

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2017

Year 2

Proposed by IGC Sporting Code committee

Delete LoH requirement on the Silver/Gold duration flight

It is proposed:

To delete the requirement for a maximum 1000m Loss of Height (LoH) on the Silver/Gold duration flight.

This proposal affects:

- Delete 2.4.4 in its entirety
- Delete reference to LoH in the Silver/Gold duration definitions (2.2.1b and 2.2.2b)
- The remaining control on the duration flight is one of timing, covered in SC3-2.4.1

Discussion:

The purpose of the duration flight as a badge achievement is to prove the pilot's ability to soar – to stay airborne for an extended period of time under changing flight conditions. The skills required to stay aloft for five hours is, for all practical purposes, independent of the launch height and consequent LoH.

The main benefit of the proposal is to simplify verification requirements and procedures for the controlling OO. The duration flight is often conducted without a FR/PR on board with no original intent prior to launch to attempt it, so this change eliminates the need of the OO to gather data from flight line logs or launch persons to establish a release height, which can be a problem, and is not accurate in any case.