

## **Report from the IGC Ranking List Manager for 2009-12-17**

In 2009 the Ranking List continued to grow with increases in the number of competitions from 75 in 2008 to 83 in 2009 and the number of pilots in the system from to 3400 in 2008 to 3956 in 2009.

The proposal to use the Ranking List as the basis for the filter in the event of over subscription to World Championships has once again prompted us to take a close look at the formula and respond to ideas sent to us by participating pilots. One of these ideas prompted the proposal listed at the foot of this report and requiring voting today.

The new procedures introduced in 2008 after the approval of Annex D have now been incorporated and seem to be understood and accepted by most organisers who read the instructions before entering their competitions.

Credit control is still an issue but we are hopeful that the procedures can be simplified in 2010 to reduce the amount of work required to ensure timely payment of sanction fees.

The subject of an entry related sanction fee structure was discussed during the last two IGC Plenum sessions At the end of 2009 the IGC Bureau approved changes to the sanction fee structure which use the number of entries for the basic calculation of fees. The system used since the inception of the RL was intended to be simple and easy to administer, however the system is now more mature and able to accept a sanction fee structure based on the number of entries in the competition.

The new sanction fee charges are based on a sanction fee of 4 euro per entry with a minimum of 100euro.

This change will reduce the cost of inclusion for many smaller competitions and we hope will result in many more contests being included in future years.

Of course as in previous years Junior National Championships are included free of charge.

We will continue with the very popular facility for a National Aero Club to enter all their Nationals classes together, The per entry rate will be the same as all other competitions but with a maximum charge of 500euro.

We also offer a facility for NAC's to enter all the contests in their country at a special all inclusive rate, we will provide an exclusive page for their pilots which will allow any participating NAC to use the IGC RL for local national ranking purposes.

For full details of prices and procedures go to the Ranking List web site "Enter competitions"

**New developments.**

**Virtual Glider Pilots Ranking List.**

We hope to have a functioning virtual ranking list by March 2010, the Virtual Ranking List we hope to have fully operational in time to include the results of the virtual competitions that will run alongside the World Championships in 2010.

**Juniors Ranking List.**

Prompted by Axel the 2011 Junior Worlds organiser we hope to have a dedicated Junior pilots Ranking List during 2010.

Please ensure your NAC has full details of how they can get their competitions on the Official International pilots ranking List, please ask them to get in touch with me if they require any further details or clarification of the new procedures.

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