

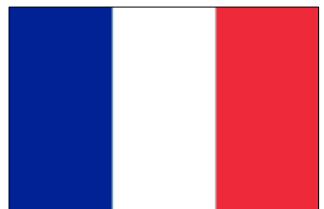
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RC

**FRA PROPOSAL#10**

**Document:** Section 6 Part 1  
**Subject:** World Championships

*Dismissed*  
*See notes below*

**Proposal**

Change 1.2.1.1. a) to have World Championships every year instead of every two years. As a consequence, remove “Continental Championships” paragraphs from Part 1.

In case this move would be considered too big, as a minimum make it temporary for two years (i.e. 2026 and 2027) so that lessons learned can be drawn before definitive adoption for future years.

Option: a Continental Champion and podium will be declared with the same minimum participation as today, for the Continent on which the World Championship takes place

**Rationale**

One of the most significant — and terrible — recent development in CIVA has been the community’s inability to organise three (out of four!) Cat.1 aerobatic championships this year. This poses an existential risk for CIVA and what it represents. CIVA’s focus shall now be to restore a healthy situation.

This means taking all measures to encourage Organizers to bid for Championships with the prospect of having a viable event, which in turn means taking all measures to encourage competitors’ participation.

While this would not be a magical solution (as exemplified by the situation in Gliders for Championships this year), this proposal obviously is a step in the right direction. In years of EAC for instance, even in the Open format, non-European pilots do not see participation as attractive as if they were full-fledged competitors.

Transforming those events into actual World Championships is bound to attract more participation. Maximizing official, full-fledged participation has now become a vital element of CIVA going forward. The more official competitors from the more number of official countries, the easier it will be to secure funding for championships, the easier it will be to maintain institutional support, and the stronger CIVA will be.

Many sports have a world championship every year and, based on the above, we came to the conclusion that it would also be a very good option for CIVA.

**RC Discussion:**

This proposal is not considered specific enough, but could be forwarded to CIVA Bureau for addition to the plenary agenda as a discussion from which a mature proposal could be formed and voted on.

## RC Decision:

1. The proposal, while technically votable, has significant implications for the future of the core activity of contest organization. It is not considered mature as there has been no consultation about the reasons for and benefits of pursuing this option and the proposal itself is unclear on its objective (it contains two further highlighted options which would potentially require an additional plurality vote).
2. The rationale rightly highlights the failure to secure organisers for events in 2025. However, there is a WAC organised for 2026 and the impact on this already approved event is not considered. For example, would a European WAC in 2027 deter European competitors from entering the USA event as it would only require a one year wait to achieve much lower expense?
3. The proposed removal of the Continental championship option would prevent an organiser from putting forward a bid for such a championship in the future. That would appear to be a retrograde step as the option to organise a Continental championship can remain open at no cost to the Commission.
4. The rationale does not explore or explain the reasons for the failure to secure organisers for events. It makes several generalizations and suppositions without providing any evidence that the proposal would have the desired effect. Indeed, some sports only have world championships every 4 years (e.g. Rugby, Soccer, Field Hockey, Dressage) to allow sufficient time for qualification and organization of the required infrastructure and funding.
5. In considering the maturity and practical implications of this proposal the RC agreed that there was merit in the topic being discussed and explored by the Plenary. This would sit best under the agenda item 7.6 Strategic Planning Group Report, which would allow a mature proposal to be put to plenary, supported by evidence and a rationale which considered the options and impact of such a decision and could be circulated and digested by delegates ahead of the actual meeting and discussion.