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July 19th – August

Dear competitors,

The beginning of the training period of the 36th World Gliding Championships in the Open, 18m and 20m-Multi-Seat classes at Stendal is still 4 months ahead of us. But the outbreak of COVID-19 is severely affecting people's lives. Many of you may have questions whether the WGC will happen as planned.

The whole situation is very dynamic, and it is difficult to assess future. But we want to give you as our guests more time to evaluate your own risks. Also we as Organizers need reliability for the upcoming planning.

Hence, after consulting with the IGC bureau, we decided to apply the following changes with regards to the 36th WGC at Stendal:

- 1) The deadline for entry fee payment will be delayed until May 31st.
- 2) Entry fees will be fully refunded in case of a cancellation of the 36th WGC at Stendal before May 31st. After that, we will have to start spending significant amounts in order to allow a successful WGC to take place. So, if the WGC needs to be cancelled after May 31st, we will not be able to refund entry fees to the full extent. We will communicate the refund policy for this case during May.
- 3) We are asking the NAC to submit their entries until March 31st. This allows us to continue our planning for the case that COVID-19 outbreak is not an issue any more in summer.
- 4) We will have to cancel the 36th WGC at Stendal in case one of the following cases steps in:
 - a. An authority forces us to cancel the event in order to limit further COVID-19 outbreak
 - b. The total number of entries falls below 60
 - c. Sporting Code Section 3 Annex A, 1.3.2 applies, i.e. the number of participating NAC falls below 5 or there are less than 10 participants in any of the contest classes

We do hope that the situation relaxes in the next weeks, so that we can have a great event in Summer. We wish you all the best and stay healthy!

Best regards,

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