

CIVL Plenary, February 2009, Hall in Tirol, Austria

AUSTRALIAN PROPOSALS

Australia Proposal 1: PG Women's World Championships should be held as a separate competition to the PG Open World Championships.

(NB Deferred from 2008 Plenary)

Australian women PG pilots would prefer the HG format for a Women's World championship which is a separate competition to the open competition, held at a different time. This would mean the result of Women's World Championships would be less clouded by the presence of men flying on the same course, scoring in the same set of results. It also eases the team size constraints on maximum number of entries in the open competition. Women would not be excluded from the open event, but they would have to get there on merit, assessed directly against the men.

Australia Proposal 2: Rule change: Scoring of a stopped task – Section 7A Ch 5.5.8

A stopped task be scored only if it has been a race start and at least 1 hour has elapsed between the race start and when the task has been stopped, or there is at least 1 pilot at goal when the task with a race start was stopped.

The Steward at HG Pre-Worlds, Laragne and Women's Worlds Class 1, and Class 2&5 Worlds, Monte Cucco also recommended this rule be reconsidered to give more satisfying competition flying when only short tasks can be set. It might also be worth considering different rules for mountain vs. flatlands terrain competitions.

Australia Discussion/Proposal 3: Cloud flying penalties.

Discussion: The zero score for a first offence may be too harsh, given the difficulty of verifying whether a pilot has been in cloud or not and whether he has gained an advantage. (Airspace violations are much easier to prove from tracks & can attract the zero score for a first offence).

I would like to list this item for further discussion. As a start point, the Australian competitions manual currently states:

The Competition Director may penalise a pilot for flying in cloud according to the advantage gained (if any) and safety issues.

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