



CIVL 2022 PLENARY – ANNEXE 23A
BUREAU PROPOSAL – FAIRNESS IN CAT 1 XC TEAM EVENTS

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:

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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.

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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.