

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2014

Year 2

Proposed by Annex A Committee

Proposal:

To delete the Maximum Start Height.

This Proposal affects:

Annex A para. 7.4.4, 8.7

Discussion:

Last year the Plenum voted to allow the Organisers to impose a maximum altitude before the start opens, with the provision that any altitude limitation be removed after the opening of the Start.

Approval of this Year 2 proposal would cause the following changes to Annex A, with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

Proposed changes to Annex A

7.4.4 **Starting Procedures** The start shall normally be opened 30 minutes after a launch has been offered to the last sailplane in the class that is currently being launched. This time period may be reduced to 20 minutes if the distance from the center of the release area to the Start Point or Start Ring is less than 15 km.

- a. The time of opening of the start shall be announced by radio. The radio procedures for announcing the start shall be detailed in the Local Procedures.
- b. A maximum altitude (QNH) may be imposed prior to the opening of the start and shall be announced by the Organisers. The Organisers must describe the altitude procedures before start in the Local Procedures. The altitude(s) shall be specified at the briefing. At the time of opening the start this altitude limit shall be deleted. Failure to record at least one fix below the specified altitude limit after the start is open will be penalized.

~~the Organisers may:~~

~~(i) Keep the altitude limit unchanged; or,~~

~~(ii) Raise the altitude limit to an altitude at least 300 m below the main cloud base; or,~~

~~(iii) Delete the altitude limit.~~

8.7 LIST OF APPROVED PENALTIES

Type of Offence	First Offence	Subsequent Offence	Max Penalty
Incorrect Start			
Between 0 and 0.50 Km from the start line or Ring	50 pts	50pts	50pts
More than 0.50 km from the start line or Ring	No valid start	No valid start	No valid start
Starting above the altitude limit	1 pt/m	n pts/m	Day Disqual.
Never below altitude limit after start opens	No valid start	No valid start	No valid start