



Annex A Report

IGC Plenary, 3 March 2017

Dear Delegates,

The 2016 edition of Annex A was published with an effective date of October 1, 2016. The latest publication of the handicaps document was on April 1, 2016.

The changes from the 2015 edition of the Annex, as a result of Plenary decisions include:

- 8.1.1 Contest Numbers, Annex A, 4.3 (Annex A Committee)**
A simplification, giving more responsibility to the Organisers
- 8.1.2 Maximum Take-off Mass, Annex A (Australia)**
800 kg in the 20 Metre Multi-seat Class
- 8.1.3 Changing Team Cup calculation formula, Annex A (Poland)**
Removal of an unnecessary intermediate calculation
- 8.1.7 Start options, Annex A para 7.4.4, (Germany)**
Addition of the “Designated Start” option

Other changes were minor.

At the last meeting, in Luxembourg, the Plenum accepted a pair of Year 1 proposals from our Committee:

- 8.2.1 Competing without C of A or Permit to Fly (Annex A Committee)**
- 8.2.2 Airframe parachute (Annex A Committee)**

Both proposals are on this year’s agenda, as Year 2 proposals, unchanged.

We have had no communication with the Danish delegation about their proposal to change the rules regarding returning champions, and we look forward to the presentation of their Year 2 proposal at this meeting.

At the 2016 Plenary, there was much discussion about the devaluation of “distance days,” and it was decided to postpone action on the Year 2 proposal from the Netherlands pending review of scoring formulas by a new Working Group established for the purpose.

The Working Group consisted of the Annex A Committee members, plus Øjvind Frank and Louis Boudier. The WG concluded its efforts with the decision to put forward a new (Year 1) proposal to make the minimum distance requirement depend on glider

class. The Annex A Committee has submitted this proposal for your consideration at this meeting. This proposal does not replace the Dutch proposal, which will re-appear on the agenda as a Year 2 proposal.

As for the future, we are working on improving the rules regarding the 13.5 Metre Class, motorglider release areas, protest period, and the list of approved penalties. Your input on these topics, or on any other matters concerning Annex A, is always welcome.

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