

CIVL Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee

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Minutes

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Subcommittee Progress Report :

Paragliding accuracy discipline maintains constant moderate progress in terms of number of pilots attending, number of competitions and new countries. Asia is getting more interested (along with Japan also: Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea and China) and we have been supporting organisers via judging seminars and training seminar for pilots to be able to improve their skills faster and to maintain their motivation. Asian beach games will continue into FAI 2 category paragliding accuracy competition in 2009.

In Europe interest in traditional paragliding countries is beginning to rise with Coupe Icare festival in France planning to organise 3rd demo accuracy competition in 2009 and there will be PGA World Cup organised in Stubai, Austria later in 2009. Pre WAG and WAG will definitely make a very positive impact to development of discipline.

Paragliding Accuracy World Cup managed to successfully conclude all 6 competitions and with 169 pilots representing 14 nations. There is a good interest to organise PAWC and organisers rotate on average 2 year basis at the moment. (Report attached)

Growing interest in accuracy must be supported by consistent judging system. Therefore in 2009 we will continue with judging seminars and put more focus on judging issues: revise judging code and set up judging database.

I. ISSUES REFERRED BY CIVL BUREAU

2 Safety & Training: A revised incident reporting form, circulated by the S&T Subcommittee should be reviewed and suggested modifications or amendments relevant to PG Accuracy should be noted and returned to the S&T SSC. It is proposed to make the form mandatory for Cat 1s and recommended (later mandatory) for Cat 2 events.

Sending whole form within 24h is too short. Have very basic report to send in within 24h, then Steward or SD collects forms which should be submitted within 1 week. Form is over complicated – Marked up form passed to S&T SC chair.

III. RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FROM SPORTING CODE SUBCOMMITTEE

S7C, 7.2 Second Category Events – Delete last sentence and replace with “If an organiser of a 2nd Category event is found not have checked each competitor’s FAI Sporting Licence a warning letter will be sent by CIVL to the NAC for the first offence and for any subsequent offences a financial penalty will be imposed; this will be that the sanction fee will be doubled for the next sanction application from that country.”

Reason: Current penalty system does not involve the NAC.

Potentially harsh, but OK.

S7C, Glossary – add new item:

WAG World Air Games.

Reason: abbreviation already in common usage.

OK

II. REVIEW OF LOCAL REGULATIONS

6. World Paragliding Accuracy Championships 2009, Ivanec, Croatia

Already published.

7. Paragliding Accuracy: World Air Games 2009, Avigliana, Italy

Will be circulated to committee once response received from LOC. New points cover optional reserve, spare equipment,

IV. RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FROM PGA SC DISCUSSIONS

15. LIGHT HARNESS TOUCH (LHT)

Proposal: To delete LHT option from S7C (4.8) to avoid misunderstanding in judging.

LHT can still be introduced as a local rule in FAI 2 competitions. Discussions of LHT rule in 2008 result in a large majority in agreement.

Vote during 2008 meetings – 9 to delete, 2 insist should be left in S7C

Vote at SC meeting – unanimously agreed.

16. BACK PROTECTION

Proposal to be formulated: To improve the wording of 2.16.5. Back protection should remain a mandatory part of equipment, but need to define it better so it is enforceable and improving safety, but not to take (legal) responsibility with defining exact structure or solution.

Proposal to replace 2nd sentence of 2.16.5 with:

A pilot’s flying equipment shall not be modified such that built in safety features are adversely affected. Harnesses shall be certified or must be fitted with a minimum of 12cm thickness back protection measured at the curve of the harness seat and extending 15cm up the back and under the seat.

Vote: Accepted unanimously

17. SAFETY ISSUES

To improve safety awareness and activities, a proposal on safety report is prepared:

At FAI 1 and test competitions: **organiser** will provide a »safety report« **to steward** /CIVL/PGA SC including reports on all safety issues from rules including checks of pilots equipment. CIVL PGA SC will prepare a reporting form to help organiser with this task. (proposal should be in line with item No. 2)

JV has prepared a draft form covering equipment checks, fall statistics, relaunched and incidents. Aim is to trial this form during 2009 (Croatia, Turkey minimum). The process will be reviewed next year, for possible inclusion as an Annex to the Local Regulations.

18. COMPLAINTS & PROTESTS:

Proposal: To provide a Protest template that organisers should make available at landing site to help pilots prepare written protests if their complaints are not upheld.

A Protest template has been drafted. (Attached)

Proposal: to add this Protest template as Annex D to LR template.

Vote: accepted unanimously

19. VIDEO EVIDENCE

The wording can be shortened to clarify the points:

- 1) the recordings shall be made,
- 2) the organisers do their best (a missing video is not a reason for relaunch)
- 3) the recording can be used in case of the protest (if the jury so decides).

Proposal to change 2.6.8 to:

At 1st Category events, the organiser shall arrange a video recording of landings in the measuring field with fixed or tracking camera. The recording can be used (if the Jury so decides) only in the case of a protest as an additional source of evidence. See also 2.4.10.1.

Vote: accepted unanimously

V. REVIEW ISSUES/PROPOSALS ARISING FROM STEWARD & JURY REPORTS:

V.1 From Steward's Report, Pre-worlds PG Accuracy 2008, Ivanec, Croatia:

20. S7C 2.16.5 Harness & other flying equipment

The rule does not say for example what is the measuring point or what materials or material combinations are allowed. The intention of the rule is good, to protect pilots' spines, but the wording should be reconsidered.

already covered in 16 above

21. Judging Team : At the moment the S7C requires 9 members of the judging team (+ minimum 2 reserves) and at least two people to operate the video camera that is now mandatory. This adds up to a team of minimum 13 people, costs of whom are paid by the organiser. This may make it difficult for the organiser to invite judges from several countries. The PLA subcommittee should openly consider how judging is organised in other sports/air sport disciplines, how costs are divided, are there technical solutions that can be used instead. New ideas should naturally not be allowed to lower the good standard of today's PLA judging. (See 19, 20. also) (will be discussed)

Proposal: to establish a Working Group to revise the Judging Code to cover at least the following issues:

Role & number of Judges to optimise the efficiency of the Judging team

Focus on core Judging skills & training for Judging database

Review scope of Judging task – focus on target not whole flight

Referring subsidiary roles: observation, wind speed & scoring to organisation

Vote: accepted unanimously

Takes in points raised in recent Jury and Steward reports.

Action: JV to email interested parties for volunteers. KK will join working group.
To report back before next year.

22. Pilots' Equipment: The organisers of PG Accuracy competitions rarely check pilots' equipment in more detail than the documentation. If new rules are introduced they must be enforced, such as the one for back protection. It is necessary to give equipment check good time before the flying starts and appoint qualified staff to organise it.

Already covered in 17

V.2 From Jury President's Report, European PG Accuracy 2008, Serbia:

23. Clarification of responsibility for appointing Judging team. Also ensuring S7C complies with 'FAI registered' Judges (as per General Section).(will be discussed)

Covered in 21

24. Judging Code needs reviewing in terms of numbers and roles and nationality mix (may be different for Cat 1 and Cat 2 events). Also consider need for whole flight observation role. Consider option for 'conditional' reflight award – giving Judging team time to review a flight when less busy, but without delaying the completion of a round. (will be discussed)

Covered in 21

25. Consider specifying minimum standards for helmets (will be discussed).

No conclusion reached.

26. Consider adding to Local Regulations template that organiser specifies typical timings for length of flying days, breaks for Judges etc.(will be discussed)

Considered but deemed not necessary

27. Review/clarification of Chapter 2.21.6 Relaunches – 'abnormal conditions' can be difficult to define and therefore to rule on. (will be discussed)

1. No change in paragraph 2.21.6 Re-launches

2. We propose to publish reasons for relaunch together with (provisional) results:

Proposal: Add a sentence at the end of paragraph 5.1.1:

"A pilot who claims and receives a relaunch is indicated on the score sheet with the reason stated (from paragraph 2.21.6) plus the score gained on the relaunch."

Reason: making relaunches more public will hopefully reduce claims. Reports will enable defining following action on that issue.

Vote: Unanimous

V.3 From Steward's Report, European PG Accuracy 2008, Niska Banja, Serbia:

28. A CIVL PLA judge database is strongly recommended. It is very difficult to organise an effective judging team to a major competition if there is no database where judges' experience and contact information is available. At the moment it is the Chief Judge's responsibility to assemble the judges and to see to that there are enough judges during the competition: S7C 13.2.9: "The Chief Judge is responsible for the following ... assembling and briefing all judges prior to the commencement of the Competition." This may be difficult is the Chief Judge, although he/she is a part of

the organisation, is from another country and there is no judge database. (will be discussed)

Proposal: Add a new paragraph 13.2.10 Reporting participating Judges

“The Chief Judge shall prepare a list of participating judges. The list is sent within 7 days by the organiser to CIVL (and PGA SC) via e-mail to update Judging database. Judges list is prepared in MS Excel format (.xls or .csv) file with the data in the following order:

Name (First name followed by family name),
Nation (IOC abbreviated codes),
Judging duty (CJ, EJ, FI, BF, RC, WM)
Days/rounds
CIVL_ID.”

Reason: Judging database is one of the vital elements for managing judges issue. To be able to maintain database, a regular ongoing and accurate data have to be provided.

Note: this should go into Section 7 if the CIVL Judging Database is operational at the time of publication.

29. The subcommittee could consider if there is a need to rotate the start order. Some team leaders commented that it might well happen that same pilots fly in same conditions a number of days. (already covered)

Proposal: Add in new point 2.20.2.1

Meet directors are encouraged to maximise the number of flights per day and may decide to start a new round even though it will not be possible to complete the round that day.

Vote: Accepted unanimously

30. The question of female competition was raised, should female pilots fly in one group. On the other hand many female pilots compete against the male pilots, not necessarily against just other female pilots. (already covered)

Considered but not accepted.

V.4 From Steward's Report from Pre-WAG 2008, Avigliana, Italy:

31. CIVL-appointed Judging Team – This worked extremely well, and should be recommended as normal practice. Once the CIVL Judging database is on line, the Chief Judge should be agreed jointly between the Organisers and Steward or PG Accuracy Chairman, and the Chief Judge can then work with all parties and the database to ensure a well qualified team is appointed, and reserve personnel are available, by a deadline, prior to the (Cat 1) event.

Covered in 23

32. Water/Raft landings – If this becomes common practice (it may!), Section 7C will need updating in terms of pilot equipment and Safety provision. S7C 2.16 Flight Safety – This requires an overhaul, particularly regarding 2.16.5. as is, and also with respect to water landings (specification of life jackets). (will be discussed)

Discussed. Decided that if a bid with water landings is accepted, we will review LRs from 2009 WAG for inclusion in S7.

VI. PLENARY PROPOSALS

33. Review relevant proposals to the Plenary from delegates: Austria Proposal, Spain Proposal etc.

This year's proposals do not seem particularly relevant to Paragliding Accuracy. No comments

VII. COMPETITION BIDS

34. Review, evaluate and comment on bids from Czech Republic & FYR Macedonia for 2011 World Paragliding Accuracy Championships

The subcommittee has reviewed these bids and all questions have been answered satisfactorily. Both organising clubs have good experience in organising PG Accuracy competitions on the proposed sites (Paragliding Accuracy World Cup). The subcommittee believes both of these bids are acceptable.

VIII. OTHER ISSUES

37. Judges database.

We understand this will be specified soon.

38. Records & Badges

Review of Records initiative and action proposals.

Will try to prepare a proposal this year.

36. Judging Training plan & proposals for 2009.

Proposal for budget for seminars in 2009 to cover seminars in Austria (already planned for March 2009), China and in North America. See Annex.

CIVL Subcommittee – Paragliding Accuracy – Judging Working Group JUDGING SEMINARS & TRAINING: SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2008

Judging Training & Seminars

Three Judging Seminars were held during 2008: in Malaysia, Indonesia and Montenegro. Further new Judges were trained at ad hoc training sessions in Italy (pre-WAG), Croatia (pre-Worlds) and Serbia (Europeans), run by qualified trainers, but incurring no costs to CIVL. In total, more than 60 Judges received some training, mostly at the starting level, but several receiving more in-depth coaching and experience at international and Cat 1 levels.

Malaysia:

Seminar run by Anton Tursic (SVN) during the Jugra International Selangor Open 2008. 22 Judges attended the evening seminar and the practical sessions during the competition, allowing for plenty of opportunity for observation and participation with rotation of roles. The Judges were very enthusiastic, spoke good English and learned fast. The competition was extremely well run by Col Basir, 'to the rule book', and with support from the local authorities.

Indonesia:

Seminar run by Matjaz Feraric (SVN) was held before and during the 1st Asian Beach games 2008 on Bali. Seminar had the following elements: formal seminar (theory), training on the target (practical), briefing meetings and the competition. 30 Judges attended and formed two judging teams for competition that followed. The judges learned fast and again with help of Col Basir and Yoshiki Oka competition ran smoothly. After judging seminar, Matjaz gave lessons on accuracy landing technique to help pilots to improve their skills. Seminar was financed by organizer of 1st Asian Beach games.

Montenegro:

Seminar run by Uga Jondzic (SRB) at Bijelo Polje, Montenegro at this small country's National Championships. The seminar theory was presented in PowerPoint format, translated into Serbian. Six Judges attended the theory session followed by competition practice. Although the event was small, just 14 competitors, 5 full rounds plus a practice round were completed, affording plenty of practice for the trainees. Montenegro is keen to hold further competitions on its home ground, and to send pilots and Judges to international competitions when possible.

2008 Objectives:

- To ensure Paragliding Accuracy Judging Teams operate consistently and to high standards across different nations.
- To provide a Judging training programme and process for countries new to the sport
- To encourage more Judges to train to international standards
- To promote the sport of Paragliding Accuracy to other countries

Direct Results:

- More than 60 people from at least 6 countries attended various Seminar theory and practical training sessions. Most were completely new to Paragliding

Accuracy Judging, while at least 6 have now received more advanced training and valuable additional experience.

- Valuable judging experience provided by the seminar training contributed to the success of a high profile Paragliding Accuracy competition in Malaysia and Indonesia. The trainers reported that the organisers are keen to hold further competitions next years.
- Some of these new trainees went on to share their knowledge and experience at further competitions in Indonesia and later at the Bali Beach Games.
- In Montenegro, organisers and newly trained Judges are now far more confident about holding Cat 2 events at an international level. The seminar has increased pilot knowledge of the Rules, which will help Montenegro field a competitive team in international events, including the 2009 World championships.

Indirect/follow on results:

- Judges are beginning to be better recognised for their expertise and professionalism. The International Judging Database will be useful for organisers selecting Judging teams.
- Highlighting of expanded area of current Judging responsibility, observing early part of flight, and its impact on target approach. Plus other areas currently being addressed by the Subcommittee (reflights, safety equipment etc)
- Pilots new to Accuracy, as well as trainee judges attracted to competitions running seminars (Greece, Montenegro).

Future development:

For 2009, we have identified the following needs:

- Broaden the geographic scope of the Seminars to North America & China
- Consolidate and expand in Europe, particularly aiming at countries where interest for accuracy competition is shown: France, Austria...
- Establish high level, international discussions among Senior Judges,
- Ensure that International Judging Log Books are used at all Cat 1 & 2 events and data on Judges participating is collected,
- Ensure judging teams are selected from those on the International Judging Register / database.

For 2009:

In terms of budget for 2009, the Subcommittee would (still) like to run a seminar in North America (US) and further interest has now been received from Mark Dowsett in California, who is running informal events on the beach!

We also have a request from China to run a seminar alongside one of their planned regional competitions in 2009. China plans to send pilots to the 2009 World Championships for the first time, and has a Wild Card entry to the 2009 World Air Games PG Accuracy event in Avigliana.

In Europe, there is strong interest from Switzerland, Austria and Greece. A Judging seminar is planned in 2009 in Stubai, Austria, which will also prove an excellent opportunity to promote the discipline in the broader PG community.

Provisional expenditure for CIVL/ARISF Paragliding Accuracy Judging Training in 2008

Budget Allocated	3,800 €		
	Travel & Subsistence	Amount in €	Totals
Expenditure			
Seminar 1 - Malaysia, May 2008			
Air fare & subsistence, Anton Tursic	€1074.67	€1074.67	€1074.67
Non refundable element of Violeta's cancelled flight	£582.50	€699	€699*
Seminar 2 – Indonesia, October 2008			
1st Asian Beach games (Matjaz Feraric)	€0	€0	€0
Seminar 2 – Montenegro, November 2008			
Travel km claim (720km -Uga Jondzic)	€222	€220.00	€222.00
Total		1995.67 €	1995.67 €

NB Final figures for 2008 expenditure not known at this time. But likely to be less than budget allocated. Estimated at around 2000€.

*Violeta Masteikeine was originally scheduled to run this Seminar but had to cancel due to health problems. Despite insurance, not all of the flight costs were refunded.

Budget request for 2009 CIVL/ARISF Paragliding Accuracy Judging Training Seminars

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| 1. Travel & Subsistence to China for Judging Trainer (date to be agreed) | 1200€ |
| 2. Travel & Subsistence to USA for Judging Trainer | 1200€ |
| 3. Travel & subsistence for European trainer from Slovenia to Austria | 300€ |
| Total: | <u>2700€</u> |

It is proposed that CIVL contribution is 50% of this sum, the other 50% funded by ARISF from unspent funds allocated over the past 4 years.

Protest Form for FAI Category 1 PG Accuracy Championships

Championship Title	
Team & Team Leader	
Protester	
Time of result of complaint received	
Description of Protest (against what decision, what penalty)	
Reasons why you think the decision is wrong:	
What result do you require from this protest?	
Which rules are relevant to your argument.	
Witnesses available Evidence available (witness statements)	
Signature of Protestor	
Signature of Team Leader	
Time/Date of Protest	
Signature of Meet Director receiving the protest	
Protest fee paid	

Report on Paragliding Accuracy World Cup season 2008

World Cup season 2008 for Paragliding Accuracy was spread over six different countries. It started in April with a competition in FYR Macedonia and continued in June with a competition in Croatia, also serving as a »rehearsal« for 2009 World Championship in very same discipline. World Cup season continued in August in Turkey, where European Championship in 2010 will be organised. At the end of September followed competition in Czech Republic and only one week later –at very beginning of October, Slovenian leg of World Cup. Final competition was held in Japan on the last week of October.

During the whole competition season, 169 pilots from **14 different countries** were attending and they were competing for **31 teams** in team competition.

These are typically two day competitions and only on the first one, was the minimum number of rounds (two rounds) completed due to bad weather conditions, otherwise from four to six rounds were completed for the rest of competitions. More interesting were competitions with more rounds which allowed the final round to be run in reverse order of the pilot ranking.

In season 2008, competitions were also outside Europe, for the first time and for next competition seasons, at least one of the competition is planned for Asian region. In this area, development and popularization of this discipline really improved in last couple of years. We were witnessing good competition organizations, held without major problems and in many different locations. A lack of experience was noticed only in uncertain weather conditions where competitions were waiting too long for some decisions. In this case organizer should use »wind dummies« to provide information to make some decisions more promptly.

There was also a noticeable improvement in judging standards. Fewer problems with measurements and fewer re-flights awarded, mostly only to less experienced pilots. I think an obligatory technical delegate will bring additional quality to the competition judging, because one delegate will be in charge of quality and available for a support for a whole competition season.

PAWC season 2009 starts with a competition at the end of April in **Malaysia**, continues in August with **FYR Macedonia** and **Turkey**, then in September with **Hungary** and **Austria** and ends with a final competition in **Bulgaria**.

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