



**CIVL 2017 PLENARY – ANNEX 23M**  
**BUREAU PROPOSAL**  
**FAIRNESS AND SAFETY IN XC FOR LIGHT-WEIGHT PILOTS**

**Fairness and safety in Cross Country 1<sup>st</sup> Category events for light-weight pilots...**

... has been discussed for many times in Committees and Plenaries. Light-weight pilots have been complaining that their smaller gliders – when any are available – are not as competitive as the larger ones. Pilots have been known to choose larger gliders and ballast themselves under them so they could remain competitive.

The most visible answers to this double issue of fairness and safety are:

- Ballast definition, limitation and control (now in Section 7B 8.3.4).
- For paragliders, mandatory certification of XS gliders to respect the CIVL Competition Class (CCC) requirements.

Both solutions have reached their limits. Ballast rules are not applied as strictly as they could, XS paragliders of the CCC 2014 generation are not satisfactory although certified.

On this complex subject, CIVL Bureau wants to initiate the discussion and see if alternate solutions can be imagined, like modification of the ballast rule or specific championships for light-weight pilots iso for women.