



Agenda 8.3 – Safety, Expedited, Urgent and Presidents Proposals

The following items have been extracted from other submitted reports for separate consideration under this agenda item:

Referred from the CIVA Rules Committee

NP2026-16: Section 6 Part 1 – World Championships

Change 1.2.1.1. a) to have World Championships every year instead of every two years

This proposal was discussed at length by the RC, their conclusion being to dismiss it from their 2025 package for a number of reasons. The original French proposal, their rationale and the discussion and eventual decision of the RC is published as a discussion document on the CIVA News 2025 plenary page.

I would like to present two additional items for open review as Presidents Proposals:

2025 President's Proposal #1

Add CIVA category-2 events to Section-6 for use by national contest organisers

Since CIVA commenced activities in 1960 virtually all its events have been FAI Category-1 World and European (Continental) championships, and our current Section-6 regulatory structure does not include a category-2 option. If such an FAI structure were to be adopted by CIVA this would enable NACs to define suitable competitions as FAI category-2 aerobatic events, subject to adoption of some simple requirements regarding the event structure, presentation by competitors of a valid FAI Sporting License to the organiser, and payment by organisers of a small sanction fee to CIVA.

Recent discussions within the bureau have indicated that this move would extend CIVAs foundations in aerobatics with few perceived significant issues. A more detailed explanation of the steps involved is published as a discussion document on the CIVA News 2025 plenary page.

2025 President's Proposal #2

CIVA Scoring System Working Group

Computer based scoring systems have been used by CIVA for well over 30 years, during which time they have incorporated statistical algorithms to identify and resolve judging bias and other detectable anomalies. In CIVA all such systems have operated with paper-based judging forms, however in recent years we have seen the development of some modern tablet-based data collection and management systems that are able to reliably create what is often referred

to as “instant” championship results. Note that “instant” scoring has been a discussion point at CIVA plenaries for almost the same 30 years, though directed mostly at comparatively much faster spreadsheets and subsequently purpose designed computer systems by comparison with historic hand calculations using judges grades copied from their paper score sheets.

This is an extremely complex area that could only operate effectively in our environment using the very best available well-proven software and hardware. CIVA should therefore approach the topic with great care, taking into account reviews of all feasible solutions and how they might be adopted to operate reliably at our championships. A formal working group is therefore proposed to research and report back to plenary at the earliest realistic time.

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