

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2017
Year 1

From Lithuania

Proposal:

We propose to include to the Annex A 3.4.3.a “a. Each NAC may enter the number of pilots approved by the IGC and specified in the Local Procedures. The limit is two entries per class **and one additional disabled pilot in any class with the glider with manual control** or 3 entries per class in Junior and Women Championships. In the 20 metre Multi-seat Class, only one entry (one crew) is allowed per NAC. A pilot withdrawing after the final entry deadline may be replaced by another pilot from the same country provided he/she is eligible according to the allocation procedure”

Reason:

For disabled pilots it is nearly impossible to represent their NACs.

- National regulations do not provide appropriate measures to make the competition for national team between pilots with disabilities and other pilots equal. Furthermore qualification for national team is often based not only on individual performance but on availability of the most competitive glider.
- Only a limited number of glider types is adjusted to the needs of disabled pilots thus it is simply impossible for them to take part in the qualification process on an equal basis with other pilots. This is due to the lack of access to the same equipment as the pilots without disabilities.
- In this light very limited number of participants in the classes during World and European Gliding Championships (e.g. only one entry per NAC in 20m Multiseat class during WGC) is another impediment.

There are no comprehensive (and effective) rules enabling the participation of disabled pilots either on international level (i.e. FAI-IGC), which makes them **unable to represent their NACs.**