



CIVL 2016 PLENARY – ANNEX 16 PARAGLIDING ACCURACY REPORT

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Annual Review

The number of 2nd category PG Accuracy competitions and pilots competing worldwide increased slightly in 2015 compared to 2014. The WPRS ranks 62 nations (up by 6 since 2014). During the past year Paragliding Accuracy is „booming “ in Asia. The nation with the highest number of PG Accuracy pilots ranked in WPRS (150 pilots) is Indonesia. No wonder that the 2015 World PG Accuracy Championship attracted the highest number of pilots in a Cat 1 event ever: 122.

PG Accuracy is a very safe sport, with no fatalities or serious incidents in 2015. Safety remains a priority however, and the rules evolve to ensure equipment and practices remain safe.

In general, our sport is in good shape: the rules (especially after the restructuring of S7c), judging, techniques, human resources, experience of organizers etc. are all very good in paragliding accuracy. Our future task – is to encourage and help organizers to promote the media and spectator appeal, through communication and better presentation of the competition.

During the recent WAG in Dubai, we held an extended meeting of some Committee members, pilots, organisers, judges and officials. It was generally agreed that **main task for PG Accuracy now is : how to increase media appeal and attract spectators**

Suggestions from this discussions, with guidance for future PG Accuracy competition organisers is summarized below:

- Live scoring (software to be developed).
- Live video & giant screen.
- Commentator – has to be professional and knowledgeable about the sport and interact with spectators.
- Sponsor opportunities – target mat, wind blades, scoring desk, etc.
- Go-Pro footage from competitors coming onto target.
- Productisation – ‘village’ around target – T-shirts, refreshments, souvenirs, flying related stands.
- Spectators allowed coming closer to target – in 10m, especially if measuring area reduced to 2m or 5m.

Action: Update bid document to mandate efforts to maximise media coverage, spectators and sponsorship opportunities: screen, cameras, live scoring, pilot profiles.

Action: Technical brief of above points to improve media/public appeal.

Action: Encourage demonstrations of Accuracy at events such as Coupe Icare and Stubai (Austria).

Action: Ensure PG Accuracy is promoted (by FAI) for inclusion in international multi-discipline events such as World Games, Bali Beach Games etc.

Action: Develop specification and budget for a reusable FAI (CIVL) mat to place under target, with FAI logos and spaces for sponsor logos and event logo.

Multi-discipline events

PG Accuracy can work with on a complementary/compatible basis, ie Parachuting Accuracy Landing & Canopy Piloting, Paragliding Aerobatics (share raft/target), Paramotoring (possibly), others – to be determined. FAI wants to develop World Series events. Paragliding Games could be a start point: Find organiser that can create a single event including Accuracy, Aerobatics and XC (or other disciplines). Start point could be in Mexico (SM).

Action: Identify NACs that can (and will) encourage organisers of different disciplines to work together.

WPRS highest ranked Male pilots

- Matjaz Sluga – Slovenia
- Matjaz Ferarich – Slovenia
- Anton Svoljsak– Slovenia

WPRS highest ranked Female pilots

- Nunnapat Phuchiong – Thailand
- Chantika Chaisanuk – Thailand
- Milica Marinkovic - Serbia

2015- 2016 First category events

- 2015 – FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Indonesia, Punciak, August 9th-17th.
- 2015 – WAG, UEA, Dubai, 1st-12th December.
- 2016 – FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Kazakhstan, Taldykurgan. May 27th- June 4th.
- 2016 - Practice Event, FAI World Accuracy Championship, Albania, 10th-14th May (Second category event).
- 2016 - FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Lithuania, 10th-17th July

Bids for FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2017

Bids for FAI European (Slovenia) and Asian (Thailand) Paragliding Accuracy championships will be presented.