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PROPOSAL BRAZIL: PG SPORT CLASS RANKING



Proposal – PG XC Sports Class Competitions

Background

Sports class competitions are increasing in number and popularity. There is the SRS, multiple sports class competitions sponsored by manufacturers, and many others around the world. Clearly sports class competition is something many pilots find attractive, and CIVL's job is to provide support and governance for the entire sport, not only the "top end" competitions.

Currently there is no world ranking system for sports class pilots, and the existing "overall" ranking makes no distinction between competitions that allow all wing types and competitions that are restricted to "lower" wing classes. This proposal directs CIVL to establish regulations and a framework for Sports Class so that as it continues to grow, it does so in a fair and consistent manner, and make sure that the current, "overall" WPRS ranking continues to function as originally intended.

Many pilots are not ready to advance to CCC-class competitions or have been flying CCC competitions but now prefer to step back and compete on "milder" equipment. This proposal would facilitate the growth of competitions for these pilots and serve as a valuable tool for nations to retain and grow pilot involvement in competition at all levels.

The Proposal

- Create a separate Sports Class ranking system, the SPRS. This will be a consistent and fair tool that Sports Class pilots can use to gauge their performance, and that organizers can use for selection purposes.
 - Pilots accumulate points in the SPRS when they fly a competition on a Sports Class wing (defined below). The same competition also generates points for the existing WPRS ranking as is the case now. Sports Class WPRS points may be accumulated in any competition that allows Sports Class wings to be flown, even "CCC" competitions.
 - Sports Class only competitions will also generate both SPRS & WPRS points

- Modify S7 to create the new SPRS as described above.
- Make the ad-hoc Sports Class working group a permanent committee.
 - The committee may want to propose and pass rules specific to Sports Class competitions. For example, they may decide to not allow “fully enclosed” (Submarine-style) harnesses.
 - The committee would determine the formula for generating SPRS points, similar to the existing formula for determining the WPRS points that a particular competition creates.
 - The committee would define how pilots initial SPRS rankings are determined. For example: perhaps their WPRS points for the past ‘n’ years where they were flying Sport Class wings are migrated over.

- For now, “Sports Class” will be defined as competitions restricted to pilots flying wings rated EN-C and below, with the additional limitation that the wing’s flat aspect ratio must be less than 6.7.
 - The committee may want to propose modifications to this in the future.
- To create the initial ranking and to build up the SPRS, initially the SPRS formula will be the same as the WPRS formula. After the SPRS ranking is well populated, the committee may consider creating a separate SPRS ranking formula that factors in a pilots Sports Class ranking when calculating competition validity.

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