

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2016

Year 1

Proposed by UK

Proposal for change to SC3 rule 2.2.1

During the recent changes to the Sporting code the requirement for 50km distance flight was changed restricting the start point to only the point of release. Previously for many years the rule allowed a 50km flight to start at the point of release **or** a designated way point.

The British Gliding Association propose that rule 2.2.1 (a) be changed with the deletion of the text "from the release point" and this text be replaced by "according to 1.4.2d"

Current rule

2.2.1

a. SILVER DISTANCE a straight distance flight of at least 50 km from the release point. The Silver distance should not be flown with guidance from another pilot.

Proposed rule

2.2.1

a. SILVER DISTANCE a straight distance flight of at least 50 km **as defined in 1.4.2d**. The Silver distance should not be flown with guidance from another pilot.

Rule 1.4.2 d

STRAIGHT DISTANCE A COURSE without TURN POINTS starting from RELEASE or a declared START POINT.

Reason for change.

For many years the sporting code has allowed a 50km flight for a silver distance from a remote start point or release point. This has allowed many clubs with significant geographical or controlled airspace constraints to create a 50km task that fits within these constraints.

The change to require a silver distance flight to start **ONLY** at the point of release is unnecessary and inconsistent with all other badge requirements.

It is particularly important for the IGC to promote soaring at this level by providing flexible options for clubs and NAC's to encourage pilots to make the first cross country flight safely.

To require a restricted start option for silver 50km is inconsistent with other badge requirement.

2.2.2 a. GOLD DISTANCE a distance flight of at least 300 kilometres as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.

2.2.3 b. DIAMOND DISTANCE a distance flight of at least 500 kilometres as defined 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.

It is our contention that the change is editorial and can take effect in the next published version of SC3.

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