Proposal from the British Gliding Association.

This proposal is for consideration at the 2018 FAI International Gliding Commission Plenum.

The proposal affects the calendar of cat 1 FAI/IGC events

It is proposed that:-

The period between WGC and CGC events be changed from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle.

Considerations.

It is widely viewed that we currently have too many championships. This creates the following issues for our sport.

- Insufficient competitive bids to ensure improving quality of our events.
- Difficulty in providing sufficient experienced officials to represent IGC interests and FAI requirements.
- Costs to NAC’s of participating in many events.
- Loss of publicity for any one event when numerous events take place in the same year.

There has been considerable discussion in recent years on the subject of the IGC championship structure. Solutions suggested include:-

- Amalgamating classes to fewer events.
- Reducing the number of participants in a class.
- Not holding WGC in certain classes.

Our championships are primarily for the engagement of pilots, none of the above solutions fairly reduces the number of events without impacting one group of pilots more than any other.

We believe that both pilots and NAC’s are ready for a change to less frequent events in each class and that the IGC calendar will be much more manageable with a three year cycle.

If this proposal is adopted the future WGC calendar would be.

2021 WGC 18m, open, 20m   JWGC and WWGC (this is already accepted)
2022 WGC, Std, Club, 15m
2023 JWGC, WWGC
2024 WGC 18m, open, 20m
2025 WGC Std, Club, 15m
2026 JWGC, WWGC

Bids to hold Continental Championships could be considered on a three-year cycle alternating with the WGC cycle.

Example;
2022   EGC 18m, open, 20m the same year as the WGC std, club, 15m.