

Herewith I would like to file a proposal by Aero Club of Poland for upcoming 2014 IGC Plenum.

Proposal:

We propose to allow use of handicaps in 20-metre multiseat class in all categories of GC sanctioned events, including World Gliding Championships.

(Note: Exact wording to be written by the SC-3 Committee)

Rationale:

The main reason for handicaps use in the worlds is to allow non-flapped two-seaters to participate on a level surface with the more advanced ships which unfortunately are not available with manual rudder control (MRC). This deficiency actually precludes disabled pilots from competition at this level as they can't choose the newest gliders.

Multiseat class seems also to be the best to accomodate disabled pilots as they always have supporting person in their co-pilot. The problem is not so exotic as we could have seen during last EGC in Ostrow - a disabled pilot was close to podium at very advanced stage of the competition. Such inclusion (of WGC into hadicapped competitions) will also be meeting requirements of international conventions dealing with the rights of people with special needs (disabled).

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