



**CIVL 2023 PLENARY – ANNEXE 15**  
**PARAGLIDING ACCURACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

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### **Summary of Activity Since Last Plenary**

Since the last plenary meeting in Serbia, there have been no major changes in the rules or in the organisation of the competitions. 2022 was a standard year in terms of competitions. A total of 68 FAI category 2 and two FAI category 1 competitions were organised.

#### *4th FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan*

The competition was held in June 2022. The organisation of the competition was very successful and a much higher number of competitors were interested in taking part than were confirmed for the competition. In the end, 70 competitors from 12 countries took part in the competition, including guest pilots from outside Asia. Unfortunately, some traditional countries did not send a team to the competition due to lingering anti-covid measures. After a long time, the organisers managed to hold 12 complete rounds, confirming the excellent organisation and suitability of the venue for FAI Category 1 competitions. Jirasak Witeetham of Thailand took the overall individual crown with the women's event won by Chantika Chaisanuk, also from Thailand. The Team crown was won by the Thai team, closely followed by Korea and Kazakhstan.

#### *7th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Sibiu, Romania*

This event was held in Sibiu, Romania during early September where the organisers had a few weather challenges, both with a lack of ideal wind direction that affected the winch tow operation on the airfield site and fair bit of rain. Nevertheless, 10 rounds were successfully achieved. The originally offered capacity of the competition was not filled and a total of 91 competitors from 18 countries took part. Starts were performed by winching. In an incredibly tight competition that was literally decided in the last round, with George Cotet from Romania, a local popular pilot holding his nerve by scoring a zero, taking the individual gold, closely followed by Goran Djurkovic from Serbia. Vlatimil Vachtl of the Czech Republic was only point behind Djurkovic to take the bronze medal. In the female event, Catherine Devos from France won gold, with the renowned Marketa Tomaskova of the Czech Republic winning the silver medal and Spela Krnc from Slovenia taking the bronze medal. Serbia was crowned the Team champions, followed by the Czech Republic and Slovenia.

#### *Pre PGA World Championships 2023, Sopot, Bulgaria*

The test event for this year's World Championship was held with 32 drivers from 6 countries. The conditions of early November did not allow the planned 6 rounds to be completed. But the completed 5 rounds on the main flying ground was a good test for the competition organization. The flight terrains are excellent and the shortcomings in the organization will be eliminated. The Steward has provided his report to the Bureau and was confident that the Cat1 event should be successfully completed.

### *Subcommittee tasks 2022*

A lot of effort in 2022 was devoted to the organization of the competition calendar. Last year the development of a new paragliding accuracy measurement system was started. It is hoped that this year testing will have already started at the FAI 2 competitions.

During the European Championships a meeting with pilots was organised with interested pilots to get feedback for the PGA Committee and to inform them of his intentions to improve the discipline. The concerns were how to improve relationships between officials and the competitors and to get better scoring systems that had approval and confidence of the pilots. It appears from the competitors' perspective there is an ongoing concern as to how to maintain the currency, quality, and experience of judging team members. It was can also be mitigated by better equipment.

The main points that were repeatedly raised among the pilots' opinions were:

- Elimination of pilots during FAI category 1 competitions
- Problems with electronic targets (AMD)

Other problems that were noted during the season:

- Wind speed measurement
- Relaunch rules

The main benefit from the meeting was getting many new committee members that can bring some fresh ideas for the upcoming years.

### *Europeans 2024*

The war in Ukraine and the associated ban on competitors from Russia and Belarus from FAI competitions. As the 2022 CIVL Plenary has decided to allocate the 8th European Championship 2024 to St. Petersburg, Russia, and Albania have submitted a bid.

#### **Proposals to the Plenary:**

Various proposals Slovenia

Various proposals by committee chairs Kamil and Martin.

#### **Upcoming Category 1 Competitions and Bids:**

*12th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Sopot, Bulgaria*

*Bid by Albania for the 8th European Paragliding Accuracy Championships in 2024*

*Bid by Turkey for the 12th World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in 2025*

*Bid by Kazakhstan for the 12th World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in 2025*

*Bid by Colombia for the 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-American Paragliding Accuracy Championship in 2025*