

Summary from the Plenary 2024

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1 – Opening of the meeting

Welcome from CIVL President.

Welcome from FAI Representative.

2 – Code of Ethics

3 – Additions to the Agenda

Finally

- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-38AA-Proposal-USA-PGA-Team-Priority – 26 Yes 4 Nay -Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-41A-HGPG-diploma-nomination-HUN – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe 25 I Adjust certification lead lime for CCC glider - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29A-Adjustment-SC7C - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29B-Junior-and-Women-KO-system-for-Category1 - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29C-Team-scoring-at-Category1-competition-after-applying-KO-rule - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29D-Using-electronic-measurement system - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29E-complaint period when online is used final version - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-25K-Bureau-proposal to set maximum number of pilots in PG XC competitions – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-25j-Bureau-proposal – allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation. - 28 Yes, 2 Nay - Passed

4 – Approval of the minutes of the 2022 Plenary meeting

30 Yes - Passed

5 – FAI President report

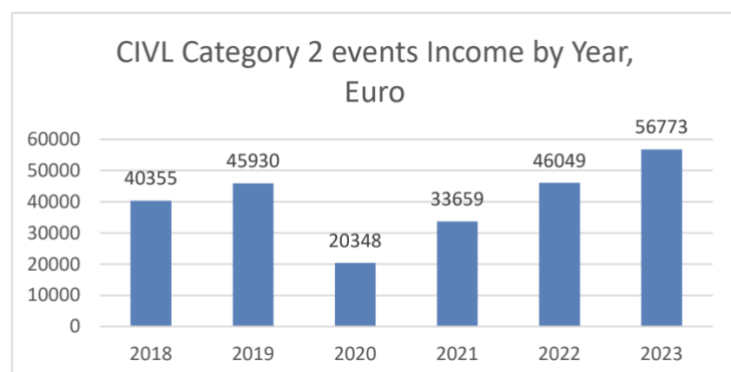
Finally finances are improving. Besides that, nothing special.

5 – FAI Secretary General report

6A – CIVL President Report

The number of events and average number of pilots are up versus 2022. Revenue is up from 2022, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

Cross-country Paragliding accounts for the majority of both the number of events and the revenue. It accounted for 67% of all CIVL income in 2023. Events became more expensive in 2023, with 44% of events charging over 300 euros for an entry fee compared to 32% in 2019.



➔ New H&F category

➔ New Sports class

- ➔ In 2023 CIVL created a working group to develop new standards for paragliding harnesses used in Category 1 competitions. Considerable work has gone in to it thus far, and we expect it to be completed in 2024.
- ➔ “Real Leading Points” will be tried out in some high level events in 2024

7 Bureau Decisions

Only small decisions.

8 – Report of the CIVL Treasurer

The provisional end of year 2023 CIVL accounts, (Refer Annex A) indicates that there has been a significant increase in income compared to previous years as well exceeding the planned 2023 budget by over 23%. The projection was 91.6k CHF, but in practice we achieved 113.4k CHF.

From an ASC Financial Secretary’s point of view, the lack of meeting the forecast is disappointing. There are mixed sentiments regarding the expenditure results compared to the budget predicted figures. Firstly, the financial benefit is that we did not incur the expected deficit, reducing the overall expenditure costs by over 40%. Outgoings were only 79.6k CHF instead of the projected 142.3k CHF: a shortfall of some 62.7k CHF

2024:

The provisional budget for the 2024 CIVL accounts, as accepted by the FAI, (Refer Annex B), shows that the Bureau again intends to have a planned deficit using the CIVL reserves to develop and maintain the sport. Looking at the current trend of events, the CIVL income is projected to be approximately 153.1k CHF, with an expenditure of 157.4k CHF. based on these figures the deficit should be a reasonable 4.3k CHF. This predicted, relatively low deficit will be achieved by the better return of sanction fees as approved at last year’s Plenary.

2025

CIVL is required to approve a CIVL budget for 2025 during 2024. which will be forwarded to the FAI for inclusion into the ‘roll-up’ of their overall Federation budget. The first draft is to be compiled, approved by the Bureau, and forwarded in May 2024 to the FAI. This will include input from the competition bids approved at the Plenary. Currently, it is envisaged that the final 2025 budget will be similar to 2024 figures.

9 – Approval of the 2023 accounts

30 Yes - Passed

10 – Discharge of Bureau responsibility for decisions since last Plenary

30 Yes – Passed

11A – Review Championships

17th Worlds in France:

almost half a million budget. Very good and experienced team. Disaster opening and closing ceremony and HQ in a muddy field was bad idea. A lot of accidents and aggressive flying.

23rd World Hang gliding in Macedonia:

very good event.

12th World PG Accuracy in Bulgaria:

First big problems with the organizer, then he was changed. Sounds like a very messy organization.

17th FAI European Paragliding Championships, Pegalajar, Spain (test):

very good.

1st FAI World Junior Paragliding Championships, Tolmin, Slovenia (test):
Very good.

11B – Report Livetracking
All good.

12 – WAG historical review and analysis

13 Report Hang Gliding Committee

At the worlds in Krushevo, we failed to take into account how to score the female class and include that in the local regulations. How to score Female Pilots in combined events needs to be determined and published in advance of the next worlds in Ager.

14 Report Paragliding XC Committee

Very successful season with many pilots in most competitions.

14B – World PG XC Working Group Report

15 – Report Paragliding Accuracy Committee

16 – Report Paragliding Aerobatic Committee

17 – Report Safety

They got 26 reports of incidents. They need to improve data collection. Mid air collisions were 25% of the incidents.

There will be an incident report system in EMS.

A working group was formed for the low drag harnesses. The draft should be available soon.

18 – Report from the Software Officers

19 – Report from the Records & Badges Officer

20 – Report Competition Coordinator

Ranked events by Sport

| Discipline | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PG XC | 152 | 152 | 106 | 70 | 143 | 135 | 124 |
| PGA | 65 | 59 | 41 | 25 | 79 | 63 | 60 |
| PG Acro. | 6 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| HG Class 1 | 49 | 44 | 32 | 22 | 52 | 57 | 51 |
| HG Class 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| HG Class 5 | 21 | 19 | 13 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 18 |
| HG Class 1 Sport | 23 | 23 | 21 | 8 | 30 | 23 | 26 |
| Total ranked events | 316 | 305 | 217 | 130 | 326 | 311 | 285 |



21 – Report Jury & Steward Coordinator

Nothing special.

22 – Report Communication Officer

Social media interests are increasing.

23A – Environment Officer Report

A CIVL Green Charter / Environment Policy has been developed, in line with FAI environmental approach.

In this frame, the proposed strategy is, in a practical way; to propose to competition bidders and organisers to decide and implement relevant actions for promoting environmental protection during the preparation and the rolling out of the competition.

In order to help competition organizers in implementing this policy, a self-assessment template is made available, listing potential actions, associated with a score scale.

25A – Proposal Bureau Internal regulations

Proposal 1:

Only a Delegate can represent and vote on behalf of a maximum of ~~one~~ two other members of CIVL. Such proxies delegation of voting rights requires ...

Proposal for vote: Yes

30 Yes – Passed

Proposal 2:

Current

The Bureau oversees the operation of CIVL on a day-to-day basis ...

To be replaced by

The Bureau oversees the operation of CIVL on a day-to-day basis. It can take the initiative on any subject to move the sport forward ...

Proposal for vote: Yes

25B – Proposals Bureau – adjust team size for fairness PGXC Worlds

The 2006 plenary adopted rules for PG XC World Championships that are based on the “Olympic Spirit” where, as far as possible, nations are given an equal chance at be on the team podium. Currently, we have strayed from that philosophy and paragliding world championships again have team sizes that vary considerably among nations. Even though the number of scoring pilots is fixed, some nations are able to bring additional pilots and these pilots can assist their “team” pilots. This gives these nations a considerable advantage over nations who are not able to field extra pilots.

Proposal

- Team size would be fixed at $n+1$, where no more than n pilots may be of the same gender.
- Each day, the 2 highest scores would be added to get the team’s score for that task.
- Nations would not be allocated extra slots for “non team” pilots. The maximum number of pilots a team could bring would be $n+1$.
- Teams may be smaller than $n+1$, with the same scoring rules as above being used.
- “ n ” will be set at least one year in advance, and for the World Championship in 2025 is proposed to be “3”.

➔ Withdrawn by Bureau. No consensus.

25C – Proposals Bureau – Steward executive power

The proposal gives the steward executive power, but only after consultation with the Jury

President.

Proposal for vote: no

Yes 27

Nay 2

Abstained 1

25D – Proposals Bureau – External Aid to Competitors

Radio coaching

is replaced by

Coaching pilots to the target by radio or other external aid

Proposal for vote: no

Yes 29

Nay 1

25E – Proposals Bureau – Hike&Fly Sporting Code S7L

New rules for H&F competitions.

Proposal for vote: Yes

30 Yes

25F – Proposal Bureau – Hike&Fly WPRS S7L update

How to implement WPRS for Hike&Fly competitions

Proposal for vote: Yes

30 Yes

25G – Proposal Bureau – Unsportive Behaviour

Small changes.

Proposal for vote: Yes

30 Yes

25H – Proposal Bureau – Create Sports Class Ranking System

They want to implement sports class ranking system and define rules for sports class.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 29

Nay 1

25I – Proposal Bureau – Adjust certification Lead Time for CCC Gliders and harnesses

Time should be 60 days.

Proposal for vote: Yes

30 Yes

25J - Allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation

Yes 28

Nay 2

25K - Set maximum number of pilots in PG XC FAI 2 competitions – Annexe 25 K

30 Yes

30A – Proposal Aerobatics – Sporting Code S7B-v7

Small changes and new maneuvers added.

Proposal for vote: Yes

28 Yes

30B – Proposal Aerobatics – Min Fee for PG Acro events

A minimum fee for competitions limited to 12 or less pilots: 70CHF.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 30

31 – Safety Officer Proposal – No Incidents

The safety in aeronautical activities passes through incident analysis. To have good results we need as much data as possible. At the moment the data collection about incident is very poor.

Elena is improving EMS to make this operation very easy but we need to push more on organizers to accomplish their duty: to fill the incident database

Yes 30

36A – Environmental Policy Proposal

Endorsement and implementation of the proposed CIVL Environmental policy and associated tools (self-assessment template and logo), with further publication in CIVL documentation.

36B – Environmental Policy Green Logo



Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 30

36B – Environmental Policy

CIVL Green Charter environment policy

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 30

36C – Environmental Environment Policy Self-Assessment Template

Template for organizers.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 30

38A – Proposal Indonesia – Multiple events

➔ Withdrawn by Indonesia.

38B – Proposal Germany – Equipment and Airworthiness & Safety Standard:

8 EQUIPMENT AIRWORTHINESS & SAFETY STANDARDS

➔ Withdrawn by Germany. They will make a working group to find good rules.

38C – Proposal Brazil – Multinationals percent

The Maximum number of non-National pilots allowed must be offered to non-Nationals of these countries as follows:

- 1 Country - 25%
- 2 Countries - 20%

- 3 Countries or more - 15%

Proposal for vote: no

Yes 15

Nay 13

Abstained 2

➔ Failed

38D – Proposal Sweden – Maternity Leave

We would like to enable women to apply for freezing ranking points up to one year during the time they are unable to participate in competitions due to having a child. Similar formula to be used as was used for all paragliding pilots during Covid-19.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 28

38E – Proposal Poland – Communication and Safety

Problem: Blocked radio and cloud flying.

Proposal:

It is often difficult to set an upper altitude limit, since the cloudbase can differ with time and place. Therefore it is not announced in a briefing, but a specific time is set - a 20 minutes before opening the window for example - when it will be announced on safety frequency. Then a couple of designated marshalls get flying in launch area in order to assess the viable altitude and advise the meet director. When the decision is taken on the altitude limit, it gets transmitted and any pilots who happen to be above must get below before the task starts – there is enough time to do that safely. In this way we have both problems solved: everybody knows the limit, and all pilots who did not hear anything at given time go check their radios, as it means they have been transmitting.

Proposal for vote: Yes

➔ Not a proposal. Sent to committee to work on them.

38F – Proposal Slovenia – PGA Flying Order

New/ changed rule for accuracy.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 28

38G – Proposal Slovenia, Chile and Colombia – Creat Masters Category and WPRS ranking

Make a new class for old pilots (older than 55 years).

Proposal for vote: Yes, if only in WPRS ranking filter

Yes 16

Nay 13

Abstained 1

➔ Failed

38H – Proposal Slovenia, Chile and Colombia – Creat Masters Category in Records

Make a new class for old pilots (older than 55 years).

➔ Withdrawn by Slovenia.

38I – Proposal Bulgaria – Exemptions

To have a predictable and fair qualification for everyone - we must have only qualification rules and we MUST NOT have any options to circumvent those rules!

Proposal for vote: no opinion

Yes 6

Nay 19

Abstained 5

➔ Failed

38J – Proposal Bulgaria – Goal Line Orientation

The goal line control zone consists of the semi-circle with radius 1/2 behind the goal line, which is oriented perpendicular to the line ~~from center Turnpoint~~ **optimized route** to the goal point. Entering that zone without prior crossing of the goal line is equivalent to crossing the goal line.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

Yes 2

Nay 24

Abstained 2

→ Failed

38K – Proposal France – PG Worlds

Worlds are not fair. Some nations have many pilots which gives an advantage to the team. On the other hand it would not be fair if the best country has to leave 20 pilots at home, while a bad nation can send 3 pilots that have no chance to win.

CAT.1 Worlds championships in PG XC are organized separately for Team and Individual titles, alternatively every second year starting in 2025.

→ Withdrawn by France. No consensus.

38L – Proposal Argentina – Cap Pn

Having a Pn of more than 109 pilots make no sense. Competitions with less pilots but still very high level get devaluated, while others get filled up with bad pilots that are only dangerous to the others. Therefore Pn should be lowered.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 26

38N – Proposal UK – Reduce Rank&Points for FAI PG XC

This proposal is to reduce the entry requirements to participate in Paragliding XC for FAI 1 events (European and Worlds). The current restrictions are very punitive to women's participation and thus also impact a nations Team representation.

PROPOSAL:

- We propose to increase from 700 to 1,000 in the FAI ranking to be eligible for a FAI 1 Worlds.
- To reduce from 40 points to 30 points for a single event for FAI 1 Worlds.

Proposal for vote: no

→ Withdrawn

38O – Proposal UK – Freeze WPRS for the 1st Year

This proposal is to not devalue a pilots WPRS points in the first 12 months after they are scored. The current system is punitive to pilots when it comes to selection for important events that select by WPRS and it does not fairly allow pilots to be compared in the same season.

Proposal for vote: no

→ Withdrawn

38P – Proposal UK – Increase Launch Window Time

Presently the Launch Window for Paragliding is selected by allowing each pilot 30 seconds to launch. This is unrealistic for competitions and competitors and should be increased to 1 minute. Further, an additional 10 minutes should be allowed in the calculation to allow the last pilot a sporting chance to make the start gate.

Proposal for vote: no

→ Withdrawn

38Q – Proposal Spain – WG Rank Regional Events

To create a working group to find the best way to integrate regional type competitions in the WPRS ranking taking into consideration the singularity of these events (they are held during several weekends per year and a final ranking is obtained at the end of the season). Moreover, these events in general have a low number of pilots and their quality is usually low. In addition, the entry fee is usually cheap.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

➔ No vote is needed. Bureau will create a Working group.

38R – Proposal Spain – Junior sub-categories

The current age of 26 years old for Junior implies a wide range of pilots in this category, and it does not help young talents to progress or to feel the necessary motivation both in Accuracy and in XC.

Spain proposes this issue:

To include two official Junior Sub-categories:

Youth Category: -19 years old

Junior A: -23 years old

Proposal for vote: Yes, if only in WPRS ranking filter

Yes 26

38S – Proposal Spain – Expiration time for PG Wings

To limit the lifetime of the wings model in FAI I and FAI II competitions to a maximum of 10 years since their manufacturing date.

Proposal for vote: no

Yes 2

Nay 26

38T – Proposal Portugal – Forbidden Words Radio

The use of the words “Cancelled” or “Stopped” are forbidden by pilots, only the organizer may use those words. A pilot wishing to know if a task has been stopped or cancelled may request the “Task status”. If the task is neither canceled nor stopped the response must not contain the words “Cancelled” or “Stopped”, instead it must be “Task is running normally”.

Proposal for vote: no

Yes 27

38U – Proposal Romania – Knock out in Accuracy

Our proposal is to increase the number of pilots for last rounds to at least 30, for hill take-off and keep the 20 only for winch launching. The amount should be stated clear in the Local Regulations.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

➔ Withdrawn

38V – Proposal Romania – Max Number of Rounds

Remove the possibility of adjusting the number of rounds a competition will have. All competition should have the target of 12 rounds, a full and complete competition.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

➔ Withdrawn

38W – Proposal Romania – PGA Cat 1 events

Some new idea for accuracy.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

➔ Withdrawn

38X – Proposal Brazil – Event Dates

World's and Continental Championships are of utmost importance to CIVL, therefore any event organized by other Paragliding organizations, such as PWC, SRS, etc... must give 1 week for the pilots to travel from one competition to the other.

In case there is a coincidence, CIVL will not award points of the participants in the "other venue" and will not award WPRS points for NAC members of all events held in the same year.

➔ Withdrawn by Brazil. No consensus.

38Y – Proposal Italy – Joint HG Continentals Class 1 and Worlds Class 5

The world Class 5 championships have always low numbers to be held by their own. In 2025 they will run with Class 1 worlds. On the other hand Class 1 worldwide has a lot of eligible pilots who can not compete because their spots are given to Class 5 European championships have less eligible pilots and lower attendance. This make them perfect to host a joined world class 5 championship.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 25

Nay 4

38Z – Proposal Croatia – PGA Knockout 8 Rounds

The Knock-out system proved to be a good change in the FAI 1 events. However, many competitors think that elimination after 6 rounds is too early. Allowing all pilots to fly 8 rounds would make the competition more attractive to pilots who are not in the top 60 and the nation results would be more accurate.

Proposal for vote: no opinion

Yes 4

Nay 14

39A– Bid 2024 Turkish 4th World PG Acro

The 4th FAI WORLD Paragliding Aerobatic championship should be in Ölüdeniz, Fethiye, Turkey from the 9-15th September, 2024 (16 September Reserve Day).

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 30

39D– Bid 2026 18th Paragliding European Championships in Macedonia

Place will be Krushevo and from the 06th, August, Wednesday – 19th, August, Sunday, 2026.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 29

39E– Bid 2026 7th Pan-American Championships USA

Sept 12-19, 2026 in Monroe Utah.

Yes 8

Nay 7

Abstained 15

39F– Bid 2026 7th Pan-American Championships Mexico

In Volcan Ceboruco, State of Nayarit from January 29 – February 07, 2026.

Proposal for vote: Yes

Mexico was not allowed to bid as no Cat 2 events were held in that flying site.

39F– Bid 2026 7th Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Championships Kazakhstan

Tekeli, Zhetysu region, Republic of Kazakhstan from Mid- End of June, 2026

Proposal for vote: Yes

Yes 22

39K– Bid Hang Gliding Championships Class 1&5 Women France

Yes 26

39L– Bid 2nd FAI World Junior Paragliding Championships Madeconia

Letter of intent was voted and approved. Bureau is tasked to define the parameters of the event after the 1st Junior Worlds will be held. The Plenary voted to confirm the place and the organizers.

Yes 28

42 – Venue of next Plenary meeting

Budva, Montenegro – Annexe 42. The dates of the Plenary 2025 - 6-9 March

43 – Any other matter

The French delegate suggested to create a WG to consider inclusion of disabled pilots in PG XC and PGA

- The UK delegate underlined the acuteness of Harness issue. The Bureau needs to get involved.
- The Brazil delegate suggests bids should be better reviewed in commissions before voting. Committee chairs should steer this process.
- The Bureau shall prohibit adding last minute proposals for the Plenary.
- The PGA event in Korea G-Games was desanctioned after careful case study. The reasons the change of AMD during the event and the use of judges not qualified to act in their positions.
- Light weight class – a subject to be looked into again. See survey.