



CIVL 2025 PLENARY – ANNEXE 30B

PROPOSAL - ADJUSTMENT OF THE KO SYSTEM IN PGA

Accuracy committee

Background

The Knock Out (KO) system was introduced with the intent to get better representation of the leading pilots in events as well as improving the ability to more easily complete the maximum number of rounds. It now appears that there was insufficient support across the whole of the PGA community to the use of the KO system together with some unexpected consequences. During follow-on competitions there has been considerable discussion and conflict of opinion following the introduction of the Knock Out (KO) system regarding the effects on pilots and organisers (including financial downsides, event scheduling and on reduced closing ceremonies attendance) and the consensus seems to be that team scoring should get a greater priority in competitions. A ballot was therefore held to democratically agree the best way forwards.

Proposal

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Current rule

5.4.4.2. Knock out

In the first 6 round all the pilots fly the competition. Best 60 ranked pilots will continue to fly in 7th and 8th round. Best 40 ranked pilots will fly 9th and 10th round, and best 20 ranked pilots will fly 11th and 12th round in reverse order.

Pilots who will not continue the competition, will be marked as DNQ (did not qualify) in the scoring.

In a Category 2 event, if the knock out is used, Local Rules set the number of pilots knocked out and when.

5.4.4.3. Junior and women ranking after KO rule

After KO in round 6 at least top 6 ranked women and juniors will continue until the end of the competition, regardless whether they qualify or not. Females and juniors who did not qualify compete only in their specific category ranking and fight for specific category medal. Females and juniors who got the right to compete in their specific categories but are not qualified in the overall, their position in the overall ranking is frozen.

Only overall ranking in eligible for WPRS ranking.

Proposal:

5.4.4.2. Semi final and final rounds

In the first 10 rounds all the pilots fly the competition. Best 40 ranked pilots will continue to fly in semi-final (11th round) and best 20 pilots will fly the final (12th) round in reverse order.

Pilots who will not continue the competition, will be marked as DNQ (did not qualify) in the scoring.

In a Category 2 event, if the knock out is used, Local Rules set the number of pilots knocked out and when.

5.4.4.3. Junior and women ranking after knock-out

After KO in round **10** at least top **5** ranked **women** and juniors will continue until the end of the competition, regardless whether they qualify or not.

Women and juniors who did not qualify compete only in their specific category ranking and fight for specific category medal.

Women and juniors who compete in their specific categories but did not qualify in the overall, their position in the overall ranking is frozen.

Flying order for the semi-final and final should be in reverse order, first will fly pilots who did not qualify in overall ranking, juniors first, female second, and overall pilots last.

Only a pilot's overall ranking is eligible for WPRS ranking.