

INTERNATIONAL GLIDING COMMISSION (IGC) - PROPOSAL FORM

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1.6.2 Winglets

The addition of winglets to a glider **does not modify the handicap.** ~~that was originally built and certified (and performance measured) without winglets, will increase the handicap by 0.004.~~ Gliders originally built and certified with winglets only are marked in the IGC Club Class List (Appendix 1).

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Flight Safety: Gliders equipped with winglets improved handling characteristics, particularly at low speeds. It is unfortunate to see pilots removing their winglets to optimize their handicaps. If safety is a priority, we should encourage pilots to use winglets, as they contribute to safer flight operations.

Availability of winglet kits: Almost all competitive gliders in the Club Class can be retrofitted with winglets at relatively reasonable costs. This accessibility makes it feasible for pilots to enhance their gliders without significant financial burden, promoting the use of winglets across the class.

Modernization of the Club Class: The Club Class is highly valued among pilots, and it will continue to thrive as we introduce modest modernization elements. Removing the handicap penalty for winglets is a step towards keeping the class relevant and appealing, ensuring its continued popularity and engagement within the gliding community.

Some federations have already successfully implemented the removal of the handicap penalty for gliders with winglets in their Club Class nationals. It works.

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