

Paragliding Accuracy Open Meeting Report

Plenary Annex 4

Attendances:

1. Stephane Malbos (FRA)
2. Violeta Masteikiene (LTU)
3. Said Agroum (ALG)
4. Yoshiki Oka (JPN)
5. SandorKaszas (HUN)
6. Adel Hanti (ITA)
7. Patty Didyasarin (THA)
8. GP CaptVeerayuthDidyasin (THA)
9. Igor Erzen (SLO)
10. Wahyu Yudha (INA)
11. Scott Torkelsen (DEN)
12. Alberto Castagna
13. Uglesha Jondzic (SRB)
14. Barbara Sonzogni
15. Ekaterina Seliverstour (RUS)
16. Aikra Mutazono (JPN)
17. Elsa Mai (TPE)
18. Andy Jaka Jozen (POL)
19. Claudia Mejia de la Pava (COL)

President Opening Speech

1. IPPI Card. President informed PGA that CIVL is working for IPPI card issue now. In some countries it is difficult to get them issued to pilots. It impacts to pilots to join FAI competition.
2. Software Development. President offered PGA to develop the software for accuracy discipline, if PGA needed it. It could be for scoring system, etc.
3. Future of WAG. President asks PGA to maintain the performance for every WAG to be more interesting.

Chairman Report

1. Number of Cat. 2 competitions is still increasing: From 43 (2011) to 70 (2015).
2. Pre Event Asia Championship 2015 in Kazakhstan, was great, everybody working hard to prepare for the Asian Championship.
3. Pre Event European Championship 2015 in Lithuania was held in very difficult weather conditions, but safely and ready to include pilots from other continents too.
4. WPAC 2015 in Indonesia was running smoothly. With record number of pilots 122.
5. WAG 2015 in Dubai was challenging. Chairman proposes to have Diploma for part of organizing and judging team.
6. No fatalities for PG Accuracy during the years.

7. Judging questions

- With competition coordinator discussed and agreed to implement the new order in terms be more in touch about the judging situation in Cat. 2 competitions. The organizer after sending application for Cat. 2 events must contact or will be contacted by competition coordinator to PGA member to provide the information about the Judges qualification and other details. (So far in Chairman).
- Include in a recommendations for organizers information about recommended daily stipendium for a judges - 20 euro per day. (20x2 for CHJ, 3 judges 3x20, video and score recorder – 2x20 – 140 Eur. per day). It would help the organizer to plan the budget and attract the potential judges.
- Chairman proposed to have judging conference. Everybody including president supported the idea to Organize the Judging conference to upgrade and equalize level of judges. Agreed to talk with organizers of the World championship in Albania 2017 to be able to host experience judges from over the world.

Presentation from Thailand

Presentation was accepted and supported by majority.

Recommendations:

1. To find more attractive items to attract more people coming.
2. Airport transfer was proposed to be included in registration fee.
3. Proposed to change the location of HQ and pilots accommodation. Instead choosing sparsely populated area to move in a nearby situated old capital Ayutthaya. (5 km difference)

Proposition for Changes in S7C

3.2.1 Launch Intervals

Pilots will be launched at timed intervals to ensure adequate separation during final approach and landing, according to the conditions. The launch interval shall be 1.5 minutes between pilots (unless specified by the Local Regulations) adjusted by the Launch Marshal.

Proposition to Add: *If the launch interval is less than 1.5minutes, a competitor may choose a 1.5minute interval only if he is concerned that he will catch up the previous competitor.*

Refused. Arguments: *Difficult to control. It's not solving the problem but make it double.*

3.2.3 Final Round

When the Meet Director calls the final round (which may be Round 12 or an earlier round if, due to time restraints, the Meet Director declares in advance that this will be the final round of the competition), pilots shall launch in reverse order of their current competition position.

Proposition. new formulation

3.2.3.1 Reverse Order

The Meet Director may choose to start any round, after the first round, with pilots launching in reverse order of their current competition position, providing it is announced to all pilots such that they can travel to the take-off area in sufficient time to prepare.

Agreed

3.11 Out Landings

A pilot landing outside the target area must report to the Judging Team as soon as possible. Failure to do so may invalidate any claim for a re-flight.

Refused proposition change to:

A pilot landing out of sight or out of shouting range from the Judging team must report to the Event Judge, Meet Director or Launch Marshal as soon as possible. Failure to do so may invalidate any claim for a re-flight.

Agreed on changes: A pilot landing outside the measuring field must report to the Judging Team as soon as possible. Failure to do so may invalidate any claim for a re-flight.

3.4.6 Judges' Discretion

At Judges' discretion on the grounds of a technical problem or abnormal conditions. This may be a failure with equipment (e.g. a broken steering line or a big tuck during the flight) which is not a result of the pilot's poor pre-flight check, or massive sink such that a pilot is unable to reach the target or arrives with insufficient height to make a reasonable final approach. A re-launch may be authorized provided that the pilot did not attempt to fly to the target in the first flight.

Refused proposition: *The competitor may indicate (point or call out) the problem as he lands.*

Proposed adding: And make a signal that must be described in LR.

4.4.1 (Measuring Field) Size

The minimum radius of the measuring field shall be 5 meters.

Refused proposition:

The minimum radius of the measuring field shall normally be 5m. This may be reduced for showcase events.

Agreed on changes: The minimum radius of the measuring field is 5 meters. If the organizer wants to have less than 5 meters, it must be described in LR.

5.2 Scoring

A scoring system that has been approved by CIVL will be used for competition scoring.

A scoring system shall be tested at a major competition before it is used in a 1st Category event.

A score given to a competitor shall be expressed in centimeters to the nearest whole number.

Agreed changes:

A scoring system should be linked to a 'live scoring' facility, preferably online, but also displayed for spectators in the landing area. This will become mandatory from 1 January 2017.

5.1 Competition Validity

For the championship to be valid, at least three rounds must have been scored.

No more than twelve scored rounds are allowed. The Local Regulations shall state if less than twelve rounds are programmed.

Agreed changes:

For a competition to be valid, at least three rounds must have been scored for a Cat. 1 event, and minimum 1 for a Cat. 2 event.

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5.4.6 Tied Scores

In the event of any ties between the first three individuals both (or all) will have an additional tie-breaker flight.

Agreed on changes:

If, due to weather conditions or time constraints, tie breaker flights cannot be flown, the pilot with the highest number of 0cm scores will be declared the winner of the tie break. If they are the same, the highest number of 1cm scores will be considered, then 2cm scores, etc.

Problem faced: Concept Definition

In S7C several words with different meaning so there is a need to define the words.

Measuring Field is 500 to 1000cms,

Electronic Pad is the Target, but if you talk about the “target area” you are talking about the “Measuring Field”.

Landing Area is the whole area including the Measuring Field and the Target (Electronic Pad).

Amendment: Provide a description for inclusion in S7C.

Presentation from Slovenia (Bid for European Championship 2018)

Presentation was accepted and supported by majority.

Recommendations:

- Negotiate with local authorities about Slovenian national rule of a mandatory IPPI Level P5 for all participants. To make possible to participate usual pilots level (IPP 5, 4)
- Have an entry fee lower than 300€ .

World Air Series

Chairman presented the concept. Violeta start working on it and invites all to participate actively with ideas.

Ongoing Questions.

Report from Poland – (Andy)

Last year there was a judging seminar there. After the teaching and buying an electronic measuring system, Poland held 3 competitions with about 20-30 pilots participating. Everybody is happy about a new active country in the PG Accuracy family.

Proposition from Violeta

To have a new titled championship as Women Paragliding Accuracy championship every two years.

Discussed and suggested to organize Women’s Paragliding Accuracy World Cup (Cat. 2 competitions).

Proposition from Russia

To have Youngsters competitions.

Proposition was not presented to subcommittee. In generally subcommittee is supporting the idea to involve young people in a sport. Possible competition in Youngsters World Cup format. Age limitation depends on each country’s law.