



**CIVL 2025 PLENARY – ANNEXE 39 Q**  
**PROPOSAL SPAIN: DIVIDE JUNIOR CATEGORY INTO U-22 AND U 26**



### **Proposal 4 – Spain**

In Spain, as it may happen in other countries, pilots who achieve remarkable results in FAI Category 1 events (World and European championships) are recognised by the government (in our case, the Ministry of Sports) as “High Level Sportsman/woman”. This condition generates certain benefits (professional, educational and fiscal) to the pilots who are recognised as such.

According to our laws, in the case of Spain, junior competitors can obtain this recognition when they fulfil the requirements, and their age is between 15 and 22 years old. Therefore, for pilots to benefit from this regulation there must exist a U-22 category. The junior category in the FAI for Paragliding goes up to 26 years old, so the Spanish pilots who won the silver and gold medals last year in Tolmin have not been able to apply for this recognition, that will be very valuable for study purposes especially.

We propose that an official U-22 category is created, maintaining the U-26. the objective is very simple to implement, to create an Under-22 category with its medals and podium within the FAI I Junior event.

On the other hand, the Spanish government also gives a financial support to pilots who win medals in FAI Category 1 events (World and European championships). The regulations on this matter also establish that the financial support will not be given in case that the junior category is higher than U-23.

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