

CIVL Autumn Bureau Meeting: A Sum-Up

The CIVL Bureau met in Porto, Portugal on November 16 to 18, 2022. Also participated in the meeting the Chairs of all Committees and our Administrator. A brief review of what was discussed and decided...

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CATEGORY 1 EVENTS

Cat 1 CIVL Officials

In all disciplines, Jurors and Stewards for coming events were chosen. These nominations are subject to changes.

In all disciplines, we want the steward to be more active before the event and to have a power of decision during the event. A change in our Section 7 is required and will be proposed to the plenary. In XC, it will be proposed to the plenary that the scorer is appointed by the CIVL and that he/she will receive stipends from the CIVL.

In Accuracy, the same could happen for the Chief or Event judge, but we are not ready to make a proposal.

In Aerobatic, the same could happen for the cameraman, but we are not ready to make a proposal. Stipend levels for CIVL officials will be reviewed in light of added tasks and current remuneration of key positions in local organisations.

We are studying the possibility of the CIVL paying for all expenses – except accommodation – for some of its officials.

Cat 1 Managing File

It describes for each discipline the precise process and work to be done by the CIVL officials and administrator. Work in progress.

Cat 1 Documentation

Templates for local regulations are being updated. So is the “Jury & Steward Pack” that collect all needed documents.

Cat 1 Organiser Agreement

The current OA is not fit for purpose. The CIVL is not signing it anymore. We are waiting for a new one. Work in progress since the beginning of the year. We have not been involved, although we required it many times.

Safety

Ambulance requirements must be defined more precisely.

There is a FAI project to review the “FAI Guidelines in the event of casualties or serious accident”.

CAT 2 EVENTS

Registration in the EMS

Bureau will propose to the plenary that pilots in any event must be registered in the CIVL Event Managing System before the start of the event.

Control of Sporting Licences

Bureau will propose to the plenary that pilots without Sporting Licence will not be ranked in the WPRS.

Pilots without Sporting Licence will be reminded of their obligation to hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence before the start of the event and warned of the consequences.

Countries With No NAC

They are the reality and we are currently ranking such events. The CASI (the Commission that write the General Section of the Sporting Code) and the FAI have been questioned on the administrative conditions in which such events can take place.

HG & PG XC

XC Software: Airscore

Airscore is operational and has been used here and there. As for any new software, adjustments are needed.

Once Airscore is approved as the CIVL official scoring system, a technician will be hired to follow its development. FS will not be followed and financed by the CIVL anymore.

Leading Points

Discussed and referred to the Committees and Working Group for finalisation.

Cloud Flying

There is currently no satisfactory way to analyse and penalise cloud flying. More work is needed before a proposal is pushed to the plenary.

Airspace restriction

Bureau will propose to the plenary a simplified rule forbidding any infringement inside the restricted airspace, with no gradual penalty.

PG Equipment

How to ensure that new equipment is available to all pilots that request it?

How to limit the development of gliders and harnesses so rigidification is avoided?

Both matters need more work. Proposals to the plenary are hoped for.

PG XC 2025 World Championships Working Group

It was created in the wake of the 2022 plenary to see if organising separate Team and Women championships were a possibility. No consensus was found for any change.

PG ACCURACY

Accuracy Software

The current scoring application is being updated.

A new video target system is being developed to measure the landing and reduce the need for a large judging team.

Improvement Working Group

In the wake of the 2022 plenary, a Working Group was created to discuss accuracy issues and strategy, in particular in relation to the World and European Cup circuits. A meeting was organised in Great Britain and another one, open to pilots, during the European Championship. Since, the working group has been expanded and proposals to the plenary are expected.

Judging training, judges' lists, status of Chief and Event judges, judging issues were discussed and referred to the proper Committee and Working Group.

Complaint and Protest

There is a need to define a supplementary step before a complaint is made. "Verbal objection" will be added to the Sporting Code, subject to plenary approval.

PG AEROBATIC

Aerobatic Software

A new system is being used and need further development.

Judges training, use of an official CIVL cameraman, flying over ground were discussed and referred to the Committee.

SPORTING CODE

General Section

A new version will be in place by January 1, 2023. There are important changes and our specific Section 7 will need a bit of rewriting.

Section 7

Bureau discussed describing more precisely Cat 2 events.

FINANCES

CIVL Budget 2022

The latest budget 2022 projection shows a deficit of €44k.

CIVL Budget 2023

The original budget shows a deficit of €50k or so. This is not sustainable.

The Bureau discussed at length how to reduce expenses (not really possible) or increase revenue. It was agreed to propose to the plenary to

- Raise the Cat 1 sanction fee from €4.5 to €9 per pilot per day. Applicable in 2024.
- Raise the Cat 2 sanction fee from 1.5 to 2.5 times the entry fee, with a minimum of €60 instead of €50. Applicable in 2023.

This will allow the 2024 budget to be balanced.

FAI/CIVL Financial Issues

Day-to-day visibility on our account has been asked to the FAI and was refused. CIVL Officials are still not always getting paid in a timely manner for some of their expenses. Both issues to be addressed again with the FAI.

THIS AND THAT

Insurance for FAI Officials

Travel incident, accident and repatriation for CIVL officials are now covered by the FAI. The process needs to be better known and easily available.

We have asked the FAI to cover also public liability.

Commission Presidents Group

It is meeting monthly, a nice place to exchange, but it has shown its limits as it was not always informed, consulted, heard on matters that concerned the Commissions directly.

World Air Games

The Commission Presidents Group led an historical review, the Secretariat a financial one, the FAI President an organisational one. The global review and analysis by all involved parties remain to be done before new WAGS can be considered.

PLENARY 2023

Porto, Portugal

The open meetings and official sessions are confirmed in Porto on March 2 to 5. The Autumn Bureau meeting took part in the future plenary location. It is very satisfactory. It will be an hybrid meeting, both on line and physical. Delegates are encouraged to participate physically, as so much always happen outside the official sessions.

Bureau and Committees 2023

The 2023 plenary will elect new Bureau members and Committee chairs. Who was ready to do what was discussed. Any delegate can be nominated for these positions... and the plenary will decide.