Issue and Discussion:
The FAI Sporting Licences scheme has been a subject of discussion for a few years now. It will be discussed again at this plenary. The issues are many:
   1. General organisation of the Sporting Licences: What are they for? Who should issue them; for how long; for which discipline and at what price?
   2. Technical problems of the Sporting Licences database. How to make it better?
   3. Enforcing current Sporting Licences rules.
This proposal addresses point 3.
CIVL Bureau is frequently contacted by NAC coming up with issues like Sporting Licences controls (or non-control), publication of results, pilots without Sporting Licences being ranked in the WPRS, etc.
CIVL Bureau had to define, as the issues were submitted, its policy regarding rules, their interpretation, their enforcement.
The following proposal is a global description of what the CIVL position is at the current time, a reminder of the rule, how we interpret it and how we enforce it.

Proposal:
Section 7 Common says:
2.5.4 Sporting Licence
Each competitor shall hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence issued by the NAC he is representing or by FAI.
FAI Sporting Licences must be registered online.
FAI Sporting Licences will be checked online before the start of the competition.

12.1.5 Sporting Licence
In Second Category events a competitor must hold a current FAI Sporting Licence.

12.6.4 Responsibility
Where a 2nd Category event is not organised by or on behalf of a NAC (e.g. Paragliding World Cup events) the hosting NAC is responsible for ensuring that results are submitted on time by the Competition Organisers.

13. The World Pilot Ranking System
The WPRS is a system designed to rank all pilots who fly in competitions that are or have been FAI sanctioned 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/

Replace by:
2.5.4 Sporting Licence
In First Category events, each competitor shall hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence issued by the NAC he is representing or by FAI.
FAI Sporting Licences must be registered online. Only online Sporting Licences are valid.
FAI Sporting Licences will be checked before the start of the competition by the CIVL Jury President. They must cover the total duration of the competition.
It is each NAC responsibility to select only pilots with valid Sporting Licences.
It is each pilot’s responsibility to make sure he has a valid Sporting Licence.

12.1.5 Sporting Licence
In Second Category events, each competitor shall hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence.
FAI Sporting Licences must be registered online. Only online Sporting Licences are valid.
By signing the competition application form to obtain the Second Category Event status, the NAC agrees that it is their responsibility for making sure that all pilots have a valid Sporting Licence.
It is each pilot’s responsibility to make sure he has a valid Sporting Licence.
An NAC has the power to forbid pilots without valid Sporting Licences to take part in the competitions it has sanctioned.

12.6.4 Responsibility
It is the NAC’s responsibility to make sure that the results are correct and submitted on time.
Where a 2nd Category event is not organised by or on behalf of a NAC (e.g. Paragliding World Cup events), the hosting NAC is responsible for ensuring that the correct results are submitted on time by the Competition Organisers.

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Each ranking is calculated only from the results of FAI sanctioned competitions. *Results received by CIVL are deemed to be correct and all pilots will be ranked accordingly. The current WPRS formula gives each pilot ranking points. Nation rankings are calculated by aggregating the individual WPRS points of a specified number of pilots from each nation.
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Under exceptional circumstances, CIVL reserves its right to allow WPRS ranking points from competitions that have not been FAI sanctioned.