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International Gliding Commission

Proposal by Aero Club of Poland

It is Proposed:

To allow use of a handicaps in 20-metre Multiseat Class in World Gliding Championships for gliders equipped with Manual Rudder Control piloted by a disabled pilot requiring such device. To make it applicable for 2014 World Gliding Championship it is proposed that this provision is included also in Local Procedures of WGC 2014 in Räyskälä.

This proposal affects:

SC3 Annex A, Local Procedures of WGC 2014 in Räyskälä

Reasons supporting the proposal:

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/flapped gliders. Multiseat class seems also to be the best to accommodate disabled pilots as they always can have supporting person, their co-pilot, on board.

The problem is not so exotic as we could have seen during last EGC in Ostrów - a disabled pilot was close to the podium at very advanced stage of the competition. Such inclusion (of WGC into handicapped competitions) will also be meeting requirements of international conventions dealing with the rights of people with special needs (disabled).

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