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Report from handicap committee to the IGC 2014 Plenary

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The handicap committee was busy in 2013.

Main activities have been:

- Evaluating IGC reference mass and further data for Cirrus 17,74m and Crystal.
- Discussing of whether or not a 13,5m class glider like Silent 2 should participate in club class; for now it's not approved.
- Discussing procedures for handicapped classes and how to introduce these into rules; now there will be a separate document dealing with procedures for handicapped classes which is not direct content of Annex A and therefore alterations can be introduced faster
- From 2013 October bureau meeting, the following task appeared for the committee

4.1.3 Club Class, weight etc.

There is an issue with how pilots may add ballast. Currently the rules state "no ballast should be fitted". This should be amended to "ballast must be fixed according to the manufacturers requirements". Currently it is difficult for the scrutineers and stewards to deal with this.

A proposal to have a reduction in handicap for light gliders/pilots will be developed by the Handicap Committee.

The Annex A Committee will be asked to bring forward the Handicap Committee proposals.

A proposal was made to the Annex A Committee which will appear as Year - 1 proposal at the plenary 2014.