INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

Submit the proposal via email to IGC Secretary.

Date: 30.12.2018
Proposal submitted by: IGC Bureau

This proposal is a: Year-1 X Year-2 Other mark the boxes with ✗ as appropriate

Type the text changes in the space below (show deletions as strike-through and additions as bold underlined):

Proposal to change the scoring calculation for AAT tasks in the Open Class.

It is proposed that pilots daily results in the Open class for an AAT task should contain a more proportionate reward for the distance a pilot flies than the current scoring formula allocates.

To include in Annex A an Open class AAT task with enhanced distance scoring to be called Distance Assigned Area Task (DAAT)

Type the reasons in the space below:

The IGC currently hold 7 WGC class contests for seniors and 5 WGC class contests for Juniors and women.
All the contests are scored with the same scoring formula except application of handicaps in the club class.
The 7 classes range from modest performance 13.5m and club class gliders to super performance open class.
All the scoring options available are based upon speed around a predefined circuit (AAT and AST)
The current scoring formula does not explore the potential to fly great distances with the higher performance gliders or provide rewarding options for pilots to use more of the available soaring possibilities. Increasing the reward for distance flown in the open class will encourage free thinking and encourage more flying for this class.
Adding a distant element to the Open class contest will provide greater diversity of flying and be attractive to many open class pilots.
More emphasis on pilot choice will reduce tendency for gaggles to form and reduce collision risk.

The distance flown during an AAT task is currently scored with all finishing pilots being given the maximum distance score regardless of the distance they have flown. This means there is no advantage to be gained for any pilot trying to fly more KMs than necessary in the designated time. Unless he is sure the extra KM's can be flown at a higher speed than the average already achieved.
The resulting philosophy of the task has become “to always fly just over the minimum time”. It is not logical that we should have a scoring system that inhibits initiative and individual creativity, especially for gliders that were basically designed for long and spectacular flights.

Provide supporting data or reference to external documents for the proposed technical amendments in the space below:
If the principle is approved there are a number of ways to increase the emphasis on the distance flown. It is proposed that possibilities listed below are discussed at the 2019 IGC plenum. The results of the discussion will be incorporated in the year two proposal.

1. A change to the scoring formula for AAT tasks by scoring finishers with the same calculation as none finishers.
2. The ratio of available points be changed to 750/250 ratio distance/speed for DAAT.
3. The enhanced distance scored task should be the only task during the Open class contest or alternated with AST tasks?
4. The Open class should normally be the 1st class to launch when using a DAAT

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The proposal should be applicable from: October 2020

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Approved Amendment (if applicable):

Final Wording of Proposal:

Overall Votes Cast: □ For: □ Against: □ Abstain: □

ADOPTED: Yes: □ No: □