



2013 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEX 1

JOINT HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING OPEN MEETING REPORT

AG welcomed delegates, SC members and observers.

Chairs: SM & OE.

SM: Explained that this is not strictly a SC meeting, but an open meeting to present and discuss the proposals that have been agreed by the SCs previously. If necessary, the SC members present will meet later to discuss any possible amendments or modifications to proposals. During the Plenary, delegates are free to push their own amendments.

1. Assessing all aspects of Category 1 events.

The Hang Gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees should be allowed to assess all aspects of bids.

Proposal:

In S7a 2.3.5 and S7b 2.4.5 “safety” in the title and “with regard to safety” in the text should be removed so the appropriate subcommittee can assess all aspects of Cat 1 bids.

Comments/Remarks: None

Proposal requires 2/3 majority vote to pass

2. Bidding procedures for Category 1 events.

See [Annex 14](#).

The aim is to give SCs more time to assess bids and get questions answered, or to allow bids to be improved, before the Plenary.

Comments/Remarks: None

Proposal requires 2/3 majority vote to pass

3. Live tracking

For safety purposes, live tracking should be mandatory from May 1st, 2014 in Category 1 events cross-country events and test events.

In 2013, live tracking is strongly recommended in these events.

Proposal:

Add a rule in S7a and S7b stating:

From May 1st, 2014, live tracking is mandatory in Category 1 events cross-country events and test events.

Comments/Remarks:

It was noted that Live Tracking can, not only enhance safety, but is also a useful tool for promoting the sport to a wider public. The technology is fast moving, but is not yet efficient enough for scoring purposes.

It was agreed that there are some areas of the world where mobile phone signal coverage is not reliable enough for effective operation (some areas of USA and Australia, for example).

There is some concern among the HG community that mandating Live Tracking may deter some potential bidders either for location or cost reasons. Costs are estimated at around €4000 for a 10-12 day competition of 120-135 units, ie around 30€ per pilot.

FAI commented that there are other initiatives under discussion in other commissions. And it is an FAI aim to present our sports better. Live Tracking is an essential part of this. USA suggested an amendment whereby Cat 1 bidders can apply to be exempted from the mandatory rule. This would be discussed by the relevant SC with the bid.

The HG-SC and PG-SC agreed to amend the original proposal as follows:

From May 1st, 2014, live tracking is mandatory in FAI Category 1 cross-country events and test events. Organisers may request an exemption at the time of bidding, which would be considered by the relevant subcommittee.

*A rule will be added in S7a (2.17.15) and S7b (2.18.14).
Proposal requires 2/3 majority vote to pass*

4. Allocation procedure

For allocation purposes, to avoid confusion in communication and in NACs estimations of the number of pilots they can send, local regulations should give indications of the approximate expected number of pilot per team.

Proposal:

To add at the end of S7a 3.2.2. and S7b 3.2.1.

The Local Regulations will state how many pilots per team are approximately expected.

Comments/Remarks: None

The proposal requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass

5. Minimum age

Although considered by the Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee, the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees think that creating a "youth" class or imposing a minimum age in XC Category 1 event is irrelevant.

Comments/Remarks:

RH: Some commissions/disciplines have a minimum age to be able to fly, which is younger than the minimum age to hold a licence.

AG: Don't need a rule for a minimum age. If a pilot has a licence and the relevant competition then s/he can enter a Category 1 event.

No change to any document. No vote required.

6. Asia-Oceania championships

The Hang Gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees support the definition of a new Continental region in Category 1 events, "Asia-Oceania", to include Australia, New Zealand and Pacific islands.

If the Plenary agrees, the FAI CASI President will be asked to give his approval.

No change in Section 7 needed.

Comments/Remarks:

This was regarded as a positive step towards encouraging more Asia-Pacific championships, with higher attendance.

The proposal requires a simple majority vote to pass

7. Software

The Plenary has to decide whether to keep GAP as it is – a single entity –, or to create a "GAP hang gliding" and a "GAP paragliding" scoring rules.
The name "GAP" might be changed, at least in GAP PG 201x and GAP HG 201x, or in CIVL PG 201x and HG 201x scoring rules.

The Hang Gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees support the creation of 2 GAP, with names GAP PG 201x and GAP HG 201x.

The proposal requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Comments/Remarks:

Attendees were reassured that there would be no adverse effects from this proposal or for any other proposal.

It was agreed to publish a document that will help Officials and meet organizers to understand how nominal parameters are set in Category 1 events, together with the scores, to give the background that could help others including organizers of Category 2 events. This document could be included in the new Organiser Guidelines document (in progress).

AG outlined the general philosophy behind SW proposals in annex 24b, to be discussed mainly in the Software Working Group meeting.

i) Speed rank used to calculate time validity.

ii) Stopped task general procedure.

iii) Stopped task validity.

Scoring stopped tasks needed some clarification, particularly with respect to stopped task validity. This is a classic difference between HG and PG. Trying to get information from PWCA scorer on how it is implemented for PWCs in order to better align the scoring programmes. More detail in SW WG meeting.

iv) Distance point.

v) Nominal launch.

vi) No pilot in goal.

vii) Arrival points.

Also changes proposed in devaluation formulas for nominal launch & no pilot in goal. Arrival points: option to give altitude bonus to encourage pilots to arrive high.

viii) Leading points.

Leading points: proposal to improve how these are distributed.

ix) Parameters to be set by organizers.

Parameter settings: Some technical parameters (different from nominal parameters) can be pre-set automatically for Cat 1s. Clarification.

x) GPS distance measurements.

xi) GPS altitude measurements.

GPS distance: need to look more closely at how to adjust for error. FAI/CASI has decided to go with the WGS84 ellipsoid.

HB: Altitude bonus: GPS error in height/altitude will affect this feature.

It was noted that this requires attention to avoid protests, and may mean specifying which type of instrument can or cannot be used for scoring purposes. Even the same model instruments may show differences. To be addressed by the Software Working Group.

General comments:

It was agreed that there should be some formalisation of how new features and software releases are tested, such as simulations run against previous championship results. Proposed new features should also be supported by simulations to prove their inherent feasibility, prior to voting.

It was agreed that new features and software releases agreed at the Plenary should only be scheduled for introduction in a Cat 1 championship the following calendar year, and they should be thoroughly tested in Cat 2 competitions in the interim.

Attendance List

Gudmundsson	Agust		AG
Barker	Hamish	Australia	HB
HAN	Zhaofang	China	HZ
Askirk	Niels Jørgen	Denmark	NJA
Torkelsen	Scott	Denmark	ST
Caux	Raymond	France	RC
Malbos	Stephane	France	SM
Mathurin	Didier	France	DM
Dimiskovski	Goran	FYR Macedonia	GD
Buntz	Harald	Germany	HBu
Guitierrez	Juan Manuel	Guatemala	JMG
Toralla	Guillermo	Guatemala	GT
Untung Setiawan	Andika	Indonesia	AM
Wahyu	Yudha	Indonesia	YW
Oka	Yoshiki	Japan	YO
Hussin	Gimas	Malaysia	GH
Haznain	Ngamil	Malaysia	NH
de Keijzer	Koos	Netherlands	KdK
Ellefsen	Oyvind	Norway	OE
Nygaard	Knut Kåstad	Norway	KKN
Jaxa-Rozen	Jedrzrej	Poland	JJR
Jondzic	Ugljesa	Serbia	UJ
Ovuka	Zeljko	Serbia	ZO
Erzen	Igor	Slovenia	IE
Scheel	Martin	Switzerland	MS
Urs	Dubach	Switzerland	UD
Harris	Brian		HB
Calvo	Burns	United Kingdom	CB
Labrador	Lorenzo	United Kingdom	LL
Joselyn	Louise		LJ
Pagan	Dennis	USA	DP
Shelden	Jamie	USA	JS