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Australia proposes that the Junior World Gliding Championships and the Women's World Gliding Championships each be allocated to a site outside Europe at least once every 10 years provided a suitable bid is received. The JWGC to be allocated to a site outside Europe by 2015 and the WWGC be allocated to a site outside Europe by 2019.

Reason

These two world championships are now firmly part of the international gliding calendar. There is a tendency for these events to be focused on lower costs as a priority which means that allocation to a site outside Europe will be very difficult to achieve, effectively limiting opportunities for pilots outside Europe to participate. This also means that competitors are limited in experiencing some very interesting weather and cultural experiences.

One event outside Europe in every 5 cycles is representative of the spread of pilots outside Europe and ensures development of international competition across a wider spread of countries. It also means that countries can plan their selection and preparation to coincide with the changed schedule.

JWGC can be scheduled for 2013 [or 2015], and the WWGC for 2019 which ensures a spread of events outside Europe.

The IGC Bureau asks for an immediate application of the changes to Annex A in order to assure that this new version is used to manage the 2010 World Gliding Championships.

This proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section - Nil

Annex A Rule - Nil

Other - Nil