Proposal Switzerland
Junior class in Paragliding

We propose:
- To include the pilot's age in the current or in a new WPRS ranking system prior to Dec 2019.
- Adjust the software, to produce junior class results (same as Women results as an excerpt of the ranking) prior to Dec 2019.
- Junior class shall be called U-25 (under 25 years old) in paragliding. This can be different for accuracy and aerobatics.
- Add following to Section 7 and Section 7a
- Add "Junior" in the Result Template for Cat 2 Events

Section 7

2.5.12.1 Cross Country Competition
The Individual and Team winners are the pilot or team with the highest score at the end of the competition. See Section 7A-5.
Add: "Junior":
"The Individual, Junior and Team winners are the pilot or team with the highest score at the end of the competition. See Section 7A-5."

13. THE WORLD PILOT RANKING SYSTEM
Add:
"Junior rankings are calculated by aggregating the individual results of Pilots of following age:
- XC Competition 25 years (U-25)
- Accuracy Competition 23 years (U-23)
- Aerobatics Competition 23 years (U-23)
The age is determined by the calendar year in which the pilot has his birthday."

Section 7A

2.1 Entry
Add (Paragliding only):
"For Junior Category Title the minimum number of Pilots is 8 from 4 different Nations (Continental Championships: 3 different Nations)."
. The age for this category is determined by the calendar year in which the pilot has his 25th birthday.

2.3.1 Mixed Championships
Add:
There is no minimum quota for Junior Pilots in a Team.

Add at 5.2.4:
Junior task ranking
A junior task ranking is generated by exclusively listing junior pilots, with the score they achieved in the overall task ranking. Junior pilots with the same score are ranked in the same position. See Section 7A 2.1.

Add at 5.2.5:
Junior competition ranking
The junior competition ranking is generated by exclusively listing junior pilots, with the score they achieved in the overall competition ranking. See Section 7A 2.1.

Explanation:
It is important to have an internationally recognized junior class to get financial support from the government. Almost all other sports have a junior class in order to support young talents. As many countries have a minimum age for paragliding, the junior category needs to be different to other sports. Our proposal is that the Junior class should include pilots until they get 25 years old (calendar year).

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