



CIVL 2017 PLENARY – ANNEX 15 PG ACCURACY COMMITTEE REPORT

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General situation

Paragliding Accuracy continues to grow and the number of 2nd Category competitions increases. During the year there were 60 2nd Category events in 26 countries, and it is positive to see some new accuracy countries such as Estonia and India. Many countries also run additional non-sanctioned competitions at national level.

Two 1st Category events were held during the year: the 3rd Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship and the 5th European Paragliding Accuracy Championship.

Paragliding Accuracy has been discussed as a discipline to be included in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic games, but this time we did not reach the goal. Paragliding Accuracy as an Olympic sport could inspire people and countries. We might have another chance for 2020 through the Asian community. This question needs to be discussed further in the discipline's development strategy.

Accuracy continues to be a safe sport. Serious accidents are rare but some smaller incidents have occurred during the competitions.

The Committee

The Paragliding Accuracy Committee has used Basecamp as the main communication forum. 29 persons have had access to Accuracy forum on Basecamp. Several items have been discussed during the year (see below).

Summary of activity since last Plenary

The Chair of the Committee, Violeta Masteikiene, stepped down from the position on November 1st and on November 2nd the CIVL Bureau appointed Riikka Vilkuna as new Chair until the CIVL Plenary 2017.

The structure of the Committee has been discussed on Basecamp as it is clear that Accuracy as a growing discipline will require more active persons from the CIVL to contribute in organizational work and in assisting future competition organizers.

SafePro Para

A new version of the SafePro Para program was provided for the Committee in the beginning of December. It suggests the IPPI stage 4 level as qualification criteria for 1st Category events.

Judging database

A lot of work has been done on the judging database in order to get the whole picture on how many judges at what experience levels there are within the discipline. There is a discussion going on about how the information is gathered, how we do the updates and how to improve

the system so that it becomes as user-friendly as possible. A Chief and Event judges list in under construction.

Judging training

There is a need to see over the judging training and one suggestion for the Plenary is a mandatory judging seminar in conjunction of 1st Category events. An annual schedule for judging seminars is also needed so that they can be announced in time for all who are interested to attend.

Suggested Section 7C changes

Judging code review

Some modifications to the Judging Code have been discussed such as Judges role as FAI officials, the NAC approval of Judges, judging seminars and qualification criteria to 1st Category events. The Judging code is suggested to be included in S 7C.

Target size

It is suggested that a 5 meter radius target is used in 1st Category events in the future.

Team size

It is suggested that it should be defined in Section 7C for World Championships as 5+2.

Other developments that can support future competition organizers

It has become apparent that there is a need to create a *template for safety briefings/team leader briefings*. This will keep the briefings concise and more understandable to those listening especially when the information is provided in more than one language.

There is also need to create a *template daily information/notice board* for 1st Category events. This would make it sure that all information is every day given to the pilots and team leaders and ease the work of the organizers.

CIVL should have a *standard program for scoring* available for paragliding Accuracy competition organizers. Today the organizer often develops a scoring system just for that specific competition.

Review of 1st Category event during the year

See Annex 11 of the Agenda.

World records

The two records made in December 2015 Dubai WAG are still under process.

Upcoming 1st Category Competitions and Bids:

Test event for 2017 9th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Vlora, Albania.
See Annex 11 of the Agenda.

Test event for 2017 4th FAI Asian Championships in Lopburi, Thailand will take place in May. A judging seminar will be held in conjunction with the event.

Bids for the 2019 10th World FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship.

Two bids have been received: one from Werfenweng, Austria and one from Vršac, Serbia. The bids are discussed on Basecamp. It will be discussed again during the Accuracy Open meeting before the Plenary.

Future developments

The Accuracy Committee will continue its work on supporting the development of Paragliding Accuracy discipline in new countries and through new competition formats.

There is a need for a longer-term development strategy of the sport. This also requires dedicated resources and support from the FAI for example in form of media support.

Judging database and a comprehensive database on other FAI Officials and experts who can assist new organizers is a must for the future.

We need to focus more on judging training seminars and a logical career path for Judges to create competent Chief and Event Judges base on all continents.

Continue to develop new ways to get more attention from the public, eventual sponsors and the media.

New competition formats

The committee has received information on Paragliding Series, Air Games Series and World Air Games and the discussions need to continue. These new competition formats are good initiatives but to make them productive reality requires a general strategy from the CIVL as well as human and financial resources.