

**Proposals no. 2**  
**Improving safety in cat. 1 competition**  
**CIVL Plenary Meeting 2005**

By the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)

The accident statistic from CIVL category 1 events during the last ten years is totally unacceptable. It shows that something is fundamentally wrong with our competitions. We do not accept that participation and competing in a CIVL event may mean that a pilot risks his life.

Section 7 states:

*“The purpose of the championships is to provide good and satisfying contest flying in order to determine the world or continental champion in each class, and to reinforce friendship among pilots of all nations.”*

We do not see that a criterion of “good and satisfying flying” is fulfilled if we have serious and/or fatal accidents. We in the Nordic countries demand that a CIVL category 1 event **shall be a safe event!**

This is nothing new to CIVL and we have up to day tried to solve this problem with higher pilot qualification criteria. Sadly, we see that we have failed.

Either we choose that FAI/CIVL cat.1 event is world championships only for the best 100-150 pilots in the world and we make our qualification criteria's accordingly to that. Then our sport will become like the Ice hockey World Cup where only the top 8-10 nations are represented.

Or we choose that FAI/CIVL cat.1 event is world championships based on all CIVL member countries possibilities to participate and in order to run a safe hang gliding and paragliding competitions under these circumstances the sites, overall organisation and task setting have to be at the average level of the competing pilots, not at the level of world's top 10 pilots. Then our sport will become more like the Olympic games where participation is possible for all member countries.

Up to now we have without any success tried to satisfy both above mentioned choices. We think it is now time for CIVL to decide in what way we shall go.

## **PROPOSAL**

**Alternatives:**

- 1. FAI/CIVL cat.1 event is world championships only for the best 100-150 pilots in the world and we make our qualification criteria's accordingly to this in order to make safe cat. 1 competitions.**
- 2. FAI/CIVL cat.1 event is world championships based on all CIVL member countries possibilities to participate. In order to make this a safe cat. 1 the sites, overall organisation and task setting have to be at the average level of the competing pilots, not at the level of world's top 10 pilots.**

On behalf of the Nordic countries:

Denmark  
Finland  
Iceland  
Norway  
Sweden

Regards  
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