

Year 2 Proposal

The Sporting Code Committee introduced this proposal at the last meeting, the intention being to ensure that Free Distance records when done in the same flight as a declared distance record are in fact *“a significant and highly praiseworthy accomplishment requiring unusual effort and skill from the pilot”*. In practice, what is occurring now with a large percentage of Free Distance records fails to meet that definition of superior effort. We offered two options, the first to only allow one distance claim per flight, and the second, if a free distance record is to be claimed in conjunction with a declared distance record, it must exceed the declared distance by at least 10%. This second option was chosen by the plenary to go forward for further consideration and presentation to this meeting.

The committee has considered the proposal closely, and has come to the conclusion that the 10% figure is too high and should be reduced to 5% with a maximum requirement of at least 25 kilometres more than the declared record claim.

Bear in mind that this formula does NOT apply if the pilot chooses to claim the Free Record and NOT the declared Record; in this case, the pilot need only exceed the existing Free Record by 1 km. The attached table shows how this proposal would have affected existing World Records, had it been in place at the time each existing record was set.

The wording required to achieve this proposal is:

In Para 1.4.7 add a new sentence at the end of the paragraph.

If a free distance record is claimed for the same flight as a declared distance record, the free distance claimed must exceed the declared distance claimed by at least 5% up to a maximum of 25 kilometres."

Note that the margin over existing records in 3.1.4a applies to both the free distance record and the declared distance record.

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Chairman, IGC Sporting Code Committee

Current "Free" World Records for Distance - All Categories, Classes & Types Awarded to Date
12.5%(4 of 32 possible) not awarded and 15.6%(5 of 32 possible) subject to claim limits 1 Oct 04 - 1 Oct 07
47.8%(11 of the remaining 23) flown & claimed concurrent with a declared distance record

				Declared Task, km	km Diff	% Diff		5%to 25 km Max	
								dist	min
DW/G	Free O & R	30-Jul-00	591	--					
DW/F		14-Jul-00	508	503	5	0.99%	25.00	528.00	
DU/G		6-Jan-06	623	622	1	0.16%	25.00	647.00	
DU/F		24-May-03	312	--					
DO/G		2-Dec-03	2248	--					
DO/F		28-Nov-05	1221	LIMIT					
D15/G		6-Jan-06	1560	LIMIT					
D15/F		25-Dec-98	1043	1043	0	0	25.00	1068.00	
Sub-total in Free O&R Type			2174	2168	6	0.28%			
DW/G	Free Triangle	20-May-07	563	LIMIT					
DW/F		7-Aug-11	420	--					
DU/G		28-Jun-09	530	507	23	4.54%	25.00	532.00	
DU/F		--	NONE	--					
DO/G		12-Jan-11	1756	1751	5	0.29%	25.00	1776.00	
DO/F		20-Dec-11	1063	--					
D15/G		30-Nov-09	1409	1392	17	1.22%	25.00	1417.00	
D15/F		20-Dec-11	1063	--					
Sub-total in Free Triangle Type			3695	3650	45	1.23%			
DW/G	Free/3 TP	11-Jul-11	815	--					
DW/F		14-Jul-00	517	503	14	2.78%	25.00	528.00	
DU/G		25-Apr-09	1002	--					
DU/F		24-May-03	357	312	45	14.42%	15.60	327.60	
DO/G		21-Jan-03	3009	--					
DO/F		25-Nov-05	1852	LIMIT					
D15/G		6-Jan-06	2128	LIMIT					
D15/F		20-Dec-11	1066	--					
Sub-total in Free 3TP Type			874	815	59	7.24%			
DW/G	Free Straight	11-Jul-11	794	--					
DW/F		--	(MIN)	--					
DU/G		9-Jul-04	628	560	68	12.14%	25.00	585.00	
DU/F		24-May-03	156	156	0	0	7.80	163.80	
DO/G		12-Jan-10	2257	--					
DO/F		5-Jan-03	1078	965	113	11.71%	25.00	990.00	
D15/G		--	(MIN)	--					
D15/F		--	(MIN)	--					
Sub-total in Free (Straight) Type			1862	1681	181	10.77%			
Totals considering concurrent claims only			8605	8314	291	3.50%			