

**CIVL 2024 PLENARY – ANNEXE 17
SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**

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INCIDENT REPORT - ACCURACY

Just one incident report was related to Accuracy: a stall above target. The outcome was a broken vertebrae with no severe consequences for the pilot.

Unfortunately these data are not sufficient to make an analysis

INCIDENT REPORT - XC

Received reports	
Paragliding	24
Hang Gliding	2
Total	26

Injuries			
	None	Minor	Fatal
Paragliding*	16	3	1
Hang Gliding	-	2	-
* 4 unknown			

Rescue		
Launches	Injured	Uninjured
19	0	19

Paragliding - Main causes



Hang Gliding - Main causes

Hard Landing

ANALYSIS

Background

The incident reports data collection is essential to identify dangerous trends and correct them BEFORE a serious accident occurs but it is still very low.

General

This year we only received 26 reports so it is hard to make a deep analysis. Nevertheless we can see 3 main issues

1. Few reports

It is not a new problem but we really need to increase the data collection. The complexity of our sport is raising and if we want to prevent safety issues we need to see them in advance. So it is important for all of us to stress on the importance of incident reports. Pilots must be aware that it is their own interest to share this kind of information. Organizers must not be scared to "ruin" their competition. A good share of information will increase everybody's safety

2. Mid air collisions

25% of the reported PG incidents started from a mid air collision, one of the most dangerous things which can occur in flight and that pilots should avoid at any cost. Fortunately none of the involved pilots get hurt but we need to work on this.

3. Rescue

Pilots are well aware that the parachutes are an option and that they work pretty well. All rescue deployments ended with no injuries for the pilots involved. In the fatal accident the pilot had a collapse and a cravat and spiralled to the ground. From the report he did not try to launch the rescue.

PROJECTS

New incident report form

We are going to insert in the EMS a very simplified incident report that organizers can fill in a few minutes with essential data.

New result's publication policy

We can ask the organizers who send the results without any incident report to explicitly DECLARE that there were no accidents in their competition. On this question maybe we should vote.

“Low drag harnesses” Working Group

The 2023 was the first PG season that saw a spread use of “low drag harnesses”. After the first competitions some issues raised: visibility, back protection, instrument access, heating... Maybe also some incidents were related to these new harnesses,

For these reasons a WG has been created. The goal is to write a set of guidelines for manufacturers to improve the safety of the competition harnesses. This document is not intended to limit the design but to keep the gear's evolution inside the ethos of the discipline.

Thanks to Bill Hughes and the inputs of the main companies involved in this kind of production we now have a good draft. I think we can have the first official issue quite shortly.

EHPU incidents database

Right after the plenary in Porto we ask EHPU to use their system to collect data about Cat 1 and Cat 2 competitions.

Unfortunately the cost to create this section (between 5 and 10.000 euro) is very high compared to our needs and the project has been stopped.