



2023 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEXE 14B 2025 WORLD PG XC WORKING GROUP REPORT

The 2022 Plenary minutes reported in point 23:

“There are obvious issues with women and team representation in World PG XC events. The Bureau will open a discussion on the matter. All solutions will be explored, including stand-alone Women and Team championships. The discussion may conclude with proposals to the 2023 plenary.”

The Bureau created a temporary working group to discuss the matter. The following were part of the working group... Chair: Stephane Malbos. Members: Adel Honti, Didier Mathurin, Martin Jovanovski, Michael Siegel, Thomas Milko, all CIVL Bureau members and the CIVL Competition Coordinator.

THE PROJECT

Background

The global organisation of PG XC championships has been the same since the very beginning, 1993 in Verbier, Switzerland, with individuals and teams competing in the same tasks. In 1995, a Women title was added. There were no further modifications.

Last January, during the last CIVL plenary, a few proposals and discussions questioned this organisation. Can we do it differently? Can we do it better?

General

This is a one-shot deal. Only the 2025 championships were considered. After them, we analyse and decide the way forward.

The PWCA and the CIVL will have to cooperate closely. Both associations are impacted by the project. We need to build a consensus.

If the project is finalised, the rules of the game will be fundamentally changed for 2025. The CIVL cannot wait its 2023 plenary to vote on them. We will need an extraordinary plenary. It can be easily organised on Zoom, but we need to respect the timeframe (plenary announced 75 days in advance, proposals send 45 days in advance).

The PWCA may have the same issue.

This means that the WG has to start working ASAP.

The project is threefold: Overall, Women and Team.

Individual

It is a stand-alone championship.

The PWCA Super Final and the World are one and only.

There is no maximum number of pilots per NAC.

Pilots' selection is to be defined.

The rules are a mix of PWCA's and CIVL's: e.g. the flying rules are PWCA, the jury is CIVL-style, the Technical Delegate/Steward is chosen and agreed by both, etc.

Women

It is a stand-alone championship.
There is no maximum of pilots per NAC.
Pilots' selection process is to be defined.

Team

It is a stand-alone championship.
The team size per nation is similar for all.

Issue

We need 3 venues iso 2
The calendar has to be synchronised.
Individual venue is decided by the PWCA and CIVL Bureau.
Team and Women venues could be selected the usual way but with fixed dates.

THE REPORT

There was no consensus on the above proposals nor on any alternative ones that modify the current system.

Having a separate Women championship was not rejected. The current rules allow it. All that is needed is a bidder.

There is no real interest in changing whatever in our Cat 1 PG XC events. This fact was acknowledged and the working group was disbanded.