Along the years, it has been CIVL constant policy to ensure that fairness is at the heart of its events. Since 1979, team events have been part of CIVL Cat 1 championships.

In 2017, the Defending-Champion rule was added: *Current World and Continental Champions, male and female, shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry …, but they shall not score for their national team.*

In 2019, the WPRS-Top-5-Women rule was added: *For Paragliding XC competitions the top 5 women in the WPRS ranking shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry …, but they shall not score for their national team.*

In cross-country Team events, having extra pilots in one’s team, even if the pilots cannot score for the team, is a very big advantage. Top-ranked team already have this advantage as the allocation process allows them to be served first. As observed since 2017, the Defending-Champion and Top-5-Women rules increase this advantage to the point that Team events are not fair anymore.

If CIVL is to keep its Cat 1 team events as part of Cat 1 individual events, it has to make sure that fairness is a reality as far as possible. Hence, the CIVL Bureau proposes to suppress both the Defending-Champion and Top-5-Women rules.

**Proposal:**
In S7 Common – 2.5.2 Individual Entry

Replace …
Current World and Continental Champions, male and female, and for paragliding XC competitions the top 5 women in the WPRS ranking, shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry, providing they have NAC approval. But they shall not score for their national team.

By …
In Paragliding Accuracy and Aerobatic, current World and Continental Champions, male and female, and for paragliding XC competitions the top 5 women in the WPRS ranking, shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry, providing they have NAC approval. But they shall not score for their national team.