



# Proposal - France / HG

## 3 Change proposals - Sporting Code Section 7

### 1/ In sporting code s7 common - 1.4.2. Wheels and other Launch Aids

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*Justification: 1<sup>st</sup> category event of Class 2 with auxiliary motor was already organized in 2022, as there are no reason to have different rules depending on categories.*

## 2/ In sporting code s7a cross country - 3.3.9 Re-launch

### Current Text:

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Unless specified in the Local Regulations or announced at the Pilots briefing for the day, re-launches are not permitted.

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HG – In aerotow championships, re-launches and priorities are defined in the Local Regulations.  
**HG Class 2 – In case of aerotow launch, re-launch are authorized and priorities are defined in the Local Regulations. In championships involving both aerotow and electrical auxiliary launch, aerotows are not permitted within the 15 minutes preceding the start window**

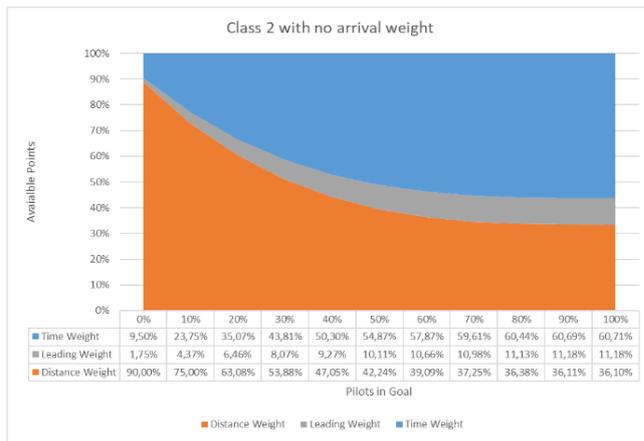
*Justification: This proposal is to ensure equity between the aerotow and electrical launch since the use of electrical auxiliary is not permitted within the 15 minutes preceding the start window.*

3/ In sporting code s7fxc scoring - 10 Points Allocation

Current: there are no specificities regarding HG Class 2

Proposal: addition specific to HG Class 2:

**HG Class 2 – Arrival weight = 0**



*Justification: This proposal is to limit the interest of doing overspeed on the last leg to overpass an opponent while going over the VNE.*

*As seen during the Class 2 World Championship in 2022, pilots do go over their VNE on the last leg to score up to 80 additional points.*