

PROPOSAL 3: Mass Limit in the Open Class

1. Annex A 4.2. The IGC Bureau proposes to amend rule 4.2 concerning the maximum take off mass with effect from 1 March 2004:

The present rule states: Open Class – 750 kg, except that two-seater motor-gliders that exceed 750 kg may be flown at their actual mass but may not carry disposable ballast.

The proposed amendment would read:

4.2 Open Class – 750 kg, except that two-seater motor-gliders that exceed 750 kg may be flown at their actual mass but may not carry disposable ballast **and may not exceed 850kg.**

The reason for this amendment is to provide a maximum limit for two-seat aircraft just as the existing rule imposes a maximum limit on single-seat aircraft. Permitting an unlimited maximum mass for the two-seat motorised gliders is considered to be unfair because this gives them an advantage under good soaring conditions.

In addition, such a 850 Kg limitation will keep all gliders participating to World and Continental championships within the framework of the JAR 22 certification which is the base of certification of most gliders in the World. Exceeding this mass limit would require a different certification base resulting in a more expensive certification procedure.

2. The Bureau proposes that Annex A 4.2 be amended with effect from 1 October 2006 to read:

4.2 Open Class – 750 kg.