



CIVL 2025 PLENARY – ANNEXE 39 Y PROPOSAL SWITZERLAND: TASK SETTER



Proposal: Introduce the role of the Task Setter in Cat 1 Events and recommendation of assigning it to a dedicated person

Summary

Task setting makes part of the most important jobs in Cross-Country competitions. Also, it is usually related with some work even weeks before the competition starts. It demands local knowledge as well as a knowledge on the level the pilots have. Tasks for a good competition show a certain quality level in terms of sportiness, fairness and safety. Good and safe tasks are crucial for a successful competition.

Currently under de Sporting Code S7 – Common (12.9.6. Task setting (Cross-Country)) and Sporting Code S7 A – Cross Country (3.1.1 Task Setting) the Meet Director is responsible of setting the task.

A Meet Director in a Cat 1 event is responsible of a lot of jobs as stated in the “Practical Guidelines for Organising CIVL/FAI Category 1 Championships”. Additionally setting a task for the day can be burdensome for him. With the introduction of the role of Task Setter the Meet Director is discharged and this chore can be delegated. He can take care of the other important duties like Safety, Take-OY, etc.

Proposed Changes Summary

The proposed changes are:

1. Introduce the role of the Task Setter.
2. Change in task setting aspects the responsibility from Meet Director to Task Setter
3. Recommend assigning the Task Setter to a dedicated person

(In the following, proposed changes are marked in green)

Changes for “Sporting Code S7 – Common”

12.9.3. Meet Officials

The event organisation includes a Meet Director and eventually a Safety Director whose main responsibility is safety.

The Meet Director and Safety Director may not be a competing pilot or a team leader during the competition.

In paragliding accuracy, no member of the judging team may be a pilot or a team leader.

Any other Official in the organisation may be a pilot or a team leader in the competition, provided that an assistant is available to fulfil the Official’s duties in case of necessity.

In cross-country competitions, the event organisation also includes a Task Setter. The Meet Director may fill this role, or delegate it to a competent non-competitor. Delegating to a dedicated person is highly recommended.

12.9.6. Task setting (Cross-Country)

The Task Setter's function is to prepare the task.

The Task Setter is assisted by a Task Advisory and/or Safety Committee comprising at least 3 pilots elected by the pilots during the mandatory pilots’ briefing.

Changes for “Sporting Code S7 A – Cross Country”

3.1.1 Task Setting

The Task Setter is to take into consideration the level of the average pilots when setting tasks. The same task shall be set for each pilot in a particular FAI Class. The Task Setter may announce alternative tasks at briefing for use if the weather changes, but may not change the task once flying has started.

References

Practical Guidelines for Organising CIVL/FAI Category 1 Championships

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/cat1_guidelines_complete.pdf

Sporting Code S7 - Common 2024 v3

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