



## Discussion document to support President's Proposal #1 at the CIVA 2025 plenary

### Addition of FAI/CIVA Category-2 events for use by approved national contest organisers

CIVA section-6 documentation defines the structure and operational requirements for Category-1 World and European (Continental) championships, but we have no instructions for FAI Category-2 events. Prior such events have however included some Sky Grand Prix that have been run in recent years and in 2024 with CIVA agreement there was the FAI Elite Aerobatic Formula.

By comparison for example the FAI aeromodelling commission CIAM, their calendar includes several hundred Cat-2 events every year created and run by national organisers in accordance with the CIAM Section-4 regulations.

The CIVA bureau suggests that we establish a new and separate section-6 document explaining how NACs can adopt CIVA Category-2 status for national power and glider competitions. Worldwide this would enable national aerobatic event organisers to gain CIVA status at their contests, thus offering aerobatic competitors a wider range of CIVA competitions to enter. This would also encourage more judging opportunities to develop.

Discussions with FAI and CIAM have shown that introducing formal category-2 competitions is straightforward. Signed agreement by the NAC and the CIVA Bureau (via the president) are required to put events onto the FAI calendar, and the process must be finalised at FAI at least 30 days before the start of the event.

1. A NAC submits a Category-2 aerobatic event proposal to CIVA  
This could for example be for the German, Swiss or British power Nationals in several classes, the combined Scandinavian advanced/unlimited glider nationals etc.
2. The Category-2 Sanction Fee is set by CIVA  
An approved sanction fee is required, not the 300 CHF per competitor that we have for cat-1 events. At cat-2 events the organiser is responsible for appointing the judges and jury, technical staff etc. The SF is a fixed payment to gain FAI/CIVA Cat-2 status. I propose CIVA charges 100 CHF per event – by comparison the CIAM SF is 80CHF, though as they have circa 300 events pa a higher CIVA fee is appropriate.
3. The event Bulletin (not an Organiser Agreement) to support bureau approval by CIVA should provide at least the following information -
  - The bulletin format should be a simpler version of that generally created for CIVA category-1 championships.
  - Give the event name, place and dates, categories, programmes to be flown
  - Entry fees per category  
*Details of exactly what each fee covers* Add possible local training opportunities
  - Linkage to other similar Cat-2 national events are required, if intended

- Give gender, Junior options, if any
- Medals to be awarded (CIVA or local), trophies, national champion status etc.  
*CIVA gold/silver/bronze medals cost circa 5 CHF including laser printed dedications.  
Courier costs to be payable by the organiser if these medals are required*
- Contest website – required details  
*Inclusion of the FAI and CIVA logos, frequent update of online entry lists etc.*
- Contact person (organiser) - address, phone, email, bank transfer details  
*Info on local accommodation would be helpful*
- The FAI Sporting License  
*Competitors must provide a valid FAI Sporting License to participate in the published category-2 benefits. With no SL: no linked benefits apply.*

### **Proposed solution**

Following plenary debate and with reference to any additional points raised, it is proposed that the CIVA Rules Committee be directed to use the outcomes to guide creation of a new draft Section-6 document providing clear instructions to potential organisers on how they can seek registration of future national aerobatic competitions as FAI / CIVA category-2 events. This draft document would be included as an RC Proposal in the formal package presented to the 2026 plenary conference.

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