collected
	Unl	Adv	Int/Y52	Unl	Adv		
2014	37	68	30	36	32	203	32,480
2015	58	46	-	47	32	183	29,280
2016	40	55	-	39	20	154	24,640
2017	36	45	18	35	23	157	25,120
2018	35	56	-	35	22	148	23,680
Totals	208	280	48	192	129	845	

In 2022 the follow-on numbers were –

Year	Power			Glider		Totals	Sanction fee
	Unl	Adv	Int/Y52	Unl	Adv		
2022	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>139</b>	22,240

representing a reduction of about 28% compared to the average from the more stable 2014 to 2018 period. Of course we would hope that competitor numbers will increase again as the combined effects of Covid and the World political situation are hopefully resolved, but other factors such as the cost to CIVA of standard sized Judging panels and International Juries will effectively remain unchanged unless we approve an alternative approach.

### **World inflation**

As a parallel to the foregoing internal situation we should also consider the wider effects of inflation throughout the western world. For example, during the period 2015 to 2022 core inflation has averaged close to 2.75% per year, an overall result of 20.75%. This would in effect require the 2015 fee of 160 EUR to rise to 193 EUR to keep pace with average costs. The combined effect of inflation and the decline in the CIVA Special Reserve through the same period cannot be ignored, however uncomfortable this appears to be.

### **Financial stability**

The bureau of CIVA proposes that for 2023 championships the CIVA sanction fee per competitor should remain at 160 CHF, but thereafter for 2024 onwards a fee of 200 CHF should be adopted. This proposal for change will therefore become an agenda item at the 2023 CIVA plenary conference, subject as usual to debate and a vote by delegates.



President of CIVA