WPRS, « de-sanctioned » competitions, Sporting Licenses

Comment

2015 and 2016 have seen a number of Category 2 competitions appearing on the FAI calendar and then disappearing, sometimes just before the competition takes part, because they are ‘de-sanctioned’ on the request of the organizing NAC or by FAI (the NAC being suspended). CIVL Bureau believes that in such cases pilots should not be penalized. Hence, CIVL Bureau has decided that since it was elected, last February 21st, all competitions that appeared on the FAI calendar would be taken in account for CIVL World Pilot Ranking System (WPRS), whether the competition was sanctioned or not when it took part. The Bureau decision takes effect immediately but will have to be confirmed or rejected by the coming plenary.

Currently and for many years CIVL has been:
1- Accepting in its Second Category Events pilots without FAI Sporting Licences,
2- Scoring – or not – in its WPRS pilots without FAI Sporting Licences.

Our rule needs clarification.

For 1, the Bureau is pushing a proposal to change the General Section of the Sporting Code. See Annex 24a.

For 2, the Bureau believes that only pilots with Sporting Licences should be scored in the WPRS and is proposing the following clarification (in red) to reorganize Section 7.

Proposal

Current text
The WPRS is a system designed to rank all pilots who fly in FAI sanctioned competitions around the world. A separate ranking is produced for each of the flying disciplines of hang gliding and paragliding. Each ranking is calculated from the results of FAI sanctioned competitions using the current WPRS formula to give each pilot ranking points. Nation rankings are calculated by aggregating the individual WPRS points of a specified number of pilots from each nation. Rankings are also currently produced by Continent. See: http://civlrankings.fai.org/

Amended text
The WPRS is a system designed to rank all pilots with FAI Sporting Licence who fly in competitions that have been at one time FAI sanctioned. A separate ranking is produced for each of the flying disciplines of hang gliding and paragliding. Each ranking is calculated from the results of FAI sanctioned competitions using the current WPRS formula to give each pilot ranking points. Nation rankings are calculated by aggregating the individual WPRS points of a specified number of pilots from each nation. Rankings are also currently produced by Continent. See: http://civlrankings.fai.org/

Added text
Missing from 2015 Section 7 text (forgotten):
Separate rankings per year (from October 1 to September 30) can be produced. Separate rankings per class of age (e.g. under 26) may be produced.