

## Minutes of a Meeting of the BGA Competitions and Awards Committee

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Jim White (Chair) – JW, Brian Spreckley - BS, Russell Cheetham – RC, Max Lazenby – ML, Paul Crabb – PC, Alistair Emson – AE, Chris Luton – CL

Apologies: Matt Davis , Fran Roberts, Werner Stroud, Paul Kay, and Oliver Ramsay

### Declarations of Interest

JW, RC, and PC all declared an interest as they own gliders affected by the handicap proposals.

### Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved.

### IGC Plenary Proposals

BS led the discussion on the proposals to be decided at the IGC Plenary in March. Details of the proposals can be found at <https://www.fai.org/page/documents-0>

Year 2 proposals:

6.1.1 / 6.1.2	Mixed crew 20M events	Not supported
6.1.3	Electronic Conspicuity in Tugs	Supported
6.1.4	Mandatory on line training	Not supported
6.1.5	Junior birthday date qualification	Supported
6.1.6	Turn point geometry	Supported with reservations
6.1.7	20M ranking points	Supported
6.1.8	Ranking ties	Supported

Year 1 proposals:

6.2.1	Pilot detail in badge claims	Supported
6.2.2	Calibration Charts	Supported
6.2.3	Championship duration	Supported
6.2.4 a/b	Airspace files	B supported
6.2.5	WWGC classes	Withdrawn
6.2.6	Mandatory carriage of ELT / PLB	Supported
6.2.7 a/b	Attendance at Captains meeting	B supported
6.2.8	MOP procedure	Supported
6.2.9 a / b	Use of additional evidence	Support more detail required
6.2.10	PEV times	Not supported - unnecessary
6.2.11	Configuration of Flarm	Not supported – unnecessary
6.2.12	Penalty codes on results	Supported
6.2.13 a/ b	Penalties for dangerous flying	B supported

Cat 1 Bids:

43<sup>rd</sup> FAI WGC 2029 (Club, Std, 18M)    a) France            b) Poland  
15<sup>th</sup> FAI WWGC 2029 (Club, Std, 18M)    a) Germany        b) Poland  
25<sup>th</sup> FAI EGC 2028 (Club, Std, 18M)    a) France            b) Lithuania        c) Slovenia

It was decided that AE would consult the teams about preferred venues and feedback to BS before the plenary.

### **Proposed 2026 Rules / Handicaps Feedback**

JW reported that there had been only three communications with the CC on the proposed rules that were published at the beginning of February:

- One pilot pointed out a drafting error in the handicaps. JW thanked the respondent for his input and has corrected this.
- One pilot felt that we should adopt the method used by LXNAV for defining the bisector used for scoring sectors at turnpoints. The proposed rules did not change the method used for scoring but added clarification of the method used. The CC discussed but, as See You is the only scoring software available and uses the existing method, felt that changing it would cause scorers and directors unnecessary additional work and complication. It was decided to stay with the proposed rule for 2026 and review in 2027.
- One pilot felt that the increase in handicap for the new generation of 18M gliders in 15M configuration was unjustified. He cited the similarity between himself flying a Ventus 2a and the Ventus. The CC considered that this was more of an argument for increasing the handicap of the Ventus 2a. The DAEC handicap list places the V2a one point above the V2b etc. and the new variants 1 point above that (see below).

<b>Comparison of German and UK Handicaps</b>			
<b>Glider</b>	<b>DAEC</b>	<b>Norm</b>	<b>UK</b>
AS33 15M	116	107.41	105.5
JS3 15M	116	107.41	105.5
Ventus 3 15M	116	107.41	105.5
Ventus 2A	115	106.48	104
ASG29 15M	114	105.56	104
ASW27	114	105.56	104
Ventus 2B	114	105.56	104
LS8	108	100.00	100

The CC is not surprised that an elite pilot in a good V2a can perform close to others in a V3 and decided that the proposed handicaps should stand.

It was agreed that JW would write to both respondents and that the final rules be published.

### **Other Business**

JW reminded RC to register the 2026 Nationals with the IGC for rating purposes.

JW asked that CL and PK review and amend the Organiser's guide before the season starts.

JW thanked the committee members for their efforts this season

With no other business, the meeting was concluded.