

Proposal Portugal

Enhancing Communication Clarity in XC Competitions

Abstract: The proposal addresses a critical issue in paragliding competitions - the ambiguity and potential confusion caused by VHF radio communications, particularly regarding the status of the task (whether it is ongoing, canceled, or stopped). This ambiguity can lead to safety concerns and misinterpretations among pilots. The proposal aims to introduce a standardized communication protocol to ensure clear and unambiguous transmission of task status.

Proposed Solution:

- Introduce a standardized communication protocol wherein the use of the words "canceled" or "stopped" is prohibited by pilots in open radio communications. Only the organizer may use those words.
- Pilots seeking information about the task status should use the specific phrase "Task Status".

Amend Section 7A :

Add the following paragraph to 4.5.3

The use of the words "Cancelled" or "Stopped" are forbidden by pilots, only the organizer may use those words. A pilot wishing to know if a task has been stopped or cancelled may request the "Task status". If the task is neither canceled nor stopped the response must not contain the words "Cancelled" or "Stopped".