

## Report to the IGC 2016 Plenary from the Championship Structure Working Group.

The WG has not been able to develop a new structure. In order to progress towards a new structure, the WG members were asked to respond to a questionnaire (see below).

As it can be seen from the conclusion, the WG members agree on some of the issues raised in the questionnaire, and a way forward should be relatively simple for these issues.

There is a general consensus that WGCs take priority and Continentals are scheduled with a lower priority. If we have Continentals, they shall remain under IGC control, but maybe with less support from IGC officials.

It is agreed that we need to assure WGCs outside Europe at regular intervals, but some members of the WG dislike the current system. Having three WGCs in a row organised by the same country outside Europe was not the intention with the rule.

The view on the cost issue differs a lot, not all WG members see a need for the cost reduction that was requested from some delegates.

In three areas, the views of the WG members differ significantly. These areas are of great importance for the future structure:

- The use (or not) of handicaps at WGC, apart from Juniors and Woman;
- The need (or not) to reduce number of WGC classes;
- The need (or not) to have one or more classes with only one participant per NAC.

IGC delegates are welcome their views on these subjects, either by e-mail to the WG Chairman or at the IGC Plenary.

The aim of the WG is to present a proposal to the IGC Bureau for consideration at the 2016 autumn meeting.

Peter Eriksen, Chairman

Statement	Conclusion
IGC is primarily looking after the WGCs. In the proposal, we will only schedule in the WGC. Continentals may take place, but only if respecting the WGC planning. As in the past, IGC will not call for Continental bids, but they may appear spontaneously, and may be endorsed by IGC using the same quality criteria as a WGC.	We agree that the WGC shall have priority. If CGCs take place as class 1 events, they shall be under IGC control.  Another way forward would be not to allow CGCs as Class 1 events, and stop the support to these, but this is not the preferred solution.
Gliding is a High-Tech sport, our gliders and equipment is in the forefront of aviation technology. Our WGCs shall continue to help fostering new aerodynamic solutions and other aviation technology. Therefore, we do not apply handicaps at WGCs. (note: to ease the access for junior pilots, we do allow handicaps at the JWGC)	Disagreement if the group on this subject.  3 members are ready to abandon handicaps and the Club Class. The other members are more or less against the statement.
There has been an increase in WGC classes over the last 15 years (World Class/13.5M and Two-seater). We intend to reduce the WGC classes.	No clear indication on this subject. Statements differs a lot.
Gliding is an individual sport. We will maintain at least one class with only one participating glider per NAC.	Different views in the group. No conclusion can be drawn.
The WGC calendar will continue to prioritise WGC events outside Europe at regular intervals.	General support to the principle. But a need to review the mechanism is expressed from several members of the group.

<p>The cost per NAC to participate with a full team in all events shall decrease compared to the current situation. This can be achieved by a reduction of the number of competition classes or pilots per class, but not by a reduction of the quality of our events.</p>	<p>Agreement that quality shall be maintained and that we shall look at ways to reduce the cost. No clear indication or agreement of how we reduce the cost.</p>
<p>There shall continue to be Juniors and Woman's WGC.</p>	<p>Agreement that we continue with WWGC and JWGC. We need to look at the class structure for the WWGC though, possibly reduce to two classes.</p>
<p>The scope of our work is mainly to review the calendar of WGCs, we do not address the competition rules.</p>	<p>We shall look at class structure and calendar of events. But also at parts of Annex A, is that is required to achieve our objectives.</p>
<p>We will continue to have WGC and SGP Finals as separate Class 1 events, but the SGP calendar is outside the scope of our work.</p>	<p>General agreement, but we may suggest a coordination of e.g. classes with SGP.</p>