

Report from the IGC Ranking List Manager for 2015

At the end of 2015 the number of pilots appearing in the IGC Ranking List was unchanged from 2014 indicating that the rating list has achieved a level of maturity. In 2015 there were 109 contests registered (2014 111 contests) (2013 103 contests).

2016 Issues

During 2016 we experienced a very high level of errors in the data supplied to the RL. This was mostly due to changes that took place within Seeyou the scoring programme most commonly used and how we retrieve the data from their database on Soaringspot. Hopefully these issues have been resolved by changing our data input programmes and changes introduced by Naviter, we hope that 2016 will be trouble free.

Presentation

Following the integration into the SPR web portal in 2014 the facility to add sponsors and partners to both pilot and home page displays were added in 2015.

Pilot contest details.

Our expectation that pilot data entry into contests would be taken from the Ranking list was not fulfilled because of changes to the Seeyou system which caused us a number of difficulties. These have now been resolved with Naviter and we hope this system will be fully functional in 2016. We will approach Strepla and all other scoring system providers with an offer of the same facility.

Pilot profiles.

It is extraordinarily difficult to get pilots to add photos of themselves and include some interesting information about themselves. We are seeking ways to encourage more pilots to enhance their personal data for display on competition web sites

Phase two

The introduction of an on-line payments system will be live from January 2016. The payments system was delayed due to changes in the concept but will now allow direct payment by credit card or paypal. The arrangements for an NAC to make a collective entry are still available and dealt with directly by the RL manager.

Succession

Reno Fila the delegate for Sweden has agreed to take over the management of the Ranking List. We will work together during 2016 to familiarise Reno with the processes and responsibilities and he will take over from October 2016.

Operating the IGC RL is a tremendous amount of work and we are indebted to Keith Nicholson, Paul Crabb for their dedication to administering the RL.

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