



## 2025 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEXE 14 CIVL Paragliding Cross Country

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### **Discussions**

Equalizers designed to address the weight difference advantage are now set to be tested. Despite strong opposition from one committee member, the majority supports giving them a meaningful trial. Still it is difficult to find the event that will test them. Two potential testing locations are DHV events and maybe during a training day at Montegrappa Trophy but not at the main event.

For many years, discussions within CIVL, particularly in XC Paragliding, have revolved around the necessity of including league competitions in CIVL's scope to count towards the rankings. One proposal was the introduction of an FAI Category III, but this has never progressed due to decisions required at a higher level. Other obstacles preventing league events from becoming FAI events include the requirement for an FAI Sporting License (SL) and a 30-day advance notice, while league events are typically organized on short notice, two to three days in advance. However, the rules and tasks used by leagues closely follow the FAI Sporting Code. A possible solution could be the creation of Pre-FAI events, exempt from SL requirements and the 30-day restriction. Establishing a working group to explore this idea in detail may be necessary.

After a year and a half of discussion, the CIVL Competition Harness Working Group has finalized a standard that will be presented as a Bureau proposal at the upcoming plenary.

The Sport Class ranking was discussed by the working group, which formulated the following rules. Results from any FAI competition that scores the Sport Class separately should be used for the Sport Ranking. General results from all FAI competitions will continue to be used for the WPRS. Pilots with experience only in Sport Class wings should not be allowed to use CCC wings in FAI Category 1 events. The outcome of these discussions will be presented at the plenary in three proposals—two from Brazil and one from the Bureau.

An interesting topic was raised by Eduardo Granel, previously brought up by Kuba Sto on the PG Forum. Kuba's concern is that the WPRS formula allows the participation of top-ranked pilots to significantly inflate points, leading participants to simply attend competitions with top ten pilots without prioritizing their own results. Eduardo's proposal introduces a podium bonus for winners, ensuring they stand out more in the ranking system.

In XC Scoring, discussions were held about unifying different scoring formulas. This was not supported by the HG committee, so it remains an XC Paragliding issue. Joerg Ewald, who manages the FS scoring program, is frequently asked about differences between PWC and CIVL scoring. These differences are usually minimal, sometimes introduced accidentally rather than intentionally, and generally negligible. As a result of these discussions, Switzerland has pushed forward a proposal to be addressed at the plenary.

### **Review of the PG XC events in 2024:**

17th FAI European Paragliding Championships, Pegalajar, ESP May 21 - Jun 1, 2024

A well-organized event run by a very experienced team. Good weather conditions helped as well. Many thanks to MD Inigo Redin for his efforts to make it a safe and fair event.

11 days, 10 tasks, 1 rest day.

135 participants

Overall: Maxime Pinot FRA, Juan Sebastian Ospina Restrepo GBR, Tilen Ceglar SLO

Women: Constance Mettetal FRA, Elisabeth Egger AUT, Anca Tabara ROU

Nations: United Kingdom, France, Slovenia

2nd FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Championship, Mungyeong, KOR Jun 5 - Jun 16, 2024

An extremely well-organized event. Special recognition to Miss Han Yun Jo, whose efforts elevated the organization to an Olympic level. Superb opening and closing ceremonies and extensive local press coverage. Congratulations to MD Goran Dimiskovski for careful task planning and excellent safety management.

9 days, 7 tasks, 2 cancelled days

110 participants

Overall: Chigwon Won KOR, Gareth Carter AUS, Peter Slade AUS

Women: Keiko Hiraki JPN, Kari Ellis AUS, Hyunhee Kim KOR

Nations: Korea, Australia, China

1st FAI Junior World Paragliding Championship, Tolmin, Slovenia Aug 18 - Aug 31, 2024

Despite challenging weather conditions, 7 tasks were completed. Congratulations to MD Igor Erzen for task setting, weather forecasting, and running a safe and well-organized event.

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

76 participants

Overall: Marcelo Sanchez Vilchez ESP, Adrien Raison FRA, Dusan Surina Jr. SVK

Women: Constance Mettetal FRA, Celine Lorenz GER, Capucine Deliot FRA

Nations: France, Spain, United Kingdom

6th FAI Pan-American Paragliding Championship, and PG XC Worlds Test Event in Andradas, Brazil Sep 15 - Sep 22, 2024

A well-run event, though a lack of staff, particularly English-speaking personnel, was noticeable. Two key areas for improvement: launch management and briefing room arrangement. Special recognition to MD Matuk Ferreira and organizer Luis Cruz for ensuring a successful event.

7 days 5 tasks 2 days cancelled

118 participants

Overall: Rafael Moraes Barros BRA, Hernán Pitocco ARG, Ronnie Koerich BRA

Women: Marcella Pomarico Uchoa BRA, Daria Krasnova ECU, Isabela Sales BRA

Nations: Brazil, Argentina, USA