



Practical Guidelines for CIVL/FAI Category 1 Competition Organisers Chapter 1

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1 Introduction

1.1 Objectives of this Guidelines document

The aim of this document is to provide guidance for anyone interested in organising an FAI Category 1 Championship that includes one or several CIVL disciplines. This is not in itself a rule book, but makes reference to rules, as set out in the FAI Sporting Code. This document should be read in conjunction with the General Section of The Sporting Code, as well as the discipline-specific chapters in Section 7.

These Guidelines make extensive reference to other FAI and CIVL documents, which may be updated independently, and may be relevant to other Commissions and/or to other aspects of the FAI and CIVL scope of activities.

These Guidelines are designed to cover every aspect of the Organisation of a Category 1 event, from bid preparation through to post-Championship tasks and responsibilities. Some organising teams will have more experience than others; the aim is to provide general guidelines, providing a useful checklist for some, and a more comprehensive manual to others.

The overall Competition Organiser should ensure that his key staff are familiar with the relevant sections of this document as well as relevant documents referenced from these Guidelines.

The rationale for publishing this document in a modular format, is so that subsections can be easily updated as necessary. Rules and technology change, so this document will need to be maintained and updated. Feedback is essential in order to keep these Guidelines current and useful. Category 1 Championship organisers can make an important (and welcome) contribution in this respect. The modular format also facilitates dissemination, as key personnel need only download the section(s) relevant to their role(s).

1.2 Summary of FAI structure and objectives

An international, non-profit-making, non-governmental organisation, the FAI's main aim is the development throughout the world of sport aviation and aeronautical activities. One of its key objectives is to bring together the air sports men and women of the world in international competition.

Founded in 1905 in Paris, and now headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, the FAI is organised according to Statutes and By-Laws, established and maintained by its annual General Conference. The member nations of FAI, around 100 today, are represented by their "National Air Sport Controls" (NACs).

In order to fulfil its objectives and meet the evolving needs of each air sport and area of activity, the FAI has established Commissions covering the various disciplines: Ballooning, general aviation, gliding, rotorcraft, parachuting, aeromodelling, aerobatics, astronautics records, hang-gliding & paragliding and microlights.

Further information can be found at: <http://www.fai.org/about-fai>

1.3 Summary of CIVL structure and objectives

Established in 1975, the remit of the Commission Internationale de Vol Libre (CIVL) covers FAI sanctioned hang gliding and paragliding World and Continental Championships, FAI sanctioned Category 2 competitions, World XC Online and World and Continental records activities. CIVL is organised according to its Internal Regulations and associated documents. The annual CIVL Plenary is the primary instrument for the commission, at which the CIVL President and Bureau are appointed, proposal for amending the Sporting Code are discussed and voted on, Category 1 Championships are reviewed, and bids for upcoming Championships are presented and voted on.

CIVL has established Committees representing the four main disciplines: Hang gliding, Paragliding cross country, Paragliding Accuracy and Aerobatics. Further committees, permanent and temporary working groups and technical officers cover additional important issues, such as maintaining the Sporting Code, Safety, Records & Badges, Software and Technology developments, as well as short term objectives.

Further information can be found at: <http://www.fai.org/civl-about-us/civl-organisation> and in the CIVL Handbook, at: <http://www.fai.org/civl-news/36379-2012-civl-handbook>