

# Clarification of the Penalty for Hazardous Flying 2025

A recent event has made it necessary to clarify the penalty for hazardous flying:

Not all hazardous flying is to be considered unsporting. Therefore, not all hazardous flying is to be penalized with a 100 points deduction for the first offence, day disqualification for subsequent offences with the maximum penalty of disqualification. The characteristic of unsporting hazardous flying is the intent to gain an unfair advantage by the maneuver in question.

Without the intent to gain an unfair advantage a hazardous maneuver cannot be considered unsporting and shall be penalized with the lower penalty of 25 points deduction for the first offence, n×25 points for subsequent offences with the maximum penalty of disqualification.

The IGC Bureau has approved the following temporary change, limited to 2025, to the Sporting Code Section 3 Annex A (only modified sections / list entries are shown):

## 8.6 PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION

### 8.6.5 Cheating and Unsporting Behaviour

#### b. Unsporting Behaviour

- i. For competitors, unsporting behaviour is defined as any one of:
  - Dangerous or hazardous flying **with the intent to gain an unfair advantage**
  - Flying under the influence of alcohol or banned and/or controlled substances
  - A positive result on a doping control
  - Aggressive and abusive actions (verbal or physical) toward Championships Organisers, volunteers, or FAI Officials.

The penalty imposed for competitors may be a warning, issuance of competition penalty points, day disqualification, or event disqualification.

## 8.7 LIST OF APPROVED PENALTIES

Type of Offence	First Offence	Subsequent Offences	Max Penalty
<b>Dangerous or hazardous flying</b>			
Cloud flying, <b>unsporting</b> hazardous maneuvers (ref. para. 8.6.5.b.i), aerobatics (ref. para. 5.1)	100 pts	Day Disqual.	Disqualification
<b>Hazardous maneuver (not unsporting per 8.6.5.b.i)</b>	25 pts	n×25 pts	Disqualification