

Comments and thoughts on CIMA World League Cup rules

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Following are my comments and thoughts on the rules as I received them.

WLC Rules comments on individual paragraphs on version marked as „Draft7“:

- **Paragraph 2.2** should be clarified to state clearly if WLC is world champion or also a champion in each continent.
- **Paragraph 2.4** mandates 4 valid WLC events in one season to be valid for each class.
You might want to reconsider and remove the minimum. This limit might stop the WLC to be established. It might be better to start with no minimum, even there is one, then it is results of WLC. When established and many events are held on regular basis, then you might set a minimum number as a threshold to increase the validity. But even with one or two events it is still producing results that can be published and used within countries and continents to promote Paramotors (and Microlights). And even when established you might even then consider the reasoning why to set a minimum.
- **Paragraph 2.6** states a class is not valid unless:
Section a) 15% of pilots are from other nation than host nation. This should be really considered for change. If it is considered real requirement to have many nations, this would be in addition to be on the FAI and WLC event calendar for more than 30 days, which FAI Genera Section considers enough for sanctioned cat2 competition to be International.
If CIMA consensus is to have 15% reference, it should not be invalid if 14% but devalue the competition in such way it is valid, but gives at most 85% (or whatever factor) of the scores compared to events where the 15% is fulfilled. It can be simple, deduct 1% in WLC score for each 1% less than 15% (or whatever devaluation is viewed to be acceptable)
Section b) minimum numbers of pilots for each class is stipulated, meaning the class is invalid with less than the minimum numbers. It might be reconsidered and just devaluate with fewer competitors, in similar way as for section a). This helps in getting classes valid even they are of less value than class with full set of pilots.
Section c) Could be simplified by stating “Has minimum of 3 valid tasks from Section 10 Task Catalog”. Naming the task types seems not to be needed.
- **Paragraph 2.8** Not clear text, I think it means following (if not... or anyway clarify sentence)
“Current WLC results will be provided to FAI in form of:”
Section c) Elective teams should be considered for removal.
Elective teams can go against national teams, where a pilot of one nation is in a team with other competing team nationality, they are to work together for elective team while competing as national teams.
It seems the elective teams were not considered carefully and are for manufacturers (or is it just one manufacturer). Manufacturers can publish their brand pilots, or sponsor CIMA to publish their brand in some way for the results, but not by the elective teams as defined in the WLC rules.

- **Paragraph 3.1** The 30 day minimum is FAI general section rule to sanction event. The reasoning is foreign pilots need time in advance to participate in sanctioned comp to be international.
- **Paragraph 3.4** Allowing events to be postponed only 2 days before start breaks the “International event” rule where 30 days are the reference. Pilots have put in expenses for travelling, accommodation and usually taken leave from actual work. Allowing change of dates 48hours before event makes it just small local event, not Cat2 international one.
- **Paragraph 3.8** Section a) should state “... declared at registration/sanctioning of the event.”
Section c) states first come first serve at registration. This might be incompatible with the requirement of 15% foreign pilots. Local pilots might register so there are not places for 15% or more foreign pilots. Should be considered to fit with other requirements for validity.
- **Paragraph 4.1** (and partly 4.2) It is mandated by FAI General Section to have valid FAI Sporting Licence to participate in FAI sanctioned competitions (Cat1 and Cat2 comps). So the statements of competing and having a valid sporting licence is “optional” should be removed.
Many NAC’s are going stronger on the SL checking and will remove their approval/ sanctioning of competitions that do not check or follow the FAI GC in this respect.
- **Paragraph 5.1** (and partly in 7.1.4) Pilot can only have one nation valid Sporting Licence. This paragraph could be clarified by stating the nation of the pilots sporting licence
- **Paragraph 6** (and subparagraphs and remove paragraph 7.3) Elective teams should be removed. Elective teams can apply where there are no scores of nations.
- **Paragraph 7.1.5** this paragraph seems to assume continental leagues, while it is not in the objectives of WLC. Mentioning and use in calculations the continents, makes it complex. This paragraph could just be 50% (rounded up) from total valid events, 10 valid events rounds to 5 events.
- **Paragraph 8.2** P1SLID is what is called now FAI_ID which is the unique person ID in FAI Databases. And in line with mandatory FAI SL then this paragraph should be modified to eliminate the non-Sporting Licence holders. Also until FAI systems are more usable it might be considered to have more information in the results file, like Gender and Nation for each person.

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