

**PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2016
Year 2**

Proposed by Annex A Committee

It is proposed to make the following changes to the wording of SC3A 4.3:

4.3 CONTEST NUMBERS

4.3.1 The contest numbers, as validated by the Organisers, shall be displayed:

a. ~~On the underside of the right wing, approximately 2.5 m from the centreline of the sailplane with the top of the figures or letters towards the wing leading edge. The height of the letters or figures should be not less than approximately 80% of the wing chord.~~

a. On both sides of the tail fin and/or rudder. These ~~must~~ should be at least 30 cm high.

b. On the glider trailer and crew car.

4.3.2 Contest numbers shall consist of not more than three letters or figures or a combination of letters and figures in a plain block style with a single colour that contrasts strongly with the sailplane's background colour.

4.3.3 The Organisers may require competitors to modify contest numbers that they deem to be similar, confusing, of low contrast, or otherwise illegible, or not complying with this paragraph 4.3. Competitors not complying with the Organiser's requirements shall be denied competition launches.

~~Contest numbers on the sailplane and vehicles not only assist the Organisers and other competitors to identify the sailplane, but also enable the public and the media to identify the sailplane, the pilot, the crew and the country.~~

Reasons to support the Proposal:

The existing Annex A rule 4.3 was written when it was necessary to identify gliders in flight from the ground, and this is no longer the case. Also, in any modern incident investigation, identity information is established by the Flight Log.

This proposed modification to the rule retains the requirement for contrast and legibility, without specifying the precise dimensions. This will allow proper identification by observers when the glider is on the ground, and by other pilots when flying nearby.