Year 1 Proposal 7

Annex A Committee
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The handling of ties in the final results (affects 10.2.2)

Proposal

The Plenum is being asked to choose one of three options to handle tie scores in the final results of World and Continental Championships. The three options are:

Option 1: make no change to the current rule.

Option 2: disallow tied placings in the final results.

Option 3: allow tied placings in the final results.

Discussion

Here is a summary of the three options:

Option 1: make no change to the current rule.

Argument for:	Ties are allowed in national championships and should also be allowed in World and Continental Championships. But there should be an exception if a tie for first place occurs. There can be only one World or Continental Champion.
Argument against:	It is not consistent to disallow a tie for first place and allow ties for other places. Management of the podium and the awarding of medals and diplomas is complicated and controversial. The total number of FAI medals and diplomas cannot be known in advance of the competition.

Option 2: disallow tied placings in the final results.

Argument for:	This is the most definitive option. It is straightforward to manage the podium, medals and diplomas.
Argument against:	This is different from most (perhaps all) national championships. It may not be fair.

Option 3: allow tied placings in the final results.

Argument for:	This is consistent with national championships.
Argument against:	The podium can become crowded, and the total number of FAI medals and diplomas cannot be known in advance of the competition. The elite nature of the title of Champion may be lost.