

Proposal for CIVL Plenary February 2018

The FPVL proposes updating the Sporting Code Section 7D to differentiate launch type for PG and HG Record flights.

## **Background**

Launch type can significantly affect a record flight, for example a pilot launching from a small 300m ASL hill early in the morning will have a significant disadvantage to another pilot that in the same conditions launches from a helicopter at 3500m. Just the advantage gained on the initial glide to the same 300m will give him a dozens of km advantage, also the time of launch can be moved forward. This also applies to launching with a winch.

In general these launch methods will significantly affect records of "Straight distance" and "Straight distance to a declared goal"

## **Proposal**

Therefore we recommend a distinct launch type record classification for those types of flights. We propose adding a new item to the FAI Sporting Code Section 7D:

- 3.2.1.1 Launch type distinction for "Straight distance" and "Straight distance to a declared goal"
- Foot launch
- Airborne launch (from helicopter, balloon, D-bag, Roll over, etc)
- Winch



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The FPVL proposes implementing short term non sanctioned competitions and WPRS

## **Background**

Due to the characteristics of paragliders and hang gliders they are very sensitive to weather. So organising competitions at least 30 days in advance, as is mandated for FAI sanctioned competitions, often creates competitions which end up with no or very few flying days. To counter this, many organisers opt for setting tentative competitions which are only confirmed a couple of days prior to the set date, or have several possible dates choosing to use them according to weather forecasts. Unfortunately the current regulation does not include non sanctioned competitions in the WPRS ranking system.

## **Proposal**

Modify the WPRS editors note:

"A pilot can be ranked in any of the rankings based on his participation in sanctioned competitions."

"A pilot can be ranked in any of the rankings based on his participation in sanctioned or CIVL approved competitions that use the GAP formula as specified in 2.5"

In the Common Section 7 (chapter 13):

"Under exceptional circumstances, CIVL reserves its right to allow WPRS ranking points from competitions that have not been FAI sanctioned."

should be changed to:

"CIVL reserves its right to allow WPRS ranking points from competitions that have not been FAI sanctioned."

Also, to discourage organisers from replacing cat 2 competitions for these non sanctioned competitions the fee should be substantially higher, 3x entry fee with a minimum of 100€.