

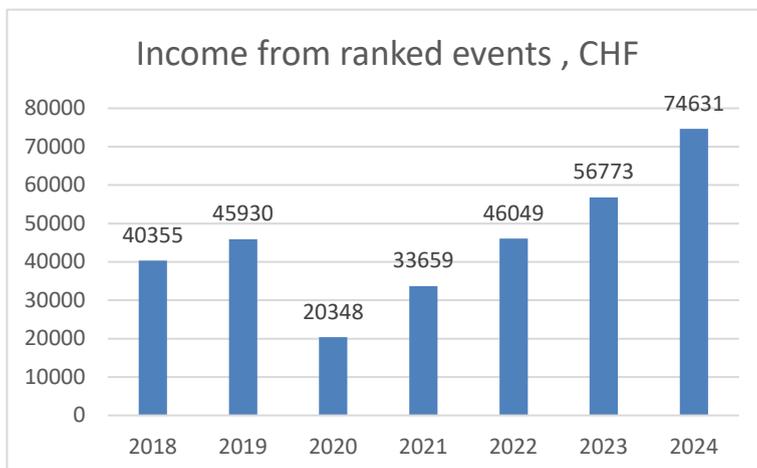


## 2025 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEXE 6 CIVL President REPORT

### 1 MAIN ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST PLENARY

The number of events and average number of pilots are up versus 2023. 359 vs 327 applications were sanctioned and 368 vs 316 events ranked. Revenue is up accordingly.

Cross-country Paragliding accounts for the majority of both the number of events and the revenue. It accounted for 63% of all CIVL income in 2024. Events became more expensive in 2024.



#### ***Category 1 Events***

17th FAI European Paragliding Championships, Spain

May 21 - Jun 1, 2024

Pegalajar, ESP

11 days, 10 tasks, 1 rest day.

135 participants

2nd FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Championship, Korea

Jun 5 - Jun 16, 2024

Mungyeong, KOR

9 days, 7 tasks, 2 cancelled days

110 participants

1st FAI Junior World Paragliding Championship, Slovenia

Aug 18 - Aug 31, 2024

Tolmin, SLO

11 days, 7 tasks, 1 rest day, 3 cancelled days

76 participants

8th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Albania

Oct 4 - Oct 12, 2024

Gjirokaster, ALB

5 days, 12 rounds

96 participants

4th FAI World Paragliding Aerobatics Championship, Turkey

Sep 9 - Sep 15, 2024

Oludeniz, TUR

Solo:

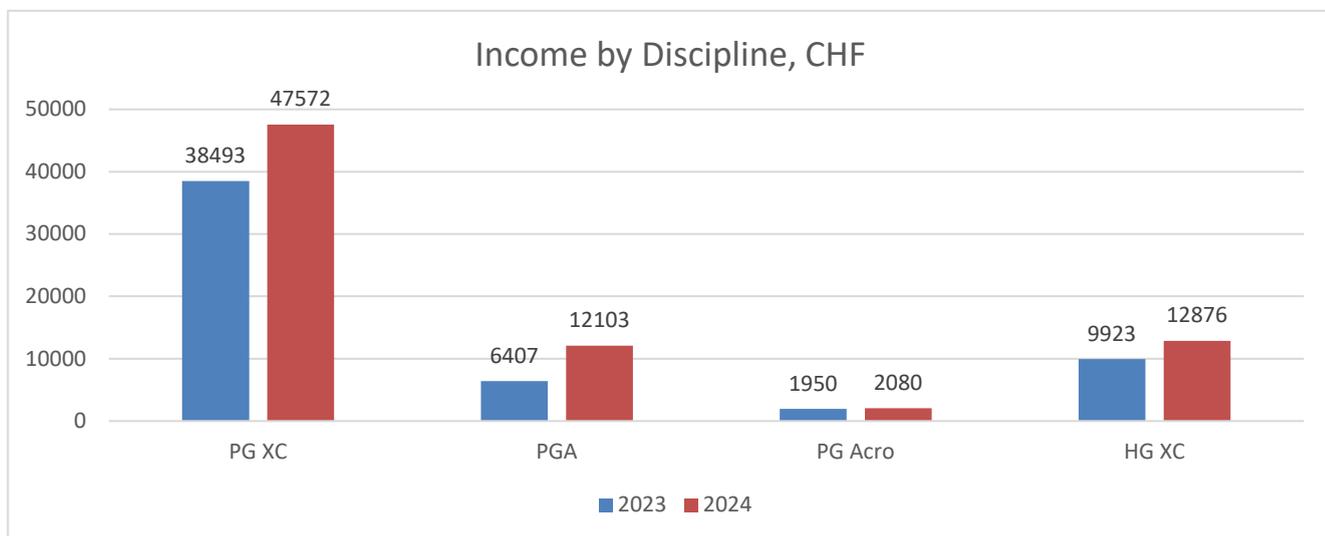
5 days 3 runs

24 participants  
Synchro:  
5 days 4 runs  
9 teams (18 participants)

6th FAI Pan-American Paragliding Championship, Brazil  
Sep 15 - Sep 22, 2024  
Andradas, BRA  
7 days 5 tasks 2 days cancelled  
118 participants

### ***Category 2 Ranked Events***

- PG XC - 156
- PGA - 89
- PG Acro - 7
- PGHF - 21
- HG Class 1 - 45
- HG Class 2 0
- HG Class 5 - 22
- HG Class 1 Sport - 28



## ***CIVL support for FAI 1 and 2 events***

In 2024 CIVL continued to provide media support for better visibility of FAI events. CIVL Facebook @fai.civl in figures:

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- 36, K subscribes, 9K likes. Audience growth in 2024 - about 26K users.
- 401 posts in 2024.
- Total Audience Reach for posts of 2024: 6,9 mln users .
- Top post by reach: 3,5 mln users / 38.1K likes & 1,3K shares.
- 704 people unfollowed the page during a year. Compared to the big number of newcomers it shows high loyalty.

CIVL Instagram @fai.civl in figures:

- 9899 followers. Audience growth in 2024 - 2336 users.
- 404 posts and 96 stories in 2024
- Total Audience Reach for posts of 2024: 283,758 users .
- Top post by reach: 45 K users / 443K likes 3 shares.

## **2 MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND SOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

In response to varying quality of various Category 1 PGXC events, CIVL began to take a more proactive approach in working with the organizer prior to and during the event, primarily through strengthening the role of the steward. We will continue to evolve our standards and guidance throughout 2025 as well.

In response to increasing concern about the path that Paragliding XC competition harnesses may be headed, a working group was formed to create a new standards document. The result of this work is being presented at the plenary as a proposal.

It is clear that a growing number of pilots are interested in PG XC Sports Class competitions is increasing. As CIVL's role is to serve all levels of the sport, not just the top end, a working group was formed to create a new ranking system for PG Sports Class pilots. The result is being presented at the plenary as a proposal.

Some recent fatal accidents have prompted CIVL to form a group to analyze accidents over the last couple of years and look for ways that CIVL can positively affect safety. This may be through education, task setting guidelines, additional requirements on organizers, or any number of other factors. This group is active now, and may form an expanded working group in 2025.

## **3 MAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE**

Trackers are increasingly important not just for scoring cross country events, but for increasing safety. The latest system not only gives information about a pilot's location, but also gives data and alerts that help detect potential reserve deployments or crashes. There are now new trackers on the market, as well as a variety of phone based apps in use. In 2025, the CIVL Bureau will develop a new standard for a tracking and scoring infrastructure so that for future purchases we can have an open bidding process. The standard will also allow 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications to integrate properly into the system.

As part of the effort to increase the consistency of quality at events, and especially the safety of events, CIVL will be developing a set of educational material for various competition roles and will explore implementation of a "certification" approach.

In Paragliding Cross Country competitions, the amount of ballast that lighter pilots carry has become dangerous for the pilots. Many lighter pilots have dropped out of the sport because of the need to carry huge amounts of ballast to be competitive with pilots on larger gliders. At the last Plenary, a proposal to create a “lightweight class” was not accepted. This year, Luc Armant has taken the idea of creating some kind of “performance equalizer” and created and begun testing them. In 2025, we will try out this approach at one or more high-level competition to gauge the results. Hopefully this will lead to a system that can be applied to future Cat 1 events that will let pilots of all sizes to compete on a level playing field without the need to risk their safety through excessive ballasting.

In the past, committee activity and participation has been sporadic and heavily weighted towards the months preceding the plenary. This year, each committee chair will be asked to create a plan and manage progress against it throughout the year, and to have regularly scheduled online meetings with their committee.

#### **4 SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FOLLOWUP WITH FAI MEMBERS**

CIVL believes that the mission shared by FAI, CIVL, and the NACs—enabling and growing air sports—can be enhanced by closer collaboration between all parties. We will also be looking for opportunities to increase our communication and collaboration with NACs.