



# President's Letter to Delegates and Committee Chairmen

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## IGC Championship Calendar Update

### Recommendations from the CSWG for the integration of the 20M and 13.5M Classes into the WGC Calendar

At the 2010 IGC Plenum meeting in Lausanne two proposals were adopted that impact on the Competition Calendar of the IGC.

The first proposal was from the IGC Light-End Working Group. It stated: "A 13.5m racing class be created to allow all eligible<sup>1</sup> gliders and motor gliders<sup>2</sup> with a wingspan of less than 13.5m to participate in IGC international competitions. This new racing class will subsume and replace the current FAI World Class at WGC and international competitions."

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The second proposal was from Norway and it asked for the immediate inclusion of the 20-meter Two-Seater Class in the World Gliding Championships structure.

At the conclusion of the 2010 plenary meeting, the Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG), chaired by Eric Mozer, was tasked with incorporating these two adopted proposals into the IGC Competition Calendar. The direction given to the CSWG was:

- From the 2010 IGC MINUTES. "It is proposed that the IGC Championship Working Group, in conjunction with the Bureau, conduct a complete review of the World Championships calendar, with respect to classes supported. The group will consider all classes defined in Annex A. A report, with recommendations, will be presented at the 2011 meeting of the IGC Plenary."
- 13.5 METER CLASS. Recommend how and when do we fit the newly created 13.5M class into the IGC Competition Calendar,
- 20 METER TWO-SEATER CLASS. Recommend how and when do we fit the 20M Two-Seater Class into the IGC Competition Calendar.

The work of the CSWG was conducted via email between April and June 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> Eligibility for participation in IGC international competitions is defined in Sporting Code Section 3 (2009 Edition, valid from 1 October 2009), para. 6.1.6: A glider must hold a valid Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly that does not exclude competition flight and comply with the conditions of its airworthiness documents

<sup>2</sup> SC3, para. 6.4: Motor gliders are integrated into the other championship classes (except the World Class) under championship rules for motor gliders (Annex A refers). SC3-A, para. 1.3.3: Motorised sailplanes shall be permitted to participate in their appropriate classes, provided they have fully functioning MoP recorders.

The recommendations of the CSWG are:

1. No changes are to be made to the following classes: **15 Meter, 18 Meter, Open, Standard, Club**
2. No changes to the IGC Competition Calendar are recommended to the Multi-Class World Gliding Championships comprised of the **Open, 15 Meter, 18 Meter**. This event is recommended to remain in **EVEN** years.
3. The Multi-Class World Gliding Championship that has the current configuration of **Standard, Club and World** classes will be changed. The **World Class** will be deleted and the **20 Meter Two-Seater Class** will be added.
4. The Multi-Class World Gliding Championship comprised of **Standard, Club and 20 Meter Two-Seater Class** classes will be competed in **EVEN** years. The entry configuration for this WGC will be as follows:
  - **Standard Class** – 2 entries per NAC
  - **Club Class** – 2 entries per NAC
  - **20 Meter Two-Seater Class** – 1 entry per NAC
5. The **13.5 Meter Class** will have its own World Gliding Championships to be held for the first time in 2015 and be competed bi-annually in **ODD** years with **4 entries per NAC**

These recommendations have been accepted by the IGC Bureau and will be formally proposed to the IGC Plenum in 2011 for adoption.

*What is the impact of these recommendations on bids for World Championships?*

Multi-Class Championships I believe that it was the intention of the Plenary in 2010 to have a revised WGC Calendar in 2014 to accommodate the decisions on the 20M and 13.5M Classes. This will be included in the proposal put to the 2011 IGC Plenum.

*The Bureau, therefore, recommends that any NAC planning to bid for the 2014 Multi-Class Championships base their bids on the new class compositions.*

13.5M Championship The inaugural 13.5M World Gliding Championships will held in 2015 and the IGC Plenum will decide on the host for this WGC at the 2012 meeting.

*The Bureau believes that that a “trial” 13.5M event could be held in 2013.*

**Bid Applications for Decision in 2012**

**Initial applications for Multi-Class Championships for 2014  
and for a “trial” 13.5M competition in 2013,**

**are due to the IGC Secretary and IGC Bid Specialist by September 30, 2010**

Best regards



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