



CIVL 2025 PLENARY – ANNEXE 39 S

PROPOSAL UNITED KINGDOM: TRACKER PENALTIES

United Kingdom: Proposal for CIVL Plenary 2025

INTRODUCTION:

This proposal is to amend the penalties for flying without a tracker.

- Using trackers in Category 1 Cross Country events is now standard and CIVL owns a set of trackers for this purpose.
- Trackers are used as a form of 'Sign to Fly'. In other words, a pilot taking a tracker confirms to the organisation the pilot is present and will fly the task. Generally, there is no other method of an organiser knowing a pilot is in attendance at a task. In an event where there is no tracking, the organiser would be expected to have a different method of knowing what pilots are present, or not (not a Section 7 rule, but should be).
- In most high level events, the penalty for not having a tracker is zero points for the day, without exception or excuse.
- Not taking a tracker causes more work for the scorer, and impacts the Live Tracking and Live Scoring.
- The Section 7 rule however currently is for a warning for first offence.
- The existing penalty is not in line with other, less severe, offences.

Scenario:

A pilot is not attending with a Team Leader. He does not take his tracker, but flies the task. He has an accident, but no one sees it. The pilot remains undiscovered and is marked as ABS in the results. It is not discovered until the following day that he has crashed.

This scenario would carry a level of liability that you would not want to contemplate. It is not an extreme event. It has happened in the sport already.

PROPOSAL

To amend the Section 7 rule, in the Section 7A – Class O Cross Country, to penalise a pilot that does not collect his tracker.

EXISTING RULE

6.3.4 Live tracking

Flying without a Live-Tracker(If Live-Tracking is mandatory)

- *1st offence: warning.*
- *2nd offence: zero for the day.*

Failure to return the Tracker or flight instrument to the headquarters as soon as possible after landing is considered unsporting behaviour. The Meet Director may impose penalties as considered appropriate.

PROPOSED RULE

To apply to Paragliding only. Hang gliding will maintain the existing rule.

- *1st offence: zero for the day*
- *2nd offence: zero for the day*
- *3rd offence: expulsion from the competition.*

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