



<b>CIVL 2013 PLENARY – ANNEX 26</b> <b>COMPETITION COORDINATOR</b>
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### **Category 2 Competition Sanctioning**

In 2012 we will have sanctioned 324 Cat 2 competitions across all disciplines (322 in 2011).

They break down as follows: (Figures in brackets show competitions with no results recorded. This can be due to cancellation, no tasks flown (bad weather), invalid event (insufficient pilots) or the failure of the organiser to submit the results.)

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Paragliding XC	161 (34)	175 (38)
Paragliding Accuracy	51 (8)	43 (3)
Paragliding Acro	7 (0)	8 (3)
Hang Gliding Class 1	61 (5)	58 (9)
Hang Gliding Class 5	25 (6)	20 (10)
Hang Gliding Class 2	3 (2)	3 (2)
Hang Gliding Sports Class	16 (9)	12 (8)

The numbers show a small decline in PG XC, and an increase in PG Accuracy , the other disciplines seem to be reasonably static. Except in HG Class 5 where it looks to be increasing in popularity. But I think the increase here, in both the total and the validated number, is most likely due to the rule change - no longer specifying a minimum number of competitors - that was introduced in 2012.

The HG Sports Class is still poorly supported with most of the non-validated competitions being due to no pilots attending.

The detailed spreadsheets that have been included show a picture of the 3 major disciplines giving historical data taken from the rankings since 2005. There are 2 tabs for each, showing trends for both competitions and competitors. The numbers in those spreadsheets refer to the number of pilots entering a competition, not the overall population of competition pilots (ie a pilot entering six competitions will be counted six times.)

The data is presented by calendar year, with an additional set for PG XC: also shown for the 12 months starting in August through to the following July. This was done to verify if, as was widely speculated in some forums, there was a negative post-Piedrahita effect on the number of competitors and competitions. In fact, although it appears that there is a decline in the number of competitions, the average number of competitors is comparable with 2011 , although markedly down on 2009/10.

Very few sanctioning requests were refused this year due to late applications after the 30 day deadline. However, some organisers (regularly) still leave the paperwork until the very last day possible. The number of organisers using Paypal to pay the sanction fee, rather than bank transfer/credit card is slowly increasing.

## **Results processing**

As usual Email reminders still have to be sent to many organisers to chase the results. In a few cases 3 or 4 mails are needed. In general there was a slight improvement in returning results this year.

Results were not received from 3 competitions and no useable results were found on any website for these, so they were not entered.

For XC competitions, FS is the most commonly used scoring program. No RACE databases were submitted this year. Other programs in use are Compcheck, Aircore and SeeYou. Some results from Compcheck are still poorly formatted and are often missing FAI licence and, CIVL ID information and include incorrect country codes.

## **WPRS**

This year saw a major change to the ranking from the beginning of April, whereby all pilots who competed in a competition received ranking points. Previously, only those with a reported FAI licence received points. In the PG ranking this added just over 1000 pilots to the ranking. For a few pilots it made a significant change to their ranking. In HG the minimum numbers required to validate a competition were removed. This has meant that National championships in some smaller nations have been validated for WPRS points for the first time for several years.

In general, most organisers are still reporting licence holders when submitting results. But they often have to be asked by email to confirm this. There are a few organisers who have begun to realise that providing licence information is a somewhat pointless exercise. Perhaps CIVL should now consider suppressing the license field in the WPRS and leaving the checking of licences at Cat 2 competitions to the organiser and his relevant NAC?

## **FAI Licence database**

The various technical problems with the FAI Sporting licence database have now been solved and NACs appear to be able to load 2012 data. However very few nations have done so and currently the database is a relatively useless as a tool.

## **Incidents**

Since the beginning of August 2011 we have been encouraging the organisers of Cat 2 competitions to report incidents involving reserve deployment or accidents requiring intervention of the organiser or rescue services or hospital treatment. This has proceeded on a voluntary basis throughout 2012. Organisers/pilots are asked to fill out an incident form if an incident occurs and organisers asked to acknowledge by email if there were or were not incidents in their competition.

At the Safety Subcommittee meeting at the 2012 Plenary, several recommendations were made to improve the process both to ease the collection and analysis of data. To date, I know of little progress that has been made in this area.

Although some forms have been collected, some of these have been created and submitted by me from very limited information. In some other competitions, where it was known incidents occurred, there has been great reluctance to help collect or report information.

Below is a summary of what has/has not been collected:

## CAT 2 Incident Data for paragliding XC Competitions

Taken from a mixture of email response and actual complete incident forms between 1 Aug 2011 and 20 Dec 2012

	Valid Comps	Number of Comps with no reported Incidents	Num of Comps reporting Incidents	Number of Comps where an Incident form was completed	Number of Comps where no form was received	Organiser did not respond
2011	55	28	18	12	6	9
2012	129	68	42	23	19	19
Total for the period	184	96	60	35	25	28

The PG Competitions Safety Task Force recommended collecting data and at least producing some sort of index to try to see if improvements were occurring. This should at least be possible for all CAT 1 competitions and similar events.

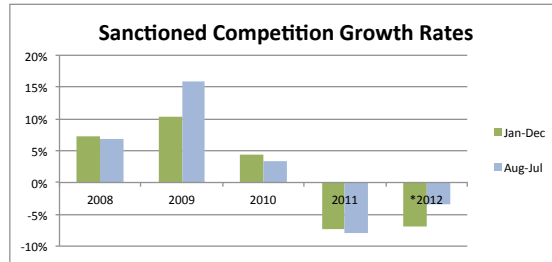
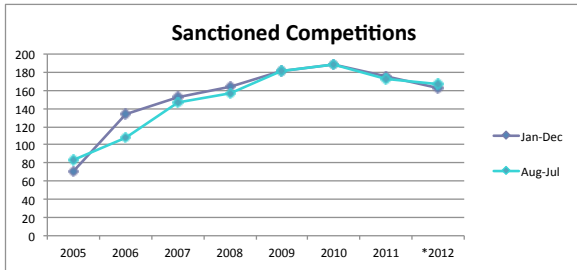
It was suggested that an index could be calculated as: incidents/tasks/pilot with the index multiplied by 100 to improve readability. I included the 2012 PWC at Talloires to show that analysing data must be done carefully and that there is no true way of directly comparing competitions. Nevertheless it can be useful for highlighting events that include incidents that could be investigated further to assess any trends in possible causes, and their background conditions.

Event	Reserves Reported Crashes	Tasks	Number of Pilot	Index
PWC Talloires 2012			1	3.0534
Worlds Piedrahita 2011			1	2.7586
Europeans Morzine 2006			1	1.6417
Europeans St Andre 2012			1	1.0101
Superfinal Mexico 2012			1	0.9496
Worlds Mexico 2009			1	0.8783
European Abtenau 2010			1	0.7042
Europeans Serbia 2008			1	0.4137
Worlds Manilla 2007			1	0.4054

### Sanctioned Competitions

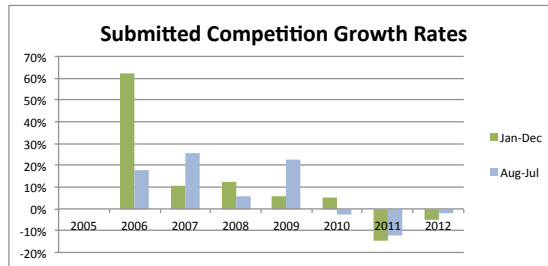
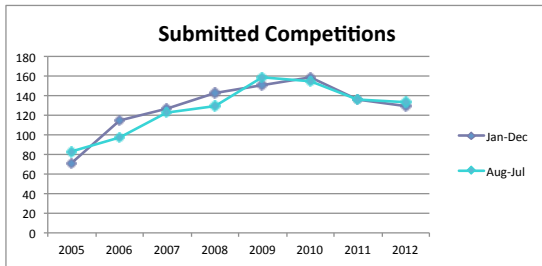
	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%	Aug-Jul	annual growth %	
2005	71			83		
2006	134	63	89%	108	25	30%
2007	153	19	14%	147	39	36%
2008	164	11	7%	157	10	7%
2009	181	17	10%	182	25	16%
2010	189	8	4%	188	6	3%
2011	175	-14	-7%	173	-15	-8%
*2012	163	-12	-7%	167	-6	-3%

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### Submitted Competitions

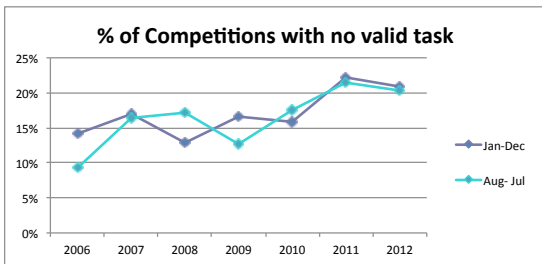
	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%	Aug-Jul	annual growth %	
2005	71			83		
2006	115	44	62%	98	15	18%
2007	127	12	10%	123	25	26%
2008	143	16	13%	130	7	6%
2009	151	8	6%	159	29	22%
2010	159	8	5%	155	-4	-3%
2011	136	-23	-14%	136	-19	-12%
2012	129	-7	-5%	133	-3	-2%



### Competitions with no valid tasks

	Jan-Dec	% invalid	Aug-Jul	% invalid
2005	0		0	
2006	19	14%	10	9%
2007	26	17%	24	16%
2008	21	13%	27	17%
2009	30	17%	23	13%
2010	30	16%	33	18%
2011	39	22%	37	21%
2012	34	21%	34	20%

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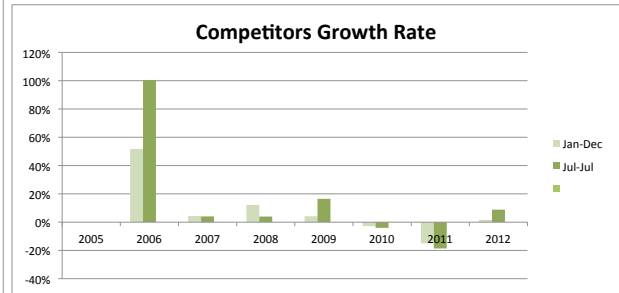
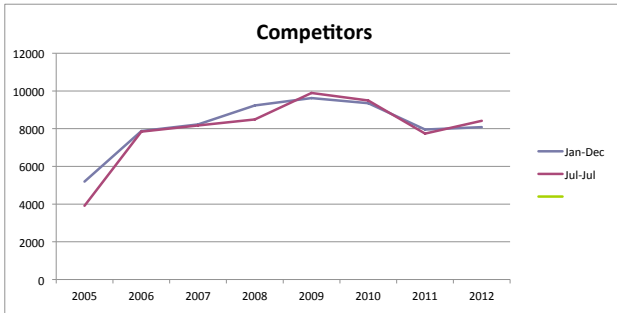


### Competitors

	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%	Jul-Jul	annual growth	%
2005	5192			3911		
2006	7877	2685	52%	7843	3932	101%
2007	8227	350	4%	8166	323	4%
2008	9231	1004	12%	8488	322	4%
2009	9621	390	4%	9894	1406	17%
2010	9350	-271	-3%	9498	-396	-4%
2011	7954	-1396	-15%	7736	-1762	-19%
2012	8085	131	2%	8419	683	9%

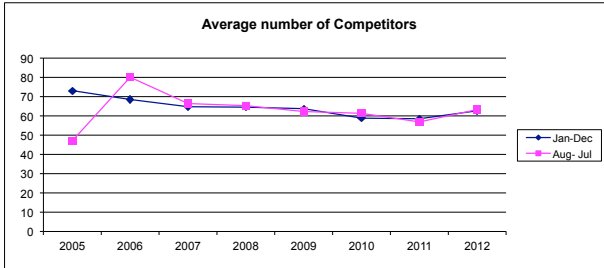
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\* Incomplete , awaiting 2 more comps to run in 2012



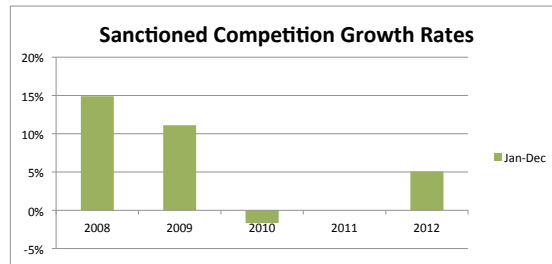
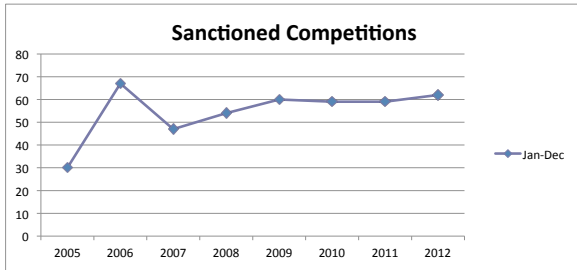
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	Jan-Dec	annual growth	Jan-Nov	Aug-Jul	annual growth	Jan-Jun
2005	73			47,1		
2006	68	-4,6	-6%	80,0	32,9	70%
2007	65	-3,7	-5%	66,4	-13,6	-17%
2008	65	-0,2	0%	65,3	-1,1	-2%
2009	64	-0,8	-1%	62,2	-3,1	-5%
2010	59	-4,9	-8%	61,3	-0,9	-2%
2011	58	-0,3	-1%	56,9	-4,4	-7%
2012	63	4,2	7%	63,3	6,4	11%



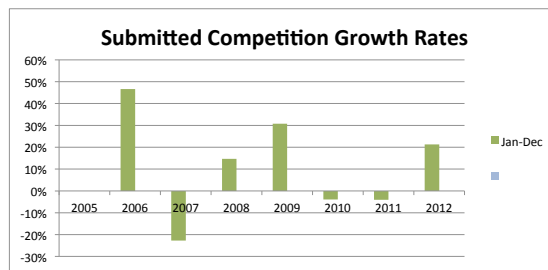
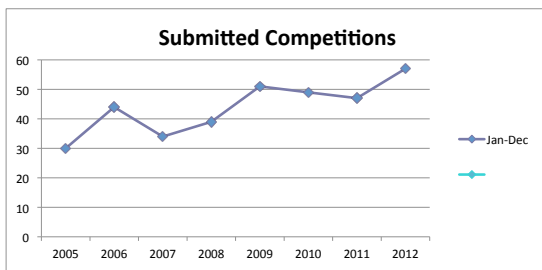
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Year	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	30		
2006	67	37	123%
2007	47	-20	-30%
2008	54	7	15%
2009	60	6	11%
2010	59	-1	-2%
2011	59	0	0%
2012	62	3	5%



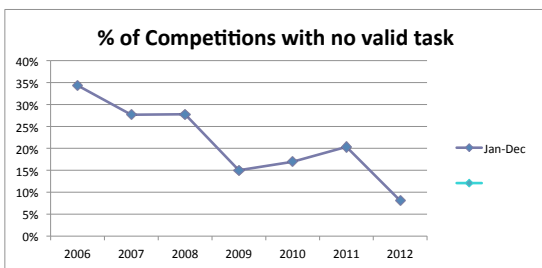
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Year	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	30		
2006	44	14	47%
2007	34	-10	-23%
2008	39	5	15%
2009	51	12	31%
2010	49	-2	-4%
2011	47	-2	-4%
2012	57	10	21%



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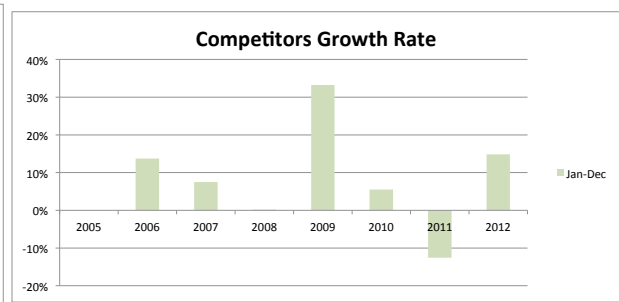
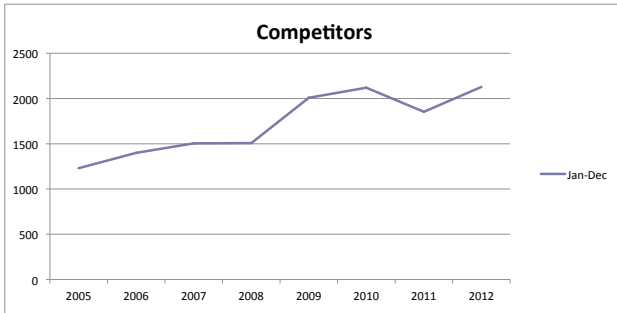
Year	Jan-Dec	% invalid
2005	0	
2006	23	34%
2007	13	28%
2008	15	28%
2009	9	15%
2010	10	17%
2011	12	20%
2012	5	8%



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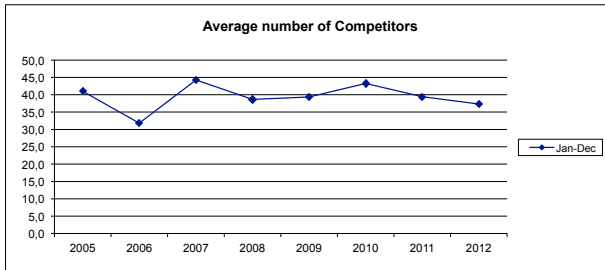
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	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	1230		
2006	1399	169	14%
2007	1504	105	8%
2008	1507	3	0%
2009	2008	501	33%
2010	2119	111	6%
2011	1853	-266	-13%
2012	2128	275	15%



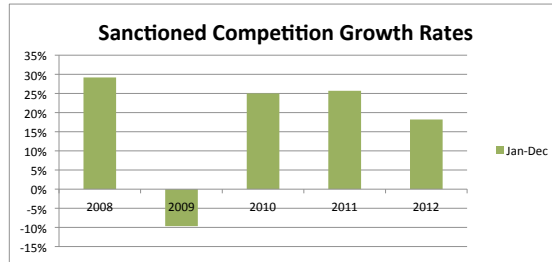
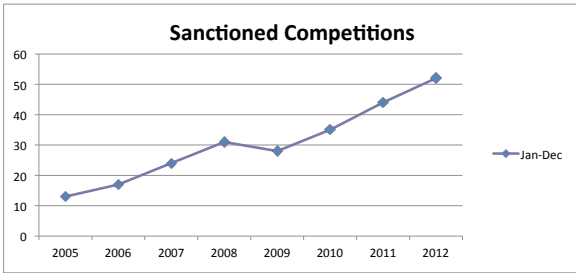
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	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	41,0		
2006	31,8	-9,2	-22%
2007	44,2	12,4	39%
2008	38,6	-5,6	-13%
2009	39,4	0,7	2%
2010	43,2	3,9	10%
2011	39,4	-3,8	-9%
2012	37,3	-2,1	-5%



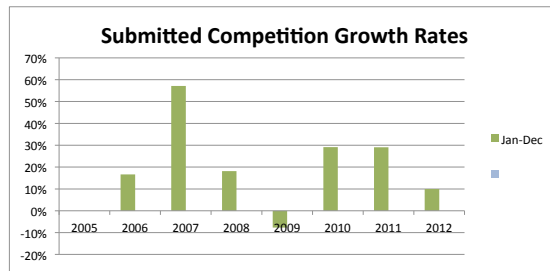
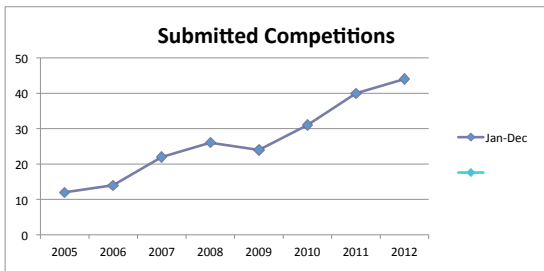
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2005	13		
2006	17	4	31%
2007	24	7	41%
2008	31	7	29%
2009	28	-3	-10%
2010	35	7	25%
2011	44	9	26%
2012	52	8	18%



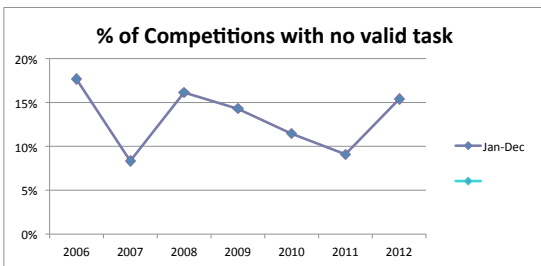
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Year	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	12		
2006	14	2	17%
2007	22	8	57%
2008	26	4	18%
2009	24	-2	-8%
2010	31	7	29%
2011	40	9	29%
2012	44	4	10%



### Competitions with no valid tasks

Year	Jan-Dec	% invalid
2005	1	
2006	3	18%
2007	2	8%
2008	5	16%
2009	4	14%
2010	4	11%
2011	4	9%
2012	8	15%

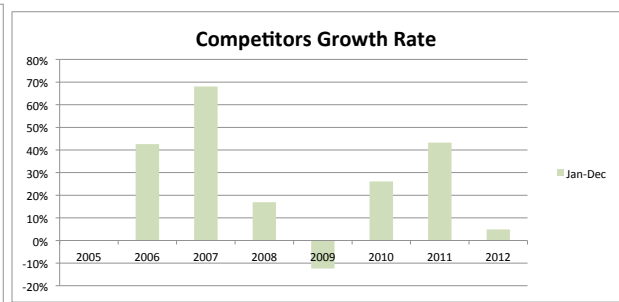
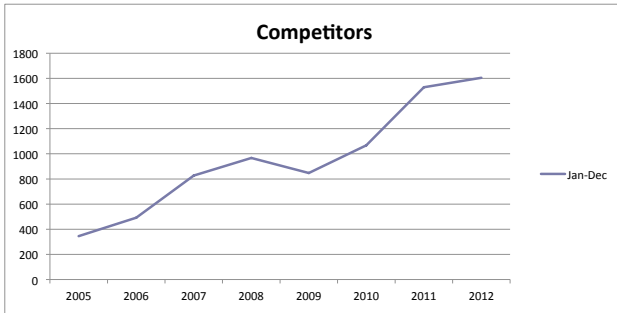


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2005	345		
2006	492	147	43%
2007	827	335	68%
2008	967	140	17%
2009	847	-120	-12%
2010	1068	221	26%
2011	1530	462	43%
2012	1605	75	5%



### Average Number of Competitors

	Jan-Dec	annual growth	%
2005	29		
2006	35	6,4	22%
2007	38	2,4	7%
2008	37	-0,4	-1%
2009	35	-1,9	-5%
2010	34	-0,8	-2%
2011	38	3,8	11%
2012	36	-1,8	-5%

