



CIVL 2023 PLENARY – ANNEXE 23 F

PROPOSAL BUREAU – PENALTY CLOUD FLYING

Background

To simplify the rule.

Current text

6.3 Specific Penalties

The following penalties will apply:

- Cloud flying.

Cloud flying is prohibited and it is unsporting to gain an advantage by flying in cloud, and unsafe to fly in cloud because visual references are lost and it is impossible to maintain a safe separation from other pilots. Cloud flying is defined as any part of the glider or the pilot disappearing from the view of observers or pilots close to him or her.

Pilots who climb too close to an active cloud in a strong thermal to the extent that they are not able to control their altitude may also be deemed to be cloud flying.

Since it is against the law to climb up the side of a cloud above the transition level, this may not be an acceptable excuse for being higher than other pilots in the case of a complaint. It is the responsibility of the competitors to report cloud flying to the MD or the TD. If a pilot is inadvertently sucked into cloud, the onus is on that pilot to demonstrate that no advantage was gained...

New text

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It is the responsibility of the competitors to report cloud flying to the MD or scorer. If the scorer or MD suspects that a competitor was cloud flying, it is up to the pilot to provide evidence that they were not.