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International Gliding Commission

Proposal by Aero Club of Poland

It is Proposed:

To allow additional - second entry per NAC in 20 Metre Multiseat Class for the crew flying a glider equipped with the Manual Rudder Control system and consisting of at least one disabled pilot who requires such facility.

To make it applicable for 2014 World Gliding Championship it is proposed that this provision is included also in Local Procedures of WGC 2014 in Räyskälä.

This proposal affects:

SC3 Annex A, Local Procedures of WGC 2014 in Räyskälä

Reasons supporting the proposal:

There is a wide consensus within gliding community that we should open the door to include our disabled colleagues in top level competitions. There are gliders which may successfully serve for this purpose but there are many other difficulties our disabled colleagues are facing in their sporting activities.

For medical reasons very often they can't participate in so many qualifying events as their non-disabled counterparts and this also applies to any other preparations. This means of course that it's much more difficult for them to get through qualifications in their countries successfully and qualify for the only entry in 20 Metre Multiseat Class which is available for given NAC. If there are two entries available their chance doubles – we have already practical example that it works.

The IGC should also consider that paradoxically the class which is the most suitable to accommodate disabled competitors is the only one limited to one entry per NAC, limiting substantially its availability for disabled pilots for the reasons given above.

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