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Remove SC3A 7.4.3.5 (Energy Control at the Start) from Annex A.

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This proposal pertains to the “Line Start” only.

Mandatory altitude and ground speed limits were introduced in the 2022 edition of Annex A. In the seven Category 1 competitions since the rule was published, the procedure was made optional in the Local Procedures. The procedure was not used in any of the seven competitions.

While the procedure has been used in several national and European contests, the consensus among pilots is that it is unsuitable for FAI World and Continental Championships, for safety reasons related to high traffic density and team flying.

The argument in favour of the Energy Control rule was that it prevented traffic congestion at cloud base before the opening of the Start Gate. To a large extent, this problem has been independently addressed by the introduction of the PEV Start.

The Energy Control rule introduces a risk by creating a high workload for the pilot at the moment of the Start, including new traffic conflicts.

The Energy Control rule has no net safety benefit, and it has been demonstrated to be unpopular with pilots and Organisers. It should be removed from Annex A.

Provide supporting data or reference to external documents for the proposed technical amendments in the space below:

The proposal should be applicable from:

Sporting Code Volume: SC3 Annex A

Version/Edition: 2026

Heading of section:

Number & heading of the paragraph: SC3A 7.4.3.5

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