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International Gliding Commission

Proposal by Aero Club of Poland

It is Proposed:

To establish a handicap in 20-metre Multiseat Class in World Gliding Championships in 2014 for gliders equipped with Manual Rudder Control piloted by a disabled pilot requiring such device.

This proposal affects:

Local Procedures of WGC 2014 in Rayskala

Reasons supporting the proposal:

The main reason for handicaps use in the Worlds is to allow non-flapped two-seaters to participate on a level surface with the more advanced ships which unfortunately are not available with manual rudder control (MRC). This deficiency actually precludes disabled pilots from competition at this level as they can't choose the newest/flapped gliders. Multiseat class seems also to be the best to accomodate disabled pilots as they always can have supporting person in their co-pilot.

The problem is not so exotic as we could have seen during last EGC in Ostrow - a disabled pilot was close to podium at very advanced stage of the competition. Such inclusion (of WGC into hadicapped competitions) will also be meeting requirements of international conventions dealing with the rights of people with special needs (disabled).

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