

CIVL Joint PG Accuracy & Aerobatics Subcommittee Meeting February, 2009 – Hall, Austria

Minutes

Attendance List:

Jurij Vertacnik, Slovenia (chair)	Iris Vogt, Austria (chair)
John Aldridge, UK	Thomas Brandlehner, Austria
Louise Joselyn, UK	Dimitrios Papakounadis, Greece
Ioannis Myrianthopoulos, Greece	Raymond Caux, France
Zdravko Jakop, Croatia	Rasmus Rohlf, Denmark
Yoshiki Oka, Japan	Hakan Cici, Turkey
Uga Jondzic, Serbia	Adem Hesezi, Turkey
Ivaylo Bogomilov, Bulgaria	Elsa Mai, Chinese Taipei
Dennis Pagen, USA	Stéphane Malbos, France

I. ISSUES REFERRED BY CIVL BUREAU

1. Continental competitions: Should there be some flexibility in the year they can be held? Currently in years alternate to World Championships. Should this be strictly adhered to? (CIVL IRs must be followed – no change to rule that bids should be received 60 days before the CIVL meeting two years ahead of the competition).

Agreed to accept HG/PG recommendation

2. Safety & Training:

Deferred to separate SC meetings

4. S7A, B & C to specify the issues that will attract financial penalties for non-performance in 1st Category events. These must be measurable and provable.

Reason: FAI recommendations.

Elsa Mai would like to join WG set up to further this.

5. S7A, B & C and OA to include provision for an extra visit by the steward at a specified time before the event, at the organiser's expense, when it is necessary to confirm that recommendations have been followed.

Reason: arising from Serbian PG Euros experience.

Discuss other checks and measures that could be implemented.

Agree with HG/PG committees

III. RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FROM SPORTING CODE SUBCOMMITTEE

8. S7C, 2.4.3 The Total Period – amend heading to read “**Duration of Championship**”, replace existing wording with “The total period of the championship shall not exceed 14 days, including the opening and closing ceremonies. Competitors are subject to all rules relating to championship flying throughout this period, whether flying a task or not. ”

Reason: FAI advice to ensure the Competition and Safety Directors can exercise control throughout this period.

OK to both

9. S7C, 2.3.4 Practice Event – add new paragraph:

Organisers of all practice events (including Pre-WAG) are to apply for Category 2 status for these events (Chapter 4).

Reason: to clarify responsibility.

OK to both

10. S7C, New paragraph 2.17.2 – All Flying Banned

Both the Competition Director and the Safety Director have the power to ban flying from the site if a task or day is cancelled due to dangerous conditions.

Reason: FAI recommendation to aid safety.

OK to both

11. S7C, New paragraph 2.17.6 – Pilot Competence

Both the Competition Director and the Safety Director have the power to exclude from the championship pilots who do not demonstrate the necessary skills for safe launching, flight or landing.

Reason: FAI recommendation to aid safety.

OK to both

12. S7C, 2.16.7 Collision Avoidance

Clarify the reference to “International rules of the air”.

Reason: request to FAI > can you send me a copy of the "International rules of the air" mentioned

> in the SECTOR 7C - CLASS 0 PARAGLIDING ACCURACY CLASSIII 2007 Edition

> (Chapter 2.19.7 "Collision avoidance" - pag. 20).-

OK to accept HG/PG recommendation

13. S7C, 4.4 Results

Insert “any available” in front of “unofficial results” in 4th line.

Reason: these results are not always available.

Insert new paragraph “All results should have the CIVL ID number for each pilot recorded. The following formats are acceptable for input to the WPRS:

An Excel format (.xls or .csv) file with the results in the following order:

Name (First name followed by family name) Nation (IOC abbreviated codes)

Total (score) FAI_licence (number) CIVL_Pilot_ID

PDF files are not acceptable.”

Reason: these are the only formats that can be input to the WPRS database without manual reformatting by the CIVL Competition Coordinator.

OK to both

14. S7C, 7.1.3 Method and Timing of Payment [sanction fees]

In third paragraph delete wording after “announced” and insert “in the CIVL approved local regulations for the event”

Reason: current wording does not reflect what actually happens; LRs are often approved by the Bureau to meet deadlines specified in other S7 rules.

At end of third paragraph add “Any unpaid sanction fees, FAI officials’ expenses and any performance financial penalties may be deducted from these entry fees.”

Reason: to include the reason this measure was introduced and to provide for the introduction of performance penalties.

OK to both

Discussion:

- This was the first joint meeting of Aerobatics and PG Accuracy which provided an interesting opportunity for discussion. There seems to be good synergy between the two disciplines, more so than between Accuracy and XC or Aerobatics and XC.
- The pre-World Air Games provided an excellent showcase for both events, and showed that the disciplines are highly complementary. A common target – the raft on the lake – is a great showcase for media attention.
- Iris Vogt confirmed that Aerobatics competition organisers had started to discuss the possibility of adding an Accuracy element to their events – running the events side by side, and adding Accuracy landings to Aerobatics routines.
- Villeneuve and Omega would provide suitable venues. More discussion needed on minimum raft size, costs, sharing judges etc. Also possibility of using lakeside landings for Accuracy instead of raft.
- Discussion of how to encourage other nations to start running Accuracy events.