



CIVL 2024 PLENARY – ANNEXE 25H
PROPOSAL TO CREATE A SPORTS CLASS RANKING SYSTEM

CIVL Bureau

Background

Sports class competitions are increasing in number and popularity. There is the SRS, multiple sports class competitions sponsored by manufacturers, and many others around the world. Clearly sports class competition is something many pilots find attractive, and CIVL's job is to provide support and governance for the entire sport, not only the "top end" competitions.

Currently there is no world ranking system for sports class pilots. This proposal directs CIVL to establish a ranking system, regulations and a framework for Sports Class so that as it continues to grow, it does so in a fair and consistent manner.

Many pilots are not ready to advance to CCC-class competitions or have been flying CCC competitions but now prefer to step back and compete on "milder" equipment. This proposal would facilitate the growth of competitions for these pilots and serve as a valuable tool for nations to retain and grow pilot involvement in competition at all levels.

Proposal

- Direct the Bureau to create a separate Sports Class ranking system. For now, we will refer to this as the SPRS (Sport Pilot Ranking System). This will be a consistent and fair tool that Sports Class pilots can use to gauge their performance, and that organizers can use for selection purposes.
 - Pilots accumulate points in the SPRS when they fly a competition on a Sports Class wing (defined below). The same competition also generates points for the existing WPRS ranking as is the case now. Sports Class WPRS points may be accumulated in any competition that allows Sports Class wings to be flown, even "CCC" competitions.
- Modify S7 to create the new SPRS as described above.
- Direct the Bureau to create a working group to propose solutions to the above and continue to work on anything required for this proposal to be enacted. These recommendations would be delivered to the CIVL Bureau (who would also be collaborating in the process). For example:
 - The committee would determine the formula for generating SPRS points, similar to the existing formula for determining the WPRS points that a particular competition creates.
 - The committee would define how pilots initial SPRS rankings are determined. For example: perhaps their WPRS points for the past 'n' years where they were flying Sport Class wings are migrated over.
 - The committee may want to propose and pass rules specific to Sports Class competitions. For example, a rule on whether to allow "fully enclosed" (Submarine-style) harnesses in Sport Class competitions.

- For now, “Sports Class” will be defined as competitions restricted to pilots flying wings rated EN-C and below, with the additional limitation that the wing’s flat aspect ratio must be less than 6.7.
 - The committee may want to propose modifications to this, such as requiring speed limiters.