It is proposed to introduce a procedure utilizing event marker function of IGC certified loggers in starting procedure of Annex A. Event marker is to be used by competitors to mark given start line crossing as their intended start what together with appropriate start interval should prevent following certain competitors by the others.

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Recent World Gliding Championships have shown again that we still fail to promote individual performance of competitors. Current rules still allow pilots to successfully follow leaders and build their score exploiting someone’s initiative and skills. This strategy turns some competition days into caricature of individual sport, which we want gliding to be, with dozen or more gliders departing shortly after competition leaders attempting to catch them up and turn a few minutes gap into their advantage.

If proposed procedure is in force competitors attempting to follow certain pilot will never know if his actual start line crossing is an intended valid start so if he pressed event marker or not. If followers assumed yes and pressed event marker and it turned out that it wasn’t valid start of the followed then, for example, 10 minutes interval between consecutive use of event marker will force the followers to postpone their next start until the moment that will render following impossible.

Basing on our national level experience we believe that introduction of this procedure will substantially increase sporting level of IGCs top events.

Provide supporting data or reference to external documents for the proposed technical amendments in the space below:

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