

REQUEST TO REVIEW NEW WGC-REGULATION
<1 PILOT PER CLASS PER NATION>

Dear Delegates IGC

I kindly ask you to review the new regulation envisaging 1 pilot per nation for Open- and 18m-Class at the WGC 2003 at Rieti and later on in general, for the following reasons:

The new regulation aimed at keeping the WGC at a manageable size to take place at one place every two years.

But this can easily be reached by other flexible measures provided by the organisers themselves, submitting their ideas to the IGC.

Meanwhile, the idea behind this has become obsolete: The IGC, with good reasons, rose the Clubclass, World-Class, Juniors- and Womens-Class- Championships to WGC-Level, and the decentralisation of the WGC is a fact, with even more than one competition per year.

On the other hand, this new restriction would constitute new essential difficulties inside national qualifying circumstances including demotivating restraints for pilots opting to qualify for international competitions (WGC/EGC).

The fact, that only one pilot per country should be able to qualify for WGC for the future is too much limiting, not necessary and thus contraproductive on the PR level of our sport, especially in view of the loss of members experienced by the soaring communities of many countries.

I therefore urgently request the IGC-delegates to abolish this idea altogether by vote at the next plenum of IGC. With the effect, to allow more flexibility for ambitious young gliding pilots to compete and take their chance.

With best regards, Hans Nietlispach, IGC-delegate of Switzerland.