

PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2008

Proposed by British Gliding Association.

It is Proposed That, Rule 5.4 para F be changed from:-

The Organisers shall require the backup FR only in the event that the primary FR fails. The Organisers shall be informed of any change of equipment including the designation of the primary FR. Non-compliance may be penalised.

To read as follows:- (additional words in Italics)

The Organisers shall require the backup FR only in the event that the primary FR fails *to provide evidence of the flight as claimed by the pilot*. The Organisers shall be informed of any change of equipment including the designation of the primary FR. Non-compliance may be penalised.

This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section – None

Annex A Rule – 5.4

Other - Nil

Reasons supporting the Proposal:

During World championships in 2007 there were at least two instances in which a pilots primary FR failed to record a pilot's claimed start, but the claimed start was recorded by the backup FR. In one case the incident resulted in a protest in which the Jury ruled that that the evidence provided by the second FR was inadmissible because of rule 5.4 para f. This ruling will encourage pilots to check their FR files before providing them to the organisers and using only the backup FR if the primary does not support the pilots flight. This is not allowable within the rules and could result in the pilot being accused of cheating.

From the time of camera evidence it has always been accepted practice that back up equipment can be used to provide evidence of a pilots flight, most competition organisers do everything possible to award a pilot full credit for his performance and are embarrassed by this unnecessary rule.

It is not in the spirit of gliding competition that a pilots performance achieved within the rules should not be recognized because of a technical reason or a rule preventing use of evidence collected within the rules.

The rule 5.4 para F was never intended to deny a pilot the opportunity to provide evidence to support his flight as the proposed change is in essence an editorial change if approved it should be included in the current years changes to Annex A.

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