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## Terms and Abbreviations

Throughout this document, we use the following terms and abbreviations:

MD – Meet Director

TD – Technical Delegate

CJ – Chief Judge

TJ Targed Judge

PGAWC – Paragliding Accuracy World Cup

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## 1 Preamble

1. The PGAWC is a non-profit organization. All incomes are re-invested to improve future competitions.
2. Each pilot becomes a member of the PGAWC by paying for PGAWC ID card subscription fee of €10.
3. The purpose of the Paragliding Accuracy World Cup is to provide safe, sportive and fair competition , to determine the PGAWC Champions Overall, Female and Team.
4. All competition pilots in the world have the right to take part in Accuracy World Cup events. The selection is based purely on sportive aspects.
5. All pilots fly under their own responsibility.
6. All pilots participating in a Accuracy World Cup event accept these rules in their entirety. In case of ambiguities, the spirit of the rule prevails.
7. Political and religious promotion is prohibited.

### 1.1 SPONSORS

Sponsors will be notified on our website , on the official rankings, on all results, on the backdrop during prize giving ceremonies.

### 1.2. JUDGING

Judging will be organizing by Chief Judge and two target judges minimum present during rounds. CJ must be international experienced person , not from domestic country and in consultation with PGAWC Team. TJ can be experienced domestic judges like and official recorder , who take care about recording results on official judging list.

### 1.3. TARGET

Target is field radius ten meters in which pilots must stay on theirs legs before wing touch ground for valid result. Measuring will be in radius of 5 meters. Maximum score will be 500cm. Automatic measuring will be on electronic pad radius 16 cm.

## 2 Paragliding Accuracy World Cup Competitions

### 2.1 Duration

Accuracy World Cup event consists of one registration day, usually on Thursday afternoon, followed by 3 competition days from Friday to Sunday. Maximum rounds per event is 12.

### 2.2 Schedule(proposal)

1. All events must be advertised from the registration day to the last flying day.  
For example, Paragliding Accuracy World Cup Alanya April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> :  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> = registration.  
Friday, Saturday = official rounds.  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> = last round and prize giving.
2. The registration time is by default 17h-20h. These times may change for organizational reasons.
3. The prize giving ceremony takes place on the last competition day or sooner in case of round cancellations.

#### 2.2.1 Pre-PGAWC Cups,

We will coordinate the calendar for Pre-PGAWC event if they are exist and advised to start with same schedule like PGAWC event ,registration on Thursday (4 days events) or Friday (3 days events) and to end on Sunday (last round and prize giving).

## 2.3 Participants

1. All competing pilots must be qualified to meet the demands of an international paragliding competition.
2. CIVL ID and FAI membership are only necessary in order to be included in CIVL rankings.

## 2.4 PGAWC Events

1. The maximum number of participants is 80 pilots. This number includes up to 5 wildcards for the organizer, up to 3 wildcards for the PGAWC and any sponsors wildcards.
2. More than 80 pilots may be selected for overbooking reasons.
3. A minimum of 15% of the places are reserved for female pilots.
4. Places of pilots not showing up at the competition cannot be taken by other pilots, except organiser wildcards.
5. The PGAWC Office will carry out the selection process as described in Appendix A.
6. Applications for wildcards must be submitted to the PGAWC Office at least 4 weeks before the competition.

## 2.5 Insurance

1. All participants must have third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of sum which organizer asked in local or foreign currency equivalent.
2. All participants must also be insured to cover all types of expenses in case of an accident: search and rescue expenses, hospital expenses, medical expenses, repatriation, etc.
3. Pilots must check the validity of their government-run or private insurances in the country where the competition takes place. In some countries, it is strongly recommended to know the insurance company's local contact to avoid delays.
4. It is the pilot's responsibility to ensure his or her own insurance coverage is adequate.

## 2.6 Local Regulations

1. Local regulations are the rules prepared by an organizer.
2. Local regulations are not encouraged and must not conflict with PGAWC rules.
3. Local regulations must be submitted at the time of the bid for approval by the PGAWC and the TD.
4. They will be published on the PGAWC web site.

## 2.7 Official Language

The official language for all PGAWC competitions is English.

## 2.8 Ecology

1. The PGAWC, pilots and organizers, are aware of the global ecological impact of paragliding competitions.
2. To limit this impact, the PGAWC format has been updated to reduce the number of international flights.
3. Other actions:
  - Pilots are encouraged to share transports when possible.
  - When available, reusable plastic bottles will be offered to the pilots for free. Organizers must inform about the water quality and the places to refill the bottles (this can save more than 500 plastic bottles each week).
  - As far as possible, lunch packets must be prepared (possibly in the take-off area) with a minimum of disposable and packing material. Food should be sourced locally, if possible.
  - The quantity of printed documents must be reduced. For example, tourism leaflets and brochures must be made available to pilots only on request and returned when not used.

## 3 Pilot Equipment

### 3.1 Gliders

1. Pilots are responsible for the choice and maintenance of their flight equipment.
2. Pilots must fly with the same glider during one event. In special cases (lost luggage, damaged equipment, etc.) the MD can allow a glider change to one of equal or lesser certification during the event. Any pilot who changes their glider outwith these conditions will incur a penalty of maximum score for round.
3. Only certified gliders up to EN 926 or LTF 91/09, Glider Checking Procedure, are allowed in PGAWC competitions.
4. It is not permitted for the pilot to modify the glider in any way, except for the length of the brake main-line.
5. The pilot must fly in the homologated weight range.
6. On registration, pilots have to specify the model, size and colours of the glider to be flown during the competition.
7. Gliders will be checked after a complaint or according to some predetermined or random selection schedule. In addition, the MD can request that any pilot's glider be checked.
8. Every pilot must give his glider to the organisation for checking or comparing immediately upon any such request.

### 3.2 Communication Equipment

1. Radios (2 metre band) are not mandatory for all pilots and can be used for safety purposes only.
2. All pilots' radios must be switched on and tuned to the safety frequency announced at the task briefing.
3. The use of voice-activated microphones ("VOX") is prohibited.

### 3.3 Protective Equipment

Every competitor must wear a protective helmet and carry an emergency parachute during all flights.

### 3.4 Pilot Number

1. Each pilot must be equipped with a competition number which is drawn on the final registration and fix on the left low leg during competition.
2. Only the TD can allow a number fixed in a different place. Numbers are provided free of charge at the registration by the organizer.

## 4 Rankings, Titles and Trophies

### 4.1 Number of Rounds for Competition Results

1. Overall and female rankings will be scored with the aggregate results from all rounds. If five or more rounds finished, one worst round will be discard.
2. Maximum number of rounds is 12 and will be announced during general briefing on event.
3. Team results are calculated as the sum of the scores in this event.

### 4.2 Team Ranking

1. "Team" stands for PGAWC sponsors or any other team entering a PGAWC event. This must not be confused with national teams.  
Pilots can't change team during season. Number of pilots in team is four and three best results will be calculated for team score per round. Team can have more pilots than four but before competition started team leader must tell which four pilots will be in team for that event. Rest will be competed like individual.
2. The entry fee for a team is €20 for the event,. PGAWC sponsors can enter one team for free. Additional teams for PGAWC sponsors are €50 for the

event.

### 4.3 Country Ranking

There will be not country ranking

### 4.4 Titles

#### 4.4.1 PGAWC Events

The winners of PGAWC events are awarded the following titles:

PGAWC Winner overall  
PGAWC Female Winner  
PGAWC Team Winner

### 4.5 Trophies

Trophies for the first 3 overall pilots, the first 3 female pilots and the first 3 teams for each event. Minimum 1000 euros (500 , 300 , 200) in cash for overall ranking must be provided by the event's local organizer.

## 5 Meet Director, Technical Delegate, Chief Judge, Target Judge

### 5.1 Meet Director

1. The Meet Director's first prerogative is to manage ALL sportive aspects during the event.
2. He is responsible for applying the rules.
3. He must consult with the Technical Delegate at all times.
4. It is the responsibility of the Meet Director to inform himself as fully as possible of the issues affecting all safety elements during the event.

### 5.2 Technical Delegate

1. The Technical Delegate is responsible for controlling all sportive aspects of the competition
2. The Technical Delegate has a right of veto on sportive grounds
3. The Technical Delegate ensures that the rules are applied correctly

### 5.3 Chief Judge

Chief Judge must be selected compulsory with PGAWC Team and can't be from domestic country. He must be very experience and responsible for :

1. Ensuring good quality judging standards
2. Equipment location and availability
3. International team composition as required
4. Contributing to competition safety
5. Judging Team welfare
6. Correct complaint handling
7. Score approval

### 5.4 Target Judge

Target Judge is responsible for:

1. The markers of the first point of contact
2. They are witnesses and give their best opinion of the 'accident'.
3. Must not communicate and conflict with competitor
4. Measure and give out score... and second person to check!

## 6 Briefings

All briefings must be in English only.

## 6.1 General Briefing

1. All competitors must be present at the general briefing, which will take place as announced by the Organizer.
2. The main information given at this briefing must also be displayed in English on the official board.
3. The General Briefing, including the safety briefing, usually takes place at take-off before the first round started.

## 6.2 Daily briefing.

1. The daily briefing is held at the take-off area. All technical data specified during this briefing is displayed on the information board.
2. The daily briefing should contain, in this order:
  - Relevant information about the previous day (protests, incidents, infractions, etc.)
  - Winners of the previous day's task (overall, female, team)
  - Weather forecasts for the day (winds, forecasted cloud base, general quality of the day)
  - Timings (window, start, closing)

## 7 Display of Results

1. A provisional results list must be put on the official results board and the website as soon as possible. Small errors should be submitted for correction as soon as possible to the score keeper.
2. By default, the results timing is within one hour after the end of the flying day display of the provisional results.
3. This timetable can be adjusted by each organizer.
4. The official competition results are displayed when all protests(if it exist) have been dealt with.
5. The maximum time for protest is one hour after the publication of provisional results.

## 8 Complaints and Protests

### 8.1 Complain

Any pilot participating in a PGAWC event can make a complain if he is not satisfied with judge decision. Complain is verbally addressed to CJ and must be resolved immediately,.

### 8.2 Protests and Jury

1. If the complainant, or any participant in the PGAWC event impacted by a complaint, is not satisfied with its outcome, he has the right to protest.
2. Such a protest must be made in writing, in English, and be handed to the MD with a protest fee of €30 (or equivalent in local currency) within 2 hours (30 minutes for the last task) of the publication of the decision regarding the complaint.
3. The jury will deal with the protest, and may decide to refund the protest fee.
4. The jury is composed of three experienced pilots from different country present at the competition.
5. The TD has a consultative voice in the jury.

## 8 Flying and Safety Regulations

Safety committee will take care about conditions for flying. Members of safety committee will be safety Director , MD ,CJ Launch Marshal and three pilots elected on General briefing. Minimum one domestic pilot must be elected.

## 8.1 Compliance with the Law

Each competitor is required to conform to the law and rules of the air of the country in which a PGAWC event takes place.

## 8.2 Flight Limitations

1. All gliders must be flown within the limitations of its manufacturer's specifications.
2. Any manoeuvre hazardous to other competitors or third parties is prohibited.
3. A pilot can be prohibited by the MD or the TD from competing or flying for safety reasons.

## 8.3 Damage to a Glider in Competition

1. Any major damage must be reported to the MD without delay, and the glider may then be repaired.
2. Any replacement parts must conform exactly to the original specifications.
3. A glider may only be replaced if permission is given by the MD. Reasons for a replacement are damage, loss or theft beyond the control of the competitor.
4. The MD may allow resumption of the original glider after it is retrieved or repaired.

## 8.4 Fitness

1. A pilot may not fly unless he or she is fit.
2. Any injury, drugs or medication taken which might affect the competitor's performance must be reported to the Meet Director before flying.
3. The MD in accordance with the TD will decide if the pilot will be allowed to fly.

## 9 Score Sheets

1. The Organizer publishes a score sheets for all competing pilots.
2. The score sheet must show at least:-
  - a. Name of pilot, nationality, glider, team
  - b. Sum of points awarded
3. Score sheets will be produced in several categories including, but not necessarily limited to: Overall, Women and Teams.
4. Score sheets will be published immediately on the internet as soon as they are available.

## 10 Prize Giving

1. It is mandatory for PGAWC pilots to be present at the prize giving ceremony if they achieve a top 10 position. If not , they will not get rewards.

# Appendix A: Registration and Selection

## A.1 How to Enter a PGAWC Event

### A.1.1 Registration

1. A pilot wishing to participate in a PGAWC event must register and apply online on the PGAWC website: <http://www.pgawc.org>
2. The registration deadline is exactly 2 months before each PGAWC event.
3. Any pilot applying after the registration deadline will be placed in the waiting list.
4. A pilot can apply at the beginning of the season for all PGAWC events.

### A.1.2 Cancellation of a Registration

1. Pilots who want to cancel their registration should do it as soon as possible.
2. A pilot who cancels at least 7 days before the event can ask for:
  - a. His or her entry fee to be used for the next event where he or she will be selected.
  - b. A refund of the entry fee (an administrative fee of €20 will be deducted).
3. Cancellations received less than 1 week before the event will not be refunded.
4. In the case of injury, and where a medical certificate is supplied, refunds will be decided on a case-by case basis by the PGAWC Team.
5. It's the pilot's responsibility to claim the return of his or her entry fee. Requests for refunds for fees paid must be made before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

### A.1.3 Entry Fee

1. The Entry fee for PGAWC events is €60 per event.
2. The fee covers, but is not limited to:
  - a. Transport to all flying sites
  - b. Emergency rescue and first aid medical service
  - c. Local license or fees
  - d. Lunch packets on all competition days.
  - e. Possible extras (accommodation, dinners, parties...)

## A.2 Selection Process for PGAWC Events

1. In every PGAWC selective competition, pilots will get Event Rank depending on their WPRS ranking on date of applied but not before two months of event and PGAWC ranking from previous season by the formula
$$\text{Event Rank} = (\text{WPRS position} + \text{PGAWC position}) / 2$$
2. If the pilot not have WPRS ranking(not compete before) he will get 1000 points.
3. If the pilot not competed before in PGAWC he will get points from last pilots in previous season.
4. Two months before each event, pilots are ranked by their Event Rank in the selection list.
5. Only registered pilots who were selected and who confirmed their participation by paying will be accepted, even if fewer than the nominal number of pilots fulfils this requirement.
6. When new places become available due to cancellations of selected pilots, the first pilots in the waiting list are selected.
7. In case of a tie, the precedence is given to the pilots who have not participated in PGAWC before. In case of a second tie, the precedence is given to the younger pilot.
8. The selection process can be followed on the PGAWC Website

2 months before the beginning of the event	Selection deadline for all pilots
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation of selection will be 2 months before each competition and the selection lists published on the web site_ <a href="http://www.pgawc.org/index.php?ind=userdata&amp;op=selection_list">http://www.pgawc.org/index.php?ind=userdata&amp;op=selection_list</a></li> <li>2. A selected pilot must pay his Registration fee to the PGAWC Office within 10 days.</li> <li>3. Any selected pilot not paying within 10 days will be given a reminder, and will be able to keep his place by paying the entry fee within the next 2 days.</li> <li>4. When the selected pilot has paid his Registration fee, he is considered a confirmed pilot.</li> <li>5. The selection list on the PGAWC website will show: Waiting for payment - confirmed pilots – pilots with payment in progress – waiting list – wildcard pilots</li> </ol>
12 days later	Payment deadline
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilots who have not paid their registration fee by this date are removed from the selection list.</li> <li>2. The list will be filled up with the best-ranked pilots on the waiting list. Those pilots have 7 days (plus a further 2 days ) to send their payment to the PGAWC Office.</li> <li>3. If necessary, this procedure is repeated as many times as necessary until the entry list is filled.</li> </ol>

Table A-1: Selection Process for PGAWC events