



To the CIVL President

## Team Size for FAI Cat 1 Competition

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Dear Mr. President, dear Leonard,

First of all I have to introduce myself: I am Martin Scheel and I replace Urs Dubach as CIVL Delegate of Switzerland.

### The purpose of this letter:

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The rule "Team size and scoring" proposed by Portugal is based on three male pilots + one female for all countries (3 + 1).

With this rule we have two problems:

- 1) Fairness: A lot of Pilots, witch would be able to reach top ten rankings will not be selected.
- 2) Safety: the Problem with unskilled Pilots will increase.

### Our Bid:

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For all FAI Cat 1 Competitions we shall use the "5+2" – Rule (local Regulations from the 10th FAI PG World Championships, §15), witch have been used since several years with success.

With two Changes:

- a) Every Team has to determine 3+1 Pilot witch will count every day for the Team Ranking before the Start of the Competition.
- b) The team score shall be determined from the total scores of the top 2 pilots calculated on each scoring day (§ 9.2).



## Explanations:

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For Pilots of the "big" Countries point 1) is a very big Problem. Already with the "5+2"- rule a lot of very good Pilots are not able to fight in the World- and European Championships. EG: Alex Hofer could not join the Worlds in Brasil. With only 3+1 the situation gets ridiculous. In Australia, World Champion Steve Cox would not be selected.

Sektion 7, 2.2 says:

The purpose of the championships is to provide safe, fair and satisfying contest flying in order to determine the world or continental champion, and to reinforce friendship among pilots of all nations.

At our thinking, the Purpose of the Championship should be: Instead of "... the world or continental champion" (only 1?) it should be: "The best Pilots and the best Nations of the world."

- The best Pilots could be about the top 10 of approx. 110 Participants.
- The best Female Pilots could be about the top 5 of approx. 40 Participants.
- The best Nations could be about the top 5 of the approx. 40 Nations.

The old "5+2" Rule has been slightly unfair to small Countries. But the "3+1" Rule would be unfair to a lot of Top Pilots.

The Proposed Rules would be fair for both: The Countries AND the Top Pilots in the World.

I would be very happy, if we could Discuss this topic during the next Meeting in Talloires.

Best wishes,

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