INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

Submit the proposal via email to IGC Secretary.

Date: December 28, 2018
Proposal submitted by: Belgium 03

This proposal is a: 

[ ] Year-1 [ ] Year-2 [x] Other  

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Type the text changes in the space below (show deletions as strike-through and additions as bold underlined):
No change in the text, just take the adequate measures for it to be respected!

Type the reasons in the space below:
The current rules state that external aid to competitors is prohibited, but nothing is done at WGC/EGC level to control this. All we ask here, is that this existing rule should be respected. Organizers should staff a position, or two, within the organisation team that would specifically check the respect of this rule. The list of penalties should be amended to specify these infractions. Currently there is only one example that appears in the list of penalties: “Attempt to obtain external help for finding lift from non-competing glider or airplane”. See Belgium 13.
This measure should not be a year One or Two, as it is already in the Annex A. Organisers of the 2019 WGC’s and EGC’s should be notified that they must enforce it.

Provide supporting data or reference to external documents for the proposed technical amendments in the space below:
During the last summer WGC’s in Poland and Czech Republic, teams showed up with enormous antenna’s (legal) and frequency amplifiers (forbidden in Europe). This alone showed up the team’s intentions to provide long distance information to their pilots. If we do not stop this trend, the next step will be the presence of radio relay drones and motorhomes fully equipped with screens and engineers to guide our pilots through the tasks. Other forms of support have been used during those two last WGC’s like, but not limited to, cell phone calls, SMS, WhatsApp… Our sport sees very little sponsoring and cannot financially afford to follow this costly race between the national teams. Trying to tackle all the existing and future communication supports will prove to be difficult. But immediate simple measures like leaving the OGN registration free, only authorizing handheld radios on the airfield, … would seriously limit this ground support.

The proposal should be applicable from: As Soon As Possible

Sporting Code Volume: Annex A to Section 3 - Gliding
Heading of section: 5.3 EXTERNAL AID TO COMPETITORS
Number & heading of the paragraph: 5.3.1 to 5.3.2
Page number(s) if appropriate: Page 19

See the next page
Approved Amendment (if applicable):

Final Wording of Proposal:

Overall Votes Cast:  
For:  
Against:  
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Yes:  
No:  

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