



CIVL 2023 PLENARY – ANNEXE 23 Q
PROPOSAL BUREAU – HIKE & FLY

Paragliding Hike and Fly is becoming increasingly popular around the world, both for recreational and competition flying. More and more countries are holding hike and fly competitions.

The CIVL Bureau proposes that we embrace this new variant of the sport and create a competition framework and rulebook so that pilots have a consistent set of standards they can expect and train for, and so that a standardized scoring and ranking system can be established.

The Proposal

We will establish a Working Group to assess the feasibility of creating a new Cat 1 and Cat 2 competition discipline for hike and fly. The charter would be to:

- Identify pilots and organisers already participating in hike and fly events and add them to the working group.
- Establish a draught rulebook that would govern the sport. The goal would be to ensure fairness, safety, and consistency while still allowing the flexibility and “free” nature of hike and fly that attracts so many pilots.
- Establish a consistent scoring approach and propose tools that could be used to implement it.
- Propose a ranking mechanism that would allow a new WPRS category for Hike and Fly to be added.
- Identify any training, mentoring, or tools that needs to be developed in order to roll the program out.
- Propose a roll-out plan, including publication of the rulebook, timing for availability of scoring tools, timing for when the first Cat 1 competitions could be held, and communication to all NACs about the new discipline as well as where they can get more information and assistance.

The findings would be presented by the Working Group at the 2024 CIVL Plenary for approval, at which time, assuming it is approved, a permanent Committee would be established to oversee the new discipline.

We have selected Thomas Senac as the chair for the working group. Thomas is well qualified based on his work in the French Federation and his involvement in their own Hike and Fly development.