



Dear Team Captains,

as indicated in Bulletin No. 2 and in our e-mail of February 7, 2008, we have received 163 preliminary entries (including 4 current world champions) from 35 nations. However, pursuant to our bid approved by the IGC Plenary Meeting 2005, the overall limit for entries is 130 (45 in the 15m class, 45 in the 18m class, 40 in open class) for safety reasons.

Now, following the Bureau Decision on entries of February 29, 2008, we will accept the 4 current world champions in addition to these limits. This means that we will accept a maximum of:

45 + 2 entries in the 15m class,
45 + 1 entries in the 18m class
40 + 1 entries in the open class
total maximum: 134 entries

So, if the number of final entries exceeds these limits, we will not be able to give starting rights to all entered pilots. The designated procedure for a (potentially necessary) reduction of the number of pilots is described in Bulletin No.1 and No. 2, and has been agreed upon in more detail with the IGC Bureau and Chief Steward Dick Bradley at the IGC-Plenary Meeting on February 29, 2008 in Rome.

Accordingly, we will use the procedure under Sporting Code, Annex A, Section 3.4.3.c to reduce the overall entries to the limits specified above, taking into account the previously stated conditions, and proceed as follows:

1. Current world champions will be pre-qualified.
2. Entries will not be accepted if the entry fees have not been paid in full by March 31, 2008.
3. Starting rights for the 2nd pilot per nation per class will not be allocated:
 - a. if a nation is not listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31, 2008 (at present 4 of the 35 nations)
 - b. for nations listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31, 2008, in ascending order, *i.e.*, upwards starting from the last ranking position until the maximum number of entries per class is reached.

The final determination of the number of pilots per nation and class is only possible after the Final Entry deadline on March 31, 2008. Nonetheless, we would like to urge you at this time to carefully review your NAC's Preliminary Entries and the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking list, particularly in view of the (potentially limited) starting rights for the 2nd pilot in each class, and to plan the Final Entries of your NAC accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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