

# PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2016

Year 2

Proposed by Germany

## It is Proposed:

To create an alternate Start procedure in which competitors are credited with a pre-determined start time. The alternate Start may be used with the Racing and Area Task; and the use of the alternate Start will be announced at Briefing and specified on the Task Sheet.

## This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section 3 - none

Annex A Rule – Section 7.4.4

Other - none

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## Wording for sc3 Annex A

### 7.4.4. Starting Procedures

#### d. Alternate start procedure.

**The competitor will be credited with one of a set of predetermined start times. First predetermined start time is the opening time of the Start, followed by additional start times every 15 minutes thereafter. E.g. second predetermined start time would be opening of Start + 15 min., etc.**

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#### Details:

Gliders may start any time after the first available start time (opening time of start line). The pilot will be given the predetermined start time immediately before the time the glider actually crosses the start line.

As before, the pilot will be credited with the most favorable Start time which in this case is the most favorable predetermined start time.

Recognizing that the alternate Start may lead to congestion at the Start, the start line may be extended, or the Start Ring may have a larger diameter.

#### Reasons already stated during Year-1 proposal:

If there are multiple start times, then the first of each group of finishers will be candidates for the winner, and spectators will have to compare the elapsed times of only very few pilots to determine the winner (except handicapped classes).

The alternate Start will reduce the motivation to start late and catch the early starters; as 15 min. is too long to use the early starter as thermal buoy from the distance and waiting some minutes only after any predetermined start time does not generate an advantage for a later start.

The alternate Start will also reduce the advantage to late starters who can use FLARM radar to track the early starters.

Multiple start times will break the gliders into groups, and this will reduce the number of large gaggles.