

Proposal for formal consideration of the impact of cost in IGC strategy and policy.

Proposed by the British Gliding Association

Proposal

1. That the IGC require an assessment of the economic impact on the gliding movement of all proposals presented to the IGC Plenum.
2. That the IGC strategic plan includes an objective of maintaining affordable level of costs for participation in Cat 1 events.
3. That adequate safeguards are put in place to ensure competition organisers comply with the conditions of their bid.

The Proposal affects

- The required format for proposals to IGC
- IGC Bureau strategic improvements document.
- Competition bid document.
- Competition organiser agreement

Reason for proposal

Recent years have seen a fall in the number of participants in gliding, one of the issues that contributes to this decline is the rising costs of participating in the sport. As the gliding community becomes smaller it is less able to meet the costs of maintaining its infrastructure and provide the capital required to continue to develop the sport.

The IGC makes many decisions that have significant impact on the sport of gliding and this proposal is intended to raise the profile of the economic impact of those decisions.

This proposal is not intended to reduce the quality of the IGC events and decisions but to ensure that good value for money has a significant priority.

Specific action required as a result of this proposal.

1. Future class changes or amendments must contain a cost impact analysis.
2. Proposed changes to any existing IGC rules, procedures, approvals or competition classes should be accompanied by a cost impact analysis.
3. The overall cost of participation must be considered a major factor in all decisions related to IGC events.
4. A major review of the championship structure, including a review and report addressing any existing barriers to participation in championships.

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