



Continental Records Working
Group
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Continental Records are successfully established in our rules, the general part of the Sporting Code (SC) and the Gliding section of the Sporting Code (SC3), since 1st October 2011.

Results

We have got by now more than two years experience in the Continental Records issue.

In our first entire year, in 2012, 16 record claims for continental records, had been submitted 9 in Europe, 4 in Oceania, 2 in Africa, 1 record claim in Asia.

In 2013, an increase in the number of record claims can be noticed. Up to the 20th December 2013, we have got 27 Continental Record claims, 8 in Europe, 9 in Africa and 10 Oceanian record claims. (See Record list for 2012 and 2013 attached).

Among all records, a really remarkable record, is the European 1559.9 km of Matthias Schunk, flown in the Austrian Alps. Remarkable too, is a record flight of Liza Trotter, who could submit 8 record claims with 1 flight in Australia.

In the same period we have had 2 world record claims in 2012 and 3 in 2013.

In the whole, we have got a pretty good result which stands for a successful IGC policy, creating and developing new possibilities for ambitious pilots.

Minimum performances

Continental records can be flown on six continents, Africa, Asia, Australia & Oceania, Europe, North America and South America. No doubt, it would be desirable to have continental record claims on all continents.

Lists of minimum performances have been elaborated for every continent, for all record types and classes. The lists are published on the IGC Website <http://www.fai.org/igc-documents> under SPORTING CODE AND GLIDING RULES. The list consists of about 800 items.

IGC Homepage

We got a certain amount of questions concerning record issues (e.g. how to find minimum performances) on the IGC homepage.

Résumé

Record flying is an important part in our sport activities. Our major aim is to ensure that record flying continues to be attractive, to open record flying to a wider group of pilots and to keep our sport attractive to pilots and to the media.

Our ongoing call is to all IGC delegates, to communicate this kind of record flying in their respective gliding federations (see amendment).

Continental Records are now established successfully. The work is mainly finished. We therefore logically propose to dissolve the Continental Records Working group.

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Amendments

a) “Set-Up of Continental Records”

The essentials are:

- The record categories, classes and types defined for world records apply also to CRs. The rules for world records and the procedures for their verification apply also to CRs.
- For CRs, part of the Russian Federation east of the 61° meridian will be assigned to Asia (*Annotation: This is due to a geographical and historical view. The 61° meridian - a proposal from the Russian gliding federation - is located east of the Ural Mountains*).
- Flights which cross the borders of CRs regions will be assigned to that region in which the start point is situated.
- The corresponding minimum performance published on the IGC Homepage has to be exceeded.
- All CRs are open to any pilot with a valid FAI Sporting Licence.
- A CR has **not** to be a national record

b) record list 2012 and 2013 attached on separate sheets