

Paramotor Precision Working Group 2010 Report By Roy Beisswenger (USA)

The primary objective of the Paramotor Precision Working Group is to create the rules and procedures to be used in a Precision Championship Event. In 2006 CIMA voted to change Section 10 to allow for a "Precision Championship" for Paramotors. The following language was added to 4.24.3 of Section 10: "In 'Precision Championships' for aircraft classes PF and PL, 100% of the tasks will be Precision tasks."

However, it has been determined that there is a need for additional rule changes as well as a model set of rules and tasks in order for organizers to hold such an event. Since then, additional Section 10 regulations have been proposed as well as a model set of local regulations. However, the two different documents are not compatible. The proposed S10 regulations use a ranking strategy which take the ranks of each participant in a given event as a final score for the event. The proposed local rules use completion times for each event for the score. While using straight times may seem simple on the face of it, the length of different courses will ultimately require some kind of normalization, which is built into the ranking procedure.

The current objectives of the working group include:

- 1) Defining what a precision championship is and what precision tasks are. There seems to be a general understanding that precision tasks are the same as those that could be used in precision events in a normal championship event. However, some believe that a "Freestyle" event should be part of the mix. If Freestyle is included as a precision task, it will need a new and separate scoring formula from normal precision tasks.
- 2) If it is decided that Freestyle is not a valid part of a Precision Championship, then possibly a separate Paramotor Freestyle Working Group should be established.
- 3) A scoring scheme needs to be settled on. One can score a championship task based on time or one can score it by rank. That is a core issue that will determine how the Section 10 regulations need to be written and in turn how the model tasks and local regulations should be documented.

After those primary objectives are met, the rest of the effort would be to incorporate known precision tasks into a model local regulation template for Section 10.

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