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No.	Synopsis	Old Rule	New Proposed Rule	Submitter's Rationale
03-1	<p>Removes cross-over spins from use in any competition flight program.</p> <p>NOTE: Subsequent to the IAC decision, CIVA voted to remove the cross-over spins (9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x) from the <i>FAI Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue</i> making this rule change moot. All references to cross-over spins have been removed from the 2003 Rule Book.</p>	<p>6.3.1.b.6 - spin element (at least one rotation)</p> <p>6.3.2 Intermediate - 9.11 thru 9.12 Advanced - 9.11 thru 9.12 Unlimited - 9.11 thru 9.12</p> <p>6.5 Allowable Figures Any figure identified in the <i>FAI Catalogue</i> may be selected to compose the Free Power program. Figures 1.1.1 thru 1.1.4 can only be used with Family 9 rolls added.</p> <p>Any figure identified in the <i>FAI Catalogue for Glider Aerobatic Figures</i> (GAF) may be selected to compose the Free Glider program. In addition....</p> <p>Chapter 8, Family 9.11 - 9.12</p> <p>Appendix 3, Advanced and Unlimited</p> <p>Appendix 4, Unlimited</p>	<p>6.3.1.b.6 - spin element, except 9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x not allowed.</p> <p>6.3.2 Intermediate - 9.11.1.x or 9.12.1.x Advanced - 9.11.1.x or 9.12.1.x Unlimited - 9.11.1.x or 9.12.1.x</p> <p>6.5 Allowable Figures Any figure identified in the <i>FAI Catalogue</i> except 9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x may be selected to compose the Free Power program.</p> <p>Any figure identified in the <i>FAI Catalogue for Glider Aerobatic Figures</i> (GAF) except 9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x may be selected to compose the Free Glider program. In addition....</p> <p>Delete grading criteria for cross-over spins from Chapter 8</p> <p>App. 3: Remove 9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x from allowable Unknown figures</p> <p>App. 4: Remove 9.11.2.x and 9.12.2.x from allowable Unknown figures</p>	<p>The cross-over spin is a contrived figure which has long been a source of debate and controversy among both pilots and judges. The figure adds no versatility to sequence design and forces pilots to use a variety of inputs which have very little to do with an actual spin in an attempt to meet the grading criteria. The grading criteria itself is ambiguous and unclear resulting in a figure which is virtually impossible for even experienced judges to evaluate accurately or, most importantly, consistently. Both pilots and judges would benefit from this figure being removed from all competition.</p> <p>A parallel proposal has been made to CIVA to remove this family of figures entirely from the <i>FAI Aerobatic Catalogue</i>. Should that proposal pass, the proposed rule changes would be modified accordingly.</p>

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03-3	Allows disqualification of a competitor for unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by the Contest Jury.	None	(new) 4.2.2(a) Unsportsmanlike conduct.	Rule 1.3(q) currently allows the CD to exclude <u>any person</u> for unsportsmanlike conduct. Section 4.2.2, which addresses disqualification of competitors, makes no mention of unsportsmanlike conduct, however. Adding unsportsmanlike conduct to rule 4.2.2 provides for automatic Contest Jury review when a competitor is involved, making the treatment consistent with all other DQ events.								
03-4	Provides bonus points for Unlimited glider Free programs with fewer than 13 figures	None.	<p>(New) 6.2.3 For the Unlimited glider Free Program only, for each figure less than thirteen (13), but not less than ten (10), which goes to make up the total sequence, a bonus score will be added to the total score before penalties. Bonus points will be calculated using the percentages in Table 6.2.4 and added to the competitor's final score automatically by the computer scoring system.</p> <p><u>Table 6.2.4</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td># of Figs.</td> <td>12</td> <td>11</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonus (%)</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>3.5</td> <td>6.5</td> </tr> </table>	# of Figs.	12	11	10	Bonus (%)	1.5	3.5	6.5	Provides the Unlimited glider pilots with an incentive to design and fly more interesting and challenging Free programs. Also allows the USA glider pilots to design and fly a sequence that they can fly in the USA Nationals and in World Competition. Currently, Unlimited glider pilots are at a disadvantage having to have two separate Free programs.
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03-5	Delete entire "Low/Alternate Known Sequence" concept	5.2.3 Appendix 1 - Known Alternate Sequences	None.	<p>The Alternate Known concept is contrary to safety, increases administrative burden, does not provide CD's with a useful tool to achieve a successful contest, increases expense, does not teach real competition concepts, and has proven to be of no practical use.</p> <p>a. Contrary to Safety: Regardless of the rule's intent, competitors do not, or at best rarely, practice the Alternate Known sequence. This means that it presents a pilot with an unknown sequence that will only be flown when ceilings are lower than optimum, and possibly with lower visibilities than desired.</p> <p>b. Increases administrative burden: As the alternate sequence is virtually never flown, maintaining the paperwork necessary for it is a poor cost/benefit decision.</p> <p>c. Non-useful tool: The Alternate Known does not serve as a qualifying flight. In the event weather improves the contest must start over.</p> <p>d. Increases cost: If the weather is truly bad enough to preclude flying anything but the Alternate Known, most competitors would rather just get their money back and go home. Flying ANY sequence means the insurance for the contest is fully earned and non-refundable. If weather precludes flying any sequence, the chapter may get a refund of their contest insurance.</p>

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03-5 cont'd				<p>e. Competition concepts: Standardizing the location of optional weather breaks, and the conditions that would require them would allow competitors to practice their sequences in advance, with a much greater likelihood of actually flying them in a contest.</p> <p>f. No practical value: Regardless of intent, CD's have not chosen to use this system. It is a solution that has not found favor nor served a need.</p>
03-9	Changes the term "Positioning" to "Presentation"	5.8 Positioning Coefficients 7.4 Positioning 8.6 Positioning	5.8 Presentation Coefficients 7.4 Presentation 8.6 Presentation	A simple label change to better reflect what is being graded. No substantive change to the affected rules is proposed, only changing the rule titles from "Positioning" to "Presentation." The change will make the section labels consistent with the use of the term "presentation" already in the body text used in both 7.4 and 8.6.
03-10	Updates power Free Program versatility requirements	6.3.2 Sportsman: 8.1 thru 8.44 Intermediate: 8.1 thru 8.44	6.3.2 Sportsman: Family 8 Intermediate: Family 8	The current versatility requirements for power Sportsman and Intermediate pilots does not recognize the expansion of Family 8 which has occurred in the last few years. Limiting the requirement to 8.44 excludes some of the newer 5/8 and 3/4 loops and totally excludes the vertical 5/8 loops. Changing the versatility to simply "Family 8" allows for more flexibility and originality in Free program design for these two categories.