

## HGFA Competitions Committee Meeting Minutes

St Bernards Hotel – Mt Tamborine  
and 3112 Beechmont Road Canungra  
29th – 30th May 2004

### Meeting

St Bernards Hotel - Saturday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm.  
3112 Beechmont Road - Sunday at 8:45 am - 12:45 pm, 1:45pm - 4:15pm.

### Attendees

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Michael Zupanc - CIVL Delegate  
Tim Cummings - HG Rep  
Stewart Dennis - General Manager  
Brandon O'Donnell - PG Rep  
Ian McFarlane - PG Development Rep

### Apology

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Adam Nienkemper - working nightshift  
Tove Heaney - overseas at comp

### Appointments

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Minute secretary – Tim Cummings  
Competitions Committee convenor – Michael Zupanc  
Competitions Manual editor - Brandon O'Donnell  
Competition Organisers Handbook editor – Brandon O'Donnell  
Hang Gliding Ladder editor - Michael Zupanc  
Paragliding Ladder editor – Ian McFarlane (with help from Brian Webb, Geoff Wong)  
Trophies Officer – Adam Nienkemper  
HG Competition Calendar Coordinator – Michael Zupanc  
PG Competition Calendar Coordinator – Brandon O'Donnell

### Documents to be Tabled

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Opitja CIVL Report - Craig Worth  
PG Nationals Competition Meeting - authored Adam Nienkemper  
Sanction Applications  
HG Sanction Application - Canungra Classic 2004  
HG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Summer Series 2004  
HG Sanction Application - Canungra Sunday Winter Series 2004  
HG Sanction Application - Gulgong 2004  
PG Sanction Application - Killarney 2003 C100  
PG Sanction Application - Killarney 2004 A  
PG Sanction Application - Canungra Cup 2004 AAA  
PG Sanction Application - Manilla 2005 AAA  
PG Sanction Application - Bright 2005 AAA

### Abbreviations used in these Minutes

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CC - Competitions Committee  
CCC – Competition Calendar Co-ordinator  
DQF – day quality factor  
HG - hang glider  
PG - paraglider  
WM - weightshift microlight

Minuted items are not necessarily shown in chronological order.

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#### 1. MINUTES LAST COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

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All action items from the last CC meeting were completed other than those listed. Outstanding actions have been reallocated to new committee members

*Action 03.02: Automatic FAI Sports Licence. The HGFA membership form should say that all members automatically get a sporting licence. A check box should be on the form so that international pilots can say if they already have a sporting licence for another country. The HGFA web site can have further explanations about requirements for an FAI card when setting records or competing overseas.*

Motion 04.01 We recommend to HGFA board that HGFA automatically issues all Australian members (who haven't opted out) with a FAI sporting licence card unlaminated for easy signing. Moved: Michael Zupanc, Seconded: Tim Cummings, Passed unanimously.

Action 04.01 Stewart Dennis to follow up on Motion 04.01 and Action 03.02. Printed Section 7 and Competitions Manual need not be distributed anymore due to increased web accessibility. HGFA could still charge for printed copies and reissued lost cards.

*Action 03.03: Karl Texler to obtain Access database of PG ladder and send to Tim Cummings who will insert fixed total validity calculations to calculate a trial ladder and send back to Karl Texler for publishing.*

Action 04.02 Tim Cummings to look at MSAccess version of ladder scoring so that fixed total validity calcs can be applied to PG ladder for a trial basis before becoming the approved method of calculating ladders.

*Action 03.04: Badges. HGFA Web Site already has badge application forms. Karl Texler to investigate the availability of altimeter/barograph calibration in Australia and what is required to approve such a facility. Michael Zupanc to determine FAI requirements for calibration of altimeters for badge flights. When an Australian facility is available, Stewart Dennis will begin promotion of badges in Australia.*

Action 04.03: Ian McFarlane to investigate the availability of altimeter/barograph calibration in Australia and what is required to approve such a facility. Ian McFarlane to determine FAI requirements for calibration of altimeters for badge flights. Ian McFarlane to begin promotion of badges in Australia.

*Action 03.05: Competition Organiser's Handbook. Karl Texler to send electronic copy to Michael Zupanc for publishing on HGFA Web site.*

Action 04.04: Brandon O'Donnell to send handbook to Michael Zupanc for conversion from Word to PDF and posting to web.

*Action 03.06: Helmets. Michael Zupanc and Karl Texler. The Competition Manual and the Competition Organisers Handbook to include identical words regarding helmets to the Operations Manual 9.1.4.*

Action 04.05: Brandon O'Donnell: The Competition Manual 3.5.6 and the Competition Organisers Handbook to include identical words regarding helmets to the Operations Manual 9.1.4.

*CIVL DELEGATE REPORT - Turnpoint Cylinders: The CIVL Section 7 have made a rule that mirrors the HGFA rule regarding only scoring the minimum flyable distance rather than the distance to centre of the turnpoints. Race 2003 automatically takes this requirement into account.*

Action 04.06: Michael Zupanc: To confirm that this has actually happened. To contact Ivan Twose (CompeGPS) and Janne Jarnesjo (Race) to ensure that it happens in future versions.

*Action 03.07: Michael Zupanc for Competition Manual. A default close of entries date should be specified in 3.4.1, after which the listed priority of accepting entries no longer applies. The rule regarding International Pilots should remove "wishing to enter". Entry deadlines specified by the competition organiser and approved by the competitions committee shall be enforceable. The default close of entries will occur four weeks prior to the first scheduled flying day.*

Action 04.07: Brandon O'Donnell for Competition Manual. A default close of entries date should be specified in 3.4.1, after which the listed priority of accepting entries no longer applies. The rule regarding International Pilots should remove "wishing to enter". Entry deadlines specified by the competition organiser and approved by the competitions committee shall be enforceable.

*Action 03.10: Competition Manual 6.5. The ranking will be calculated after Easter each year. The official ranking will remain unchanged until the ladder is recalculated.*

Action 04.08: Brandon O'Donnell: Competition Manual 6.5. The ranking will be calculated after Easter each year. The official ranking will remain unchanged until the ladder is recalculated.

*Action 03.13: Competition Manual 8.2.2 needs to be rewritten. Remove "All pilots eligible for selection...as an automatic challenge for a non-firm position." As PG selection has moved away from challenges to applications for a team position. All pilots, even those at the top of the ladder, should address the selection criteria in 8.4. in their application.*

Action 04.09: Brandon O'Donnell: Competition Manual 8.2.2 needs to be rewritten. Remove "All pilots eligible for selection...as an automatic challenge for a non-firm position." As PG selection has moved away from challenges to applications for a team position. All pilots, even those at the top of the ladder, should address the selection criteria in 8.4. in their application.

*Action 03.14: The new antidoping policy details should be put on the contracts to prospective team positions.*

Action 04.10: Stewart Dennis: The new antidoping policy details should be put on the contracts to prospective team positions.

*Action 03.19: Karl Texler - Disaster Relief Plan - A draft disaster relief plan needs to be in the Competition Organisers Handbook. (See FAI Guidelines in the Event of a Casualty or Serious Accident at FAI Air Sports Events).*

Action 04.11: Brandon O'Donnell - Disaster Relief Plan - A draft disaster relief plan needs to be in the

Competition Organisers Handbook. (See FAI Guidelines in the Event of a Casualty or Serious Accident at FAI Air Sports Events and "Practical Guidelines for Organisers of FAI/CIVL Competitions").

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2. CIVL MEETING – DELEGATE REPORT

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Craig Worth provided a comprehensive report of the meeting. (see tabled document)

The review of the Hay Pre-worlds was positive apart from

- a. not leaving adequate time between task briefing and opening launch (violating Comp Manual rule 3.11.3.)
- b. CIVL now require Hay to provide tugs (for a fee) during 2005 World Championships (not done during Pre-worlds)

Action 04.12: Stewart Dennis: Ensure Dynamic Flight are aware of team size issues with CIVL, number of teams per country, women's team.

Action 04.13: Dynamic Flight: Hay will need to sort out local rules before plenary meeting in our Spring 2004 as previous rules were not satisfactory.

The World Anti-doping Agency has a standard policy that the FAI is expected to adopt at which stage we will come under its jurisdiction. However, the cost of testing is expensive and HGFA and Australian competitions do not have the resources to pay for testing (AUD\$500 per test) or subsequent legal proceedings. WADA have stated they will initially pay for 100 tests per year (across all air sports).

(CIVL voted to not award WPRS points to any competition with fewer than 20 pilots. [Stewart Dennis to confirm])

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3. COMPETITIONS, CALENDAR AND SANCTION APPROVALS

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**Next season's PG sanctions awarded and event calendar (preliminary)**

Dates	Sanction	Area	Competition	Organiser
2004				
2 - 7 Oct	A	Killarney	Killarney PG Classic	Andrew Horchner
9 - 16 Oct	AAA	Canungra	Canungra Cup 2004 Australian Nationals	Brandon O'Donnell (Director Karen Sexton)
2005				
2 - 9 Jan	AAA	Manilla	Manilla XC Open	Godfrey Wenness
10 - 14 Jan	A	Manilla	Manilla XC Open	Godfrey Wenness
19 - 26 Feb	AAA	Bright	Bright PG Open	Brian Webb
Late Feb	B	Wyalkatchem	WA State Titles	???
	C184	Mystic Cup		
Easter 2005	C50	Manilla	State of Origin	James Thompson
15 Apr - 14 Oct	C50	Australia	CMac XC League - Winter	Bomber (Mark Thompson)
15 Oct - 14 Apr	C50	Australia	CMac XC League - Summer	Bomber (Mark Thompson)

Required GAP Parameters - Paragliding

Competition	Nom Dist	B/out Dist	Nom Time	In Goal
Killarney	20 km	4 km	90 min	15%
Canungra Cup	30 km	2 km	90 min	10%
Manilla	50 km	5 km	90 min	20%
Bright	30 km	5 km	90 min	20%

**Next season's HG sanctions awarded and event calendar (preliminary)**

Dates	Sanction	Area	Competition	Organiser
2004				
11 Apr -	C184	Canungra	Canungra Winter series 2004	Tim Cummings
Sept -	C184	Canungra	Canungra Summer series 2004	Tim Cummings
25Sep - 2 Oct	AA	Canungra	Canungra Classic 2004	Jay Longden
		Dalby	--No sanction application --	
22-27 Nov	AA	Gulgong	Gulgong Aerotow Comp	Bill Olive/Rick Duncan
27 Dec - 2 Jan	AAA/AA/A	Deniliquin	Australian Open	Tove Heaney
4, 5th Jan		Hay	Worlds practice days	
07 - 19 Jan	N/A	Hay	Worlds	HGFA/Dynamic Flight
22 - 29 Jan	AAA	Mt Beauty	Bogong Cup	Heather Stricek / Carol Binder
		Corryong	-- no sanction application --	
19 - 26 Feb	A	Manilla	NSW State Titles	Bill Olive
		Wyalkatchem	WA Soaring Championships	
Easter 2005	B	Birchip	Flatter than Flatlands	
15 Apr - 14 Oct	C50	Australia	CMac XC League - Winter	Bomber (Mark Thompson)
15 Oct - 14 Apr	C50	Australia	CMac XC League - Summer	Bomber (Mark Thompson)

Required GAP Parameters - Hang Gliding

Competition	B/out Dist	Nom Dist	Nom Time	In Goal
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Canungra Winter Series	2 km	20 km	60 min	10%
Canungra Summer Series	2 km	20 km	60 min	10%
Canungra Classic	2 km	35 km	90 min	10%
Dalby	4 km	40 km	90 min	10%
Gulgong	4 km	50 km	90 min	10%
Deni National AAA	10 km	80 km	90 min	25%
AA	10 km	50 km	90 min	20%
A	10 km	30 km	90 min	15%
Hay Worlds	10 km	80 km	90 min	25%
Corryong Cup	4 km	40 km	90 min	15%
Bogong Cup AAA	5 km	50 km	90 min	25%
WA Soaring Champs	4 km	40 km	90 min	15%
NSW State Titles - Manilla	5 km	50 km	90 min	10%
Flatter than Flatlands	4 km	40 km	90 min	15%

Action 04.14: Brandon O'Donnell to coordinate any changes to PG competition calendar and to keep NZ informed of our calendar

Action 04.15: Michael Zupanc to coordinate any changes to HG competition calendar

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**4. TEAM SELECTION & FUNDING**  
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Motion 04.02: That HGFA financial support for National Teams competing at FAI category 1 events nominated by the CC be to pay their entry fees and provide team uniforms.  
Moved: Michael Zupanc, Seconded: Brandon O'Donnell, Passed unanimously

Letters will be sent to top 20 on PG Team Selection Ladder. An interim team selection ladder will be published in after Canungra Cup 2004. It will be based on the last three AAA comps weighted 100% and the previous three AAA comps weighted 80%.

Letters will be sent to top 20 on HG Ladder based on current ladder published April 2004.

**PG Team Selection Panel**

Top team selection ladder pilot (currently Andrew Horchner or Fred Gungl)  
Board Nominee (pending) -  
CC Rep - Brandon O'Donnell

**HG Team Selection Panel**

Top ladder pilot - Jon Durand Jnr  
Board nominee (pending) - Michael Zupanc  
CC Rep - Tim Cummings

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**5. HAY HG WORLDS 2005**  
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Michael Zupanc has checked that the Worlds satisfies CIVL conditions regarding the maximum number of days for a CIVL competition.

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**6. MANILLA 2007**  
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A preliminary bid has been submitted to CIVL by Godfrey Wenness for Manilla to hold the PG World Championships in 2007. Manilla 2007 is the only bid presented so far.

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**7. GPS SOFTWARE AND GPS USAGE**  
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The VerifyGPS software has been updated to run on any Java 2 compatible computer (Linux, Mac OS X, Windows). It is now called RaceTracker and can be downloaded from  
<http://www.triptera.com.au/gps>

RaceTracker now works with all Garmin models it has been tested on and Brauniger Galileo. It can read gps files created from CompeGPS. It calculates minimum flyable course (not yet done by CompeGPS or Race2003). It also appears to have more accurate interpolation of start and finish times. It does extrapolation of finish times which CompeGPS doesn't do. It does not have integration with Race, and some of the preferences currently aren't working (even though they were working in VerifyGPS) such as View last day only. It has a vastly improved method of creating a task. It can create a task from importing Route 0 from a Garmin GPS. RaceTracker does not yet do MLR GPS.

Action 04.16: Stewart Dennis to provide Tim Cummings with an MLR and cable for testing and making RaceTracker compatible. MLR to record altitudes to ensure it was in 3D mode when recording.

Action 04.17: Brandon O'Donnell for Competition's Manual: List which GPS verifications are required for different comp sanction levels  
(C sanction comps: waypoints only or track log only satisfactory)  
(AAA/AA/A sanction comps: tracklog only or tracklog with accompanying waypoints satisfactory)

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8. SUBCLASSES

**Paragliding Subclasses**

The 2004 PG meeting at Manilla has provided some new subclass definitions which will be incorporated into the manual. The new subclasses are Open, DHV 2/3, DHV 2, DHV 1/2 and 1. Intermediate pilots are pilots with fewer than 150 hours and flying a DHV 2 or less glider.

**Hang gliding Subclasses**

The Kingpost subclass has become less significant in terms of distinguishing between pilots. Compulsory awards in the Kingpost subclass will now be made optional.

9. NATIONAL LADDER AND AWARDS

PG Open 2003-04 - Fred Gungl  
PG Serial 2003-04 - Craig Donnell  
PG Sport 2003-04 - Ian McFarlane  
PG Women 2003-04 - Jill Borst

HG Open 2003-04 - Jon Durand Jnr  
HG Kingpost 2003-04 - Tim Cummings  
HG Floater 2003-04 - John Blain  
HG Women 2003-04 - Tove Heaney

Action 04.18: Adam Nienkemper to arrange trophies for these winners. Also to check with Tove Heaney and Stewart Dennis whether previous years winners received their trophies.

10. TRIKES

Nothing to report

11. SAFETY

The effectiveness of the current safety committee arrangements was discussed and found satisfactory.

12. LEGISLATION CHANGES

CAO 95.8 and CAO 95.32 both prohibit our flying in controlled air space. Under ICAO, Class E airspace is considered as controlled airspace.

Action 04.19: HGFA General Manager to request amendments to CAO 95.8 and CAO 95.32 to allow our flying in Class E airspace.

13. WORLD PILOT RANKING SYSTEM

The system designed by Michael Zupanc has been implemented and made official for Class 1, 2 and 5 hang gliding. Stewart Dennis has designed a slightly alternative formulae for paragliding and that is now being fine tuned to comply with requirements from the last CIVL meeting.

14. PARTICIPATION TRENDS

Hang gliding - numbers are fairly constant in competitions and overall.

Paragliding - numbers on the increase. The Manilla HG comp filled in 3 days. The state of origin had 85 entrants. Seeding lists selection criteria need to be modernised to ensure they are suitable for the increased demand for competition entry.

HGFA has 1300 hang gliding members, 1000 paragliding members and 400 trike pilots.

15. COMPETITIONS MANUAL UPDATES

Action 04.20: Brandon O'Donnell to make the following additional changes to Competition's Manual version 6.3 and call it version 6.4.

Direct quotes from the manual, new text to be inserted or old text to be replaced, are in italics. Where wording is yet to be determined it is shown in plain text. All section numbers refer to the sections prior to the changes.

General Changes

All references to CIVL Section 7 to now refer to *FAI Sporting Code for Hang Gliders section 7(a, b, c, d)*

Add web addresses for HGFA and FAI where applicable.

All references to the season ending April 15th will now read after Easter.

All references to sanction applications deadline being April 15th, will now read March 15th or the Competition's Committee meeting whichever is later.

#### Specific Changes

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#### **Cover page**

*GAP 2000 => GAP*

*15/7/98 => 7/1998*

#### **Page 2 Disclaimer**

Remove aims of manual from disclaimer. They are already in 1.4.

#### **2.1 Competition Organiser**

Add "*The Competition Organiser may fly in the competition unless he is also the Competition Director of an AA or AAA sanctioned competition.*"

Insert section 2.3 Launch Director

#### **2.3 Launch Director**

*The Launch Director is responsible for the management of pilots within the launch area. He will be required to administer launch procedures, opening and closing of the launch and relevant timing functions. (refer section 3.13 and 3.15). The Launch Director may also be the Competition Director.*

#### **3.2.3 Applications for HGFA Sanction**

*"timing on launch" => "with launch time being used as start time"*

Reference to Grades where Sanction is meant:

Competition Director Experience: (AAA/AA sanctioned comp)

*"Demonstrated at previous meets graded A grade or above. Must not also be a competitor in the event. Or, have run lower grade competitions, with an approved Technical Delegate at the event." => "Demonstrated at previous meets sanctioned A or above. Must not also be a competitor in the event. Or, have run lower sanctioned competitions, with an approved Technical Delegate at the event."*

B-Sanctioned Comp:

*"Previous B or C Grade Competition director or A Grade Pilot or instructor" => "Previous B or C Sanctioned Competition director or A Grade Pilot or instructor"*

#### **3.2.4 Sanction criteria**

Number of competitor requirements has been updated.

Class 1 and 3 AAA=40, AA=30, A=20, B=10, C=6

Class 2, 4, 5 AAA=10, AA=7, A=5, B=3, C=3

AAA PG Bombout distance 7km => 5km

Cross country league -

C Sanction (Not C Grade)

at least 3 cross country flights => any cross country flights.

add *For flight submissions, see HGFA Website, Competitions page.*

#### **3.4.1 Pilot Acceptance before Priority Entry Deadline**

In cases where competitions may be oversubscribed priority entry deadlines specified by the Competition Organisers and approved by the Competitions Committee shall be enforceable.

Priority one: Australian Pilots in order of national ranking up to 50% of the field

Priority two: states or regions => states and territories

Priority three: Overseas pilots in order of ranking up to 20% of the field

Priority seven (=> four): Female pilots sufficient to ensure reasonable competition for any trophies awarded in this category.

Priority four (=> five): no limit on wild cards

Priority five, six, seven, eight: remove

Priority nine:

#### **3.5.8 Ballast**

*A competing glider may carry ballast. Jettisonable ballast can only be in the form of fine sand OR water. A pilot must avoid dropping ballast at any time or in a manner likely to disadvantage other competing gliders or enrage the public.*

*For PG competition, the total ballast, including all flight equipment and the glider must not exceed 33*

kilograms in addition to the pilot's weight. The Pilot's weight is defined as body weight when dressed in jeans, shirt and underwear.

### **3.5.10 Propulsion**

in FAI section 7 aircraft

### **3.6.1 Fitness**

In the life of this edition of the manual, the WADA agency's policies regarding drug taking is expected to come into force. Refer to FAI General Section 3.11.2.

### **3.6.4 Civil Aviation Orders**

CAO 95.8 => CAO 95.8 and 95.32

### **3.7.1.1 FAI Class 1**

Floater subclass now includes gliders suitable for restricted pilots with enclosed cross bars, (includes Max, XT, Mission, Sting, Rage). Kingpost subclass (excludes Max, XT, mission, Sting, includes Litesport)

### **3.7.1.3 FAI Class 3**

Replace subclasses with new DHV 1/1 - 2, DHV 2, DHV2/3

### **3.7.1.5 FAI Class 5**

Replace with wording from Section 7

### **3.8.2 Ballast**

Remove this section as it is repeated elsewhere

### **3.9 Pilot Awards In Competition**

Pilots flying in Open (topless) gliders are now eligible for B Grade awards

Remove all awards to B Grade and C Grade pilots for paragliding.

Rework table 3.9.5 to show optional for most awards

Reference to AFNOR removed

### **3.10.1.2 Competitions with elimination rounds and normalisation**

RACE 2000 (or later) => RACE

### **3.14.4 Goals**

Facility to use gps for determining goal times. Virtual unmanned goals may also be used. Both GPS times and manual timing by a goal marshall may be used together. However, at the task briefing or **in** the local rules, one method **shall** be stated as having precedence.

### **3.14.9 Landing Position**

remove duplicated paragraphs already in 3.14.4

### **3.15.4 Launch Validity - Launch Open Time / 3.15.5 Competition launch validity**

Merge and rewrite based on time available, not on number of pilots actually launching. The "number of pilots" to be used in the calculation is all the pilots that set up.

### **3.15.8 Paragliding Failure to Launch**

Rewrite to make clearer

### **3.15.12 Determined Launch Order Rules - With Push,**

Make clear it is not for paragliders

### **3.15.13 Determined Launch Order Rules - Without Push,**

Make clear it is not for paragliders

### **3.15.14 Open Window and Determined Launch Order Combination**

move to before 3.15.12

### **4.1.4 Cloud Flying**

Disputes regarding cloud flying are to be resolved when infringements are observed by any Competition Official or three independent pilots marking a waypoint on their GPS when they observe the infringement.

## **6 National Ladders**

Australian pilots are those who have an Sporting Licence with a nationality of Australia

### **6.3 National ladder - hang gliding**

two seasons => previous two seasons.

### **6.4.1 Round based ladder calculation**

Remove DQF calculations on subset of all pilots. If results are returning incorrect day qualities then re-evaluate GAP parameters. Fixed Total Validity scoring on PG ladder would remove the undesirable affect of low day validity on ladder calculations.

## **7 Pilot Grading**

Remove all references to Paragliding grades

#### **7.2.1 Australian Champion**

Remove paragraph about B Grade Champions. This award is no longer made.

#### **8. National Teams Selection**

Change challenges to applications.

Invitations are only sent to the top 20 pilots on the ladder.

Number of firm positions for pg comps maximum 2

#### **10 GPS Flight Verification**

All GPS stuff can be moved to after Section 5 Scoring

#### **10.4 Track Log**

Describe interpolation and extrapolation between points to get start and end times.

Michael Zupanc to reword some of the stuff.

#### **10.7.2-4 Time based dispute**

Moved to 10.4

#### **10.7 Pilot Responsibility**

GPS must be set in 3D mode.

**Chapter 10 GPS Flight Verification** to be moved to Chapter 6 and **Chapter 7 National Ladders** onwards to be renumbered.

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