

CIVL 2023 PLENARY – ANNEXE 14 PARAGLIDING XC COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Hughes, Committee Chair

Summary of Activity Since Last Plenary

5th Pan-American Paragliding Championship- Governador Valadares, Brazil: April 9 – 14

The event was very successful with excellent conditions yielding six tasks flown for a total distance of 488km. Over 120 pilots from 10 countries participated. Brazil, USA, and Argentina finished on the podium.

16th European Paragliding Championship- Nis, Serbia: July 25 – August 5

Challenging weather, but still a successful event with 130 pilots from 23 nations flying 6 tasks and 501km. On the podium: France, Czechoslovakia, and Italy.

The Paragliding XC World Championship is happening in 2023 in France, from May 20th to June 3rd.

During the 2022 Plenary the 2024 Pan-American Paragliding Championship was awarded to Argentina, but due to logistical difficulties that bid had to be withdrawn, resulting in a new round of bidding which will be decided at this year's Plenary.

In Category 2, there were 187 events on the 2022 calendar.

Proposals to the Plenary:

Add Reynolds Class to Continental Championships in 2024 as a test of the concept.

The Paragliding XC committee would like to add "Reynolds" as a new scoring sub-category as a test of the concept, and proposes it be added to the Continental Championships to be held in 2024. The category is comprised of anyone flying a wing for which the top of the certified weight range is 95kg or less.

Reynolds does not replace any existing categories, and participants in the Reynolds category are still part of the "Overall" category as well as the "Women" category (assuming they are female).