PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2011

Proposed by: Annex A Committee

It is proposed that:

The Reference Weights are removed from the IGC Club Class Handicap List with immediate effect.

This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section – None

Annex A Rule – None

Reasons supporting the Proposal:

Initially introduced to stop competitors from increasing wing loading by adding fixed ballast in the wings, the specification of Reference Weights no longer serves any useful purpose. The scrutineering process will reveal any attempt to hide illegal ballast. In most cases the Reference Weight is equal to the Maximum Take Off Mass anyway, which means that fairness is in no way compromised by removing the specification of Reference Weights.

Missing Reference Weights in the IGC Club Class Handicap List and different Reference Weights for different models of the same glider WITH THE SAME HANDICAP are a continuous source of headache for Chief Stewards at World and Continental Championships. The determination of MTOM does not depend on the use of Reference Weights. MTOM for each glider is determined from the weight and balance sheet according to Annex A 4.2.1 d.

If this proposal is approved, a new IGC Club Class Handicap List that will include only glider type and handicap will be published.