

Proposal to Create a Handicap Committee

Proposal by Annex A Committee

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It is Proposed:

To create a Committee to take responsibility for the evaluation, review, and publication of glider handicaps. The new Committee will be free to include any glider type in the handicap list, but will not have authority to decide whether any particular glider type should be allowed in any handicapped class. The new Committee will publish handicap data on the FAI website, and effective dates for changes to the handicap list will be subject to the approval of the Plenum.

Documents and Paragraphs affected

Handicap data (not rules) will be published on the FAI website. The set of gliders that are allowed in the Club Class, with their handicaps and reference weights, will continue to be published as an appendix to Annex A, under the new title: "IGC Club Class Handicap List."

Discussion

The annual discussion of handicaps consumes more time than it should, and this problem will get worse as the 20 meter-2 Seat class grows in popularity. It is the position of the Annex A Committee that:

- a) the evaluation of glider performance for the determination of handicaps is outside the Annex A Committee's charter; and
- b) the rules regarding the weights, configuration, modifications, and scoring formulas in handicapped classes should remain in Annex A; and
- c) the list of gliders allowed in the Club Class should be the responsibility of the Plenum, with guidance and recommendations from the Annex A Committee and the proposed new Committee; and
- d) the list of gliders allowed in the Club Class should be published in Annex A.