Issue and Discussion:
For a long time no exemptions were possible for pilots that did not fit in our ‘eligibility to compete’ criteria. It was too rigid. We relaxed our rules and created a Screening Committee in charge of checking exemption requests. Somehow, it did not work as expected:
- Some pilots thought that it was just another regular way to get qualified.
- Tasks given to the Committee were too many.
- Some members of the Committee did not always deliver as expected.
It is time to adjust and rewrite.

Proposal:
Section 7A says:
2.2.5 Procedure for Checking Qualification
Qualification is to be checked by four parties to avoid unnecessary travel, expenses and disappointment in the event that a pilot’s entry is rejected due to not meeting the qualification criteria:
- The NAC or National Association/Federation before selecting their pilots.
- The competition organiser.
- The CIVL Screening Committee.
- The pilot.
It is each pilot’s responsibility to make sure he is qualified.

2.2.6 Exemptions
For any exemptions to pilot qualification requirements, applications must be made by the pilot’s NAC, with supporting evidence of the pilot’s international competition history. It is the responsibility of the NAC to ensure this is received by the CIVL President at least 60 days before the start of the competition.
The list of exempted pilots is published on the organisers’ website.
When a pilot has competed in a Category 1 event after gaining an exemption, that pilot shall not be eligible for further Category 1 events unless he meets the normal qualification criteria.

2.2.7 CIVL Screening Committee
A Screening Committee is appointed by CIVL Bureau for each championship. It consists of three persons, preferably one representing the pilots, one representing the team leaders, one representing the bureau.
The Screening Committee shall:
• Check that entries accepted by the organiser meet eligibility to compete criteria. Notify organisers promptly of any that do not so that he may advise the NAC of the possibility to apply for an exemption.
• Review applications for exemptions. Request additional information if necessary. Make decisions with safety in mind and inform NACs and organisers.
• Check that the allocation process is run according to the rules.

Before reviewing exemption applications, the Screening Committee will discuss and decide the standard of pilots for whom exemptions may be granted. Such standards may be significantly different from one event to another, e.g. for a hang-gliding Sport Class or a Class 2 event. The Screening Committee may modify the exemption form accordingly.

The Screening Committee will ensure that the correct exemption form is available on the organiser’s website.

The application form must include a clear statement of support from the NAC confirming that it believes that participation in the championship by the pilot will not affect the safety of either that pilot or other participants.
Exemption forms which include additional material for consideration may be accepted but any that omit requested information may be rejected.

Replace by:

2.2.5 Procedure for Checking Qualification
Qualification is to be checked by four parties to avoid unnecessary travel, expenses and disappointment in the event that a pilot’s entry is rejected due to not meeting the qualification criteria:
• The NAC or National Association/Federation before selecting their pilots.
• The competition organiser.
• The CIVL Steward
• The pilot.
It is each pilot’s responsibility to make sure he is qualified.

2.2.6 Exemptions
Requesting an exemption is not just another way to be qualified. Exemption to pilot qualification requirements may be given only under exceptional circumstances.
For any exemptions, applications must be made by the pilot’s NAC, with supporting evidence of the pilot’s international competition history. It is the responsibility of the NAC to ensure this is received by the CIVL President at least 60 days before the start of the competition.
The list of exempted pilots is published on the organisers’ website.
When a pilot has competed in a Category 1 event after gaining an exemption, that pilot shall not be eligible for further Category 1 events unless he meets the normal qualification criteria.

2.2.7 CIVL Screening Committee
A Screening Committee is appointed by CIVL Bureau for each championship. It consists of three persons appointed by CIVL Bureau in agreement with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.
The Screening Committee shall:
- Review applications for exemptions.
- Request additional information if necessary.
- Make decisions with safety in mind and inform NACs, organisers and CIVL President.

Before reviewing exemption applications, the Screening Committee will discuss and decide the standard of pilots for whom exemptions may be granted. Such standards may be significantly different from one event to another, e.g. for a hang-gliding Sport Class or a Class 2 event.

The CIVL Steward will ensure that the correct exemption form is available on the organiser’s website.

The application form must include a clear statement of support from the NAC confirming that it believes that participation in the championship by the pilot will not affect the safety of either that pilot or other participants. Exemption forms which include additional material for consideration may be accepted but any that omit requested information may be rejected.