

# INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

Submit the proposal via email to IGC Secretary.

Date: 27.12.2018

Proposal submitted by: British Gliding Association

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No Current rule

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It is proposed that an option to the start rules should be incorporated that gives a points advantage to a competitors score depending on their start time.  
"Early bird bonus".

Purpose of the proposal.

Under current rules later starting competitors can gain a significant advantage using information gained from the earlier starting pilots. This encourages excessive start line congestion, waiting, leeching and gaggle flying. This advantage has been significantly increased by the availability of live position data.

Objective.

To reduce the value of information provided by early starters, therefore reducing the disincentive for individuals to start early if they think it appropriate.

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

Example of how the bonus could be applied.

For pilots starting in the first 20 minutes after start line opens no change in score. (Start free time)  
Pilots starting after the 20 minutes start free time will have their day score reduced by 2 points per minute elapsed between the start free time and their start time.

The start time points adjustment should be used in conditions where the information is most valuable such as blue thermal days.

This is a simple to apply rule and should not encourage gaggles forming as the penalty is progressive.

The proposal should be applicable from: October 2020

Sporting Code Volume: SC3 Annex A

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Heading of section: Part 7 Competition Procedures

Number & heading of the paragraph: 7.4

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**Approved Amendment (if applicable):**

**Final Wording of Proposal:**

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