Proposal from Germany 5/2013 (start times)

7.4.7 Communication of Start Times.
Philosophy:
The communication of start times to the organizer is normally done via Team Captains. Penalties may be given for non-compliance and incorrect notification.
Start times do not serve any useful need. It means additional workload for Teams and Organizers. Organizers have to monitor the compliance and correct notification in order to penalize in case of non compliance.
Besides the start times the organizer also has to witness the finish time and type it into the system in order to display preliminary results.
Once introduced to quickly display preliminary results, things have changed. It doesn´t help to display results during assigned area tasks; and in general the time delay between crossing finish line or finish ring and being able to upload the IGC-file has been reduced so this method should further on be followed for quick and already very reliable results.
Getting rid of Start Time communication does offload Teams and Organisers.

Proposal:
Skip 7.4.7, Communication of Start Times.