

United Kingdom: Proposal 4 for CIVL Plenary 2024

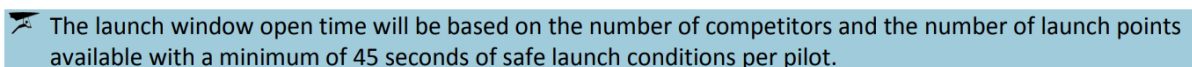
INTRODUCTION:

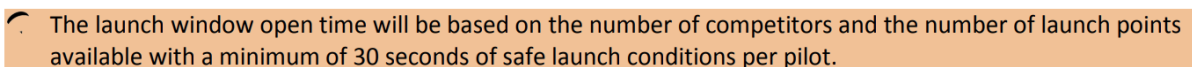
Presently the Launch Window for Paragliding is selected by allowing each pilot 30 seconds to launch. This is unrealistic for competitions and competitors and should be increased to 1 minute. Further, an additional 10 minutes should be allowed in the calculation to allow the last pilot a sporting chance to make the start gate.

Similar consideration should also be given to the Hang glider rule which currently allows 45 seconds.

3.3.2 Launch window Open Time.

The Task Board shall state the minimum length of time that the launch window must be open for the task to be considered valid.

 ✎ The launch window open time will be based on the number of competitors and the number of launch points available with a minimum of 45 seconds of safe launch conditions per pilot.

 ✎ The launch window open time will be based on the number of competitors and the number of launch points available with a minimum of 30 seconds of safe launch conditions per pilot.

EXAMPLE:

130 pilots and 4 launch slots, which is not unrealistic for a typical paragliding event.

This would demand:

$$130 / 4 = 32.5$$

$$32.5 \times 0.5 \text{ minute} = 16 \text{ minutes } 15 \text{ seconds.}$$

This is barely enough time for the first to take off to get to the start, let alone the last to launch. It is typical in this sport to have a 1 hour window, or in exceptional competitions 45 minutes.

DETAIL of Proposal

To change the time given to the launch window from 30 seconds per pilot to 1 minute per pilot, plus an additional 10 minutes for sporting fairness. Additionally, this entire period must be BEFORE the start gate.

For example:

130 pilots again, and 4 launch slots would be

$$130/4 = 32.5$$

$$32.5 \times 1 \text{ minute} = 32 \text{ minutes } 30 \text{ seconds}$$

$$32.5 + 10 \text{ minutes} = 42 \text{ minutes } 30 \text{ seconds.}$$

This is entirely representative of reality.

PROPOSAL:

- 1) Increase the time per PG pilot to 1 minute
- 2) Add 10 minutes for Sporting fairness
- 3) The full period must initially be allowed before the Start gate