



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

First results

In our first year, from the 1st October 2011, we have had 20 record claims for continental records, 8 in Europe, 12 in Africa. This is a really pleasant result and stands for a successful IGC policy, creating and developing new possibilities for ambitious pilots. In the same period we have had 3 world record claims.

Continental records can be flown on six continents, Africa, Asia, Australia & Oceania, Europe, North America and South America. It would be desirable to have continental record claims on all continents.

Minimum performances

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 *Section 3: Gliding*. - last update 23. June 2012
The list consists of about 800 items. It had been a certain amount of work evaluating and implementing all national records lists. Many thanks are to all who contributed to compose the list. Special thanks are to Marcel Meyer, former FAI/IGC staff member, for support.

IGC Homepage

We got a certain amount of questions concerning record issues (e.g. how to find minimum performances) on the IGC homepage. It seems that there are some options for improvements.

Claiming process/IGC discuss

Several Continental Record flights could not be approved by IGC/FAI due to problems with the OO (official observer), respectively problems not to get the affordable authorization of the Controlling NAC! (see "IGC Discuss") This is hardly helpful to our intention to encourage record flying on all continents. Our rule making committees (Annex A committee, CASI) are requested to find practical solutions to these cases.

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.

To turn CRs into a real success story, it would be desirable to publish and to advertise this kind of record flying on our IGC homepage, in our gliding magazines and on our homepages from time to time to inform and encourage ambitious pilots.

Our call is to all IGC delegates to communicate this kind of record flying in their respective gliding federations.

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“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