



7th August 2007

## **ANNEX 5**

Dear CASI Delegates,

### **Proposal for the 2008 edition of the General Section of the Sporting Code**

#### **Introduction**

In the past five years there have been two hang gliding Class 2 world championships in which the total number of participants has been eight, the bare minimum required by Section 7 of the Sporting Code. The GS requirement for a minimum of four NACs to be entered has also been met in each case. As Rule 3.16.3.2 of the General Section provides for those competitors placed first to 10th to receive an FAI Diploma all competitors, including the last placed, have received a Diploma.

The 2006 Women's World Hang Gliding Championship also attracted a low number of entrants, 17 in this case, and the majority of these received a prestigious FAI Diploma.

CIVL wishes to continue to encourage competition in these Classes and is therefore reluctant to raise the minimum number of entrants required to validate a Category 1 event. However we are also conscious that in most airports, including other hang gliding classes, FAI Diplomas are earned and only received by the best competitors.

#### **GS Para 3.16.3.2 Comment/Proposed New Wording**

In order to continue to encourage participation at world level by women and class 2 hang glider pilots but avoid devaluing the award of FAI Diplomas, it appears necessary that a minimum number of competitors be stipulated before such diplomas are awarded in future Category 1 events. It is therefore proposed that the penultimate sentence of 3.16.3.2 be replaced by "An FAI Diploma will be awarded to competitors placed first to 10th, providing that there are a minimum of 20 competitors in the event".

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