

**PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2017  
Year 2**

**Proposed by Annex A Committee**

**It is proposed:**

To allow certified airframe parachute systems in place of personal parachutes

**This proposal affects:** SC3A para. 4.1.1b.

**Discussion:**

The current Annex A requires pilots to wear an approved personal parachute. At the 2015 13.5m WGC, the Local Procedures contained language that allowed pilots of gliders with approved airframe parachutes (Ballistic Recovery Systems) to compete without wearing a personal parachute. In many cases, if a personal parachute had been mandatory, the maximum mass limit would have been exceeded.

This is a proposal to make the following change:

Current wording:

- 4.1.1 b Each occupant of a competing sailplane shall use seat belt and shoulder harness and wear a serviceable parachute on each competition flight .

Proposed new wording:

- 4.1.1 b Each occupant of a competing sailplane shall use seat belt and shoulder harness. Each occupant must wear a serviceable parachute on each competition flight, unless the glider is equipped with an approved airframe recovery parachute system and the use of such a system is allowed by local regulations.