

United Kingdom: Proposal for CIVL Plenary 2024

INTRODUCTION:

This proposal is to reduce the entry requirements to participate in Paragliding XC for FAI 1 events (European and Worlds)

The current limit to be able to participate in a FAI I PG XC World and European events of being among the top 700 pilots in the FAI ranking means that many countries do not have enough places to form a team of 3+1 pilots.

Further, the current requirement for 40 points in a single event, as an alternative to top 700, is mismatched both to similar event types and between the two selection methods. They should be reduced to 30 points.

The current restrictions are very punitive to women's participation and thus also impact a nations Team representation.

The minimum standard is set to ensure a sufficiently high level of participation to ensure a pilot is safe to compete at FAI 1 level.

FACTS:

Ranking Score, women (Worlds)

- Scoring minimum 40 points, there are just **9** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Worlds.
- Scoring minimum 30 points, there are **18** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Worlds.
- Scoring minimum 25 points, there are **21** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Worlds.

Ranking Score, women (Europeans)

- Scoring minimum 40 points, there are just **6** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Europeans.
- Scoring minimum 30 points, there are **10** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Europeans.
- Scoring minimum 20 points, there are **15** nations that qualify to send a woman to the Europeans.

December 2023 WPRS used.

PROPOSAL:

- To reduce from 40 points to 30 points for a single event for FAI 1 Worlds
- To reduce from 40 points to 30 points for FAI 1 Europeans.

Current wording

2.2.2 Paragliding

In the 24 months before the ranking reference date, which is 3 calendar months before the championship starts, a pilot has to have either:

- For World Championships, ranked in the top 700 in the World WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 40 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.
- For European Championships, ranked in the top 700 in the European WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 40 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.
- For other Continental Championships, ranked in the top 1500 in the World WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 20 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.

New wording

2.2.2 Paragliding

In the 24 months before the ranking reference date, which is 3 calendar months before the championship starts, a pilot has to have either:

- For World Championships, ranked in the top 700 in the World WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 30 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.
- For European Championships, ranked in the top 700 in the European WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 30 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.
- For other Continental Championships, ranked in the top 1500 in the World WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 20 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.