

INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

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Proposal submitted by: Belgium 02

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4.1.1

The competitors shall provide sailplanes, trailers, retrieve cars, and other equipment, including GNSS Flight Recorders, radios, **functioning FLARM**, oxygen systems, parachutes, and survival equipment of a performance and standard suitable for the event. **FLARM use is mandatory throughout the flights. Use of the Competition and Stealth modes are at the pilot's discretion. OGN registration is not mandatory. We also suggest competitors to temporally unsubscribe to the other tracking providers like, but not limited to, FlightRadar24, GlidePort.Aero, Skylines...**

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This proposal aims at reducing the tactical importance of FLARM in the current competitions. There is no text about this system in the current version of the Annex A to Section 3 - Gliding. On the other hand, all recent WGC Local Procedures included the mandatory use of the FLARM and the mandatory OGN registration (in Europe). Local Procedures should not require the OGN registration anymore and while the FLARM use should remain mandatory, for safety reason, its stealth or competition modes should explicitly be authorized. It would be the pilot's choice to use those modes or not.

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FLARM stealth or competition modes allow the pilots to still receive danger and imminent danger signals but almost completely prevent its use as a tactical tool. Doing so will allow the pilots to spend much more time heads up. OGN is an easy and cheap tracking system; but who really spends 5 or 6 hours behind his computer following the races (except Team Captains). WGC task formats are too long for that. Besides, the Grand Prix format exists and is much more appropriate, not only on the duration prospect, but also on the safety side, with the 20 participants limit. While FLARM was initially created to increase collision avoidance, it has become the best tool to form gaggles prior to the start and during the task, creating even more dangerous situations.

The proposal should be applicable from: As Soon As Possible

Sporting Code Volume: Annex A to Section 3 - Gliding

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Approved Amendment (if applicable):

Final Wording of Proposal:

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