United Kingdom: Proposal 1 for CIVL Plenary 2024

INTRODUCTION:

This proposal is about Category 2 Event fees & free use of the AMS system

Since its introduction the AMS has been given as a free to use tool for event organisers. However, in order to fund the administration and development of the AMS system the cost of registering an event for FAI2 has increased first from 1.0 to 1.5, and then in 2022 from 1.5 entry fees to 2.0 entry fees. For 2024 it will be proposed to increase this fee again.

FACTS

In 2023 there have been 388 events registered. However, 58 of these events have no FAI status. Additionally, many of these events are not hosted on the CIVL platform, only listed, with their registration elsewhere (Airtribune, Livetrack24, PWCA, FFVL, Spain and many more).

FAI CAT 2	Used AMS for Registration
330 events	167 events

Non FAI	Used AMS for Registration
58 events	35 events

It could also be argued that the introduction of the AMS platform by an organisation that has global authority of the sport and then creating and giving a system for free that was already commercial available is breaking international laws for Anti-Competitiveness and Monopolies.

At the very least there is the fairness issue where many of the organisers of FAI events are paying for platform they are not using. 15% of the organisers are not contributing in any way at all, despite FAI resources being used to manage and host them.

Furthermore, by limiting the ability for external platforms to exist it also stifles new developments within the sport.

PROPOSAL:

- To introduce a fair system of charging for events as per other platforms and as historical in the sport.
- Any events published in the CIVL system be charged a fee at current competitive rates, which in the period 2017 – 2023 was 2€ per confirmed competitor.
- This funding should be used to offset future increases in event registration and, if there is a projected surplus, to reduce the existing cost of registering an event for FAI2.