

## PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2017

Proposed by IGC Bureau

Year 1

### Proposal

1. The **WORLD SOARING CUP** is to be awarded annually to the **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR**.
2. A Qualifying Competition is any FAI/IGC sanctioned World Gliding Championship that becomes valid in a given calendar year. The **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** will be selected from the Champions in all the classes in all Qualifying Competitions. The selection will be made subsequent to the conclusion of the final Qualifying Competition of the calendar year.
3. In each class in each Qualifying Competition,
  - a. The World Champion's Final Score (*FS*) is the final score of the World Champion;
  - b. The Maximum Possible Score (*MPS*) is the sum of the winning scores of every valid competition day.
  - c. The World Champion's Cup Score (*CS*) is:  $CS = 100 \times FS / MPS$
4. Each year, the World Champion with the highest Cup Score will be given the title of the **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** and awarded the **WORLD SOARING CUP**. Ties will result in Co-Champions.
5. The current **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** will surrender the **WORLD SOARING CUP** to FAI before the end of the final Qualifying Competition of the subsequent year. The **WORLD SOARING CUP** will be awarded to the new **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** at the earliest opportunity.
6. A historical record of the **WORLD SOARING CUP** will be kept in the FAI archives and every current and former **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** will be featured on the FAI website.

**This Proposal affects:**

SC3A 10.2

List of IGC Approved Awards

## **Discussion:**

This is a proposal discussed at the 2016 Fall Bureau meeting. It is initiated to find a suitable home for the **WORLD SOARING CUP**.

At present it is difficult to differentiate all of the World Champions for FAI/IGC WGC's held in a calendar year. In most calendar years as many as six IGC World Champions are crowned in their respective classes.

By using the calculation described above, it is possible to identify which World Champion, irrespective of class competed, achieved the highest possible percentage of awarded points in that competition. Example...if a pilot were to have won every day in their class at a WGC, they would have a score of CS = 100.

This proposal will create an incentive for all pilots to win the **WORLD SOARING CUP**, not just to be World Champion and win their class. The title of **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** is a prestigious accolade and will be sought after by every pilot competing in an FAI/IGC World Championship

The proposal describes the transfer from one winner to the next, but it is envisioned that the **WORLD SOARING CUP** could be awarded annually at either the IGC Plenary or the FAI General Conference.

FAI and IGC will promote the **WORLD SOARING CUP**. The **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** would be easier to promote our sport to the Press than trying to explain all of the World Champions identified under our current format of FAI/IGC World Gliding Championships.