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.

**EXAMPLE:**

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

This would demand:

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\frac{130}{4} = 32.5
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32.5 \times 1 \text{ minute} = 32 \text{ minutes} 30 \text{ seconds}
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32.5 + 10 \text{ minutes} = 42 \text{ minutes} 30 \text{ seconds}
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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

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\frac{130}{4} = 32.5
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32.5 \times 1 \text{ minute} = 32 \text{ minutes} 30 \text{ seconds}
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32.5 + 10 \text{ minutes} = 42 \text{ minutes} 30 \text{ seconds}
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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