Issue and Discussion:
In 2017, for the first time, a defending champion requested to use her ‘Wild Card’ right as per Section 7 Common 2.5.2: ‘Current World and Continental Champions, male and female, shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry, providing they have NAC approval. But they shall not score for their national team.’

Bureau was asked if the following Section 7A rule meant that the host nation would also have an extra spot. It decided against it. This decision is subject to the plenary’s approval. If the plenary approves, Section 7 has to be adjusted as follows:

Proposal:
Section 7A 2.3.2 says:
‘The host nation shall have the opportunity of entering the same number of pilots as the top nation, except that in mixed championships they may not enter males as substitutes for females with places allocated under the 1 + 1 rule.’

Add:
‘Current World and Continental Champions, men and women, who are allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry, are not taken into account in the number of pilots of the top nation.’

Section 7C 2.3.5 says:
‘The host nation shall have the opportunity of entering the same number of pilots as the top nation, except that in mixed championships they may not enter males as substitutes for females with places allocated under the 1 + 2 rule.’

Add:
‘Current World and Continental Champions, men and women, who are allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected as part of the national entry, are not taken into account in the number of pilots of the top nation.’