



**CIVL 2018 PLENARY – ANNEXE 18**  
**SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**

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Two approaches used in 2017 to enhance safety are worth highlighting and further development.

First, Pilot Safety Forms were widely used at the Hang Gliding World championships and proved very effective to learn about and deal with safety issues that pilots encountered. Issues such as crowding before the start gates and aggressive flying were communicated to the organisers in a way that allowed real time correction of the issues. This was seen as so important that to encourage the use of the forms, a pilot's score was not posted (no penalty) until they or their team leader provided their safety form input.

Second was the required use of live-trackers. Having a dedicated staff member, typically the scorekeeper, monitoring the real time live-tracking allows the early detection or confirmation of issues such as a downed pilot. In one case, this allowed the Safety Director to quickly and effectively direct emergency response assets to a downed pilot that was a significant contributor to the pilot's survival of the incident.