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Sporting Code Committee Report

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Last year, the Committee concentrated on introducing a number of proposals clarifying existing rules of the Sporting Code. This year, we continue our efforts by focusing on simplifications to the rulebook that can be achieved by small changes to SC3. In bringing forth these proposals, we also seek to generate debate within the IGC that can guide us in the direction the Plenary would like to take with the Sporting Code.

At the Bureau's request, the Committee has discussed the various possibilities for redefining our editorial strategy for SC3 and Annex C. The objective is to simplify the SC3 document as well as to create a new structure for Annex C which will make it more accessible and appropriate for its intended audience.

We believe such a task is realistic, but only if allowed the proper time for the work to be completed, given the limited resources available. After consultation with the Bureau, the following plan has been agreed:

- a) The Committee will start work on a new structure for the Sporting Code, which will lead to a new document. There will be no set time, linked to a specific Plenary deadline, set for completion of this task. This means that the existing and new document will be edited in parallel. When sufficient work on the new document has been achieved, it will be made available to the Delegates of comments and scrutiny. Only once it is decided by the Plenary that the document is fit for purpose and equivalent to the existing SC3, will we seek to publish the new document – replacing the old version at next October cycle.
- b) Annex C will be restructured in a way which enhances its usefulness to the gliding community by tailoring it more specifically to the numerous audiences it addresses (e.g. beginning pilot, OO, validating authority). This will be achieved by separating the existing document into a collection of smaller articles, grouped according to topic and presented in HTML format on the IGC site. The presentation structure will resemble a website knowledge base and the intention is keep adding information and advice as it becomes available, rather than having an annual version to mirror the SC3 rulebook.

The Committee has also been spending time organizing the work of the group in a way that will allow better management of our proceedings. As part of this effort, we are now using an issue-tracking application as the main tool for our discussions. This helps us keep better track of our work, but also allows us to maintain a permanent record of the decisions involved in editing the code and managing proposals. It is hoped that this will provide a useful resource for members of the Committee in the future.

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