



Dansk Hanggliding &
Paragliding Union

Att. President Stéphane Malbos
Proposal for CIVL Plenary meeting 2018

No minimum numbers in HG Cat2

We will propose to have the minimum numbers for Cat 2 changed, to what we have decided in the past. We propose to have nearly the same rules, as after the qualification change, where we removed the 2/3 rule in 2012. After the qualification change the wording in S7a was as this:

4.3.1 Minimum Numbers (in 2012 was PG and HG in to different S7)

The minimum number of competitors required to validate a Category 2 event shall be stated in the Local

Regulations for that event but shall not be less than 6 in both Sport Class as well as Class 5 events.

After the big rewriting of S7 2 years ago, we were surprised to see that the decision we made few years before, was removed. We tried to have it corrected when the rewriting was on the agenda, but it was lost in the big paperwork after the plenary meeting and the wording went as this:

12.5.1. Minimum Numbers

12.5.1.1. XC Competition

Paragliding and Hang gliding Class 1: The minimum number of competitors required to validate a 2nd Category event shall be no less than 10 pilots.

Hang gliding Class 2, Class 5 and Sport Class: There is no minimum number.

We will propose to change it to this wording:

12.5.1. Minimum Numbers

12.5.1.1. XC Competition

Paragliding: The minimum number of competitors required to validate a 2nd Category event shall be no less than 10 pilots.

Hang gliding: There are no requirements for minimum number of competitors. But a minimum number can be stated in the Local Regulations.

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Reason / background

We do not always have 10 pilots to our competitions, due to the weather forecast or other reasons. From 2011 there were not any minimum numbers of pilots to validate a Cat2 HG XC competition. In the new "streamlined" section 7 in 2016, where HG and PG have been merged to common documents, it was changed to 10 pilots.

We do not need to have a minimum number in XC competitions, if there are few pilots in a comp, the WPRS will take care of it.

If we set the minimum number of pilots to 10, there will be some competitions there will not be valid and we will see that there will be organizers who don't dare to take the risk, of not having enough participants to validate the competition and if they do, the pilot will maybe not get any (few) WPRS points. Why should we prevent organizers to have a small Cat 2 and develop it to a major CAT1 event by the years?

It hard to see the difference from a competition there will be 'de-sanctioned' at the request of the organizing NAC or by FAI (since NAC is suspended) and CIVL Bureau believes that in such cases, pilots should not be punished. Isn't it the same for pilots flying a comp with less than 10 pilots, if we don't go back to the former rules?

