

CIVA Plenary 2025 – Summary Report

British Aerobatics overview of key discussions and decisions

Location: Paris Le Bourget Air & Space Museum

Dates: 8–9 November 2025

Delegations represented: 21 NACs (+ 8 proxy votes)

General Updates

The 2025 CIVA Plenary gathered representatives from across the aerobatic world to debate rule changes, elect committee members, review championship bids, and plan the sport's future development.

FAI and Governance

- **FAI Secretary-General Markus Haggene**y emphasised the importance of due process for NAC licences, longer lead times for sanctioned events, and the need for CIVA to nominate an **athlete representative** to the FAI Athletes' Committee.
- Discussion around **Olympic recognition** highlighted the requirement for each country's sports council to assess suitability before submission.
- **Sanction and travel-allowance fees** remain largely unchanged; the **European TA** rises to 400 CHF.
- A proposal to purchase the **German Height Monitoring Device (HMD)** system for glider contests was debated, with several delegates questioning value versus cheaper Polish alternatives.

Finance

- CIVA Treasurer **Philippe K  chler** reported steady reserves, a sanction fee of 300 CHF, and approval for **25 000 CHF in special projects** to support initiatives such as digital media, video proof-of-concepts, and trophy restoration. Greater financial scrutiny and measurable return on investment were urged.
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Elections and Committees

President: Tamás Ábrányi (HUN)

Vice Presidents: Alex Moore (ESP, 2 yrs), George-Florin Rotaru (ROU, 2 yrs), Matthieu Roulet (FRA, 1 yr); Hanspeter Rohner (SUI, 1 yr)

Secretary: Carole Holyk (CAN, 2yrs); Hannah Räihä (FIN, 1yr)

Travel Agreements: Zuzana Danihelová

Committee Chairs:

- Rules – Steve Todd (GBR)
- Judging – Pierre Varloteaux (FRA)
- Glider – Jurek Makula (POL)
- Catalogue – Romain Fhal (ROU)
- ICT – Kari Kemppe (FIN)

Rules Committee: Philippe Kuchler (SUI), Castor Fantoba (ESP), Hanspeter Rohner (SUI), Luca Andraghetti (ITA), Jorge Loureiro (POR)

Judging Committee: Philippe Kuchler (SUI), Romain Fhal (ROU), Madelyne Delcroix (FRA), Alex Moore (ESP), Luca Andraghetti (ITA)

Glider Committee: Ferenc Toth (HUN), Philippe Kuchler (SUI), Madelyne Delcroix (FRA), Eugen Schaal (GER), Gustav Salminen (FIN)

Catalogue Committee: Castor Fantoba (ESP), Neil Oakley (GBR), Juan Pablo Pichel (ARG), Ringo Massa (NED), Igoris Lobanovas (LIT)

ICT Committee: Ringo Massa (NED), Thierry Fraize (FRA), Jorge Loureiro (POR), Nick Buckenham (GBR)

A by-law reminder from FAI confirmed that **NAC endorsement** is required for any chair nomination; as the UK NAC did not support a British nomination this year, names were withdrawn accordingly.

Rule Changes (Section 6 Parts 1 and 2)

Detailed summaries of **Powered** and **Glider** rule outcomes are published separately.

In brief, CIVA approved sensible safety-oriented refinements (e.g. cloud-base limits, Rookie category, judging clarifications) while rejecting or pausing more complex or restrictive proposals. New rules will appear in the **2026 Sporting Code**.

Broader Discussion Items

Safety & Strategic Issues

- Debate over **NP2026-16 (Unlimited pilot numbers)** evolved into a call for a **comprehensive strategic plan** before any tactical changes are adopted.
 - **Category 2 Events** and the **CIVA Scoring System** were discussed; both require clearer value propositions and will be revisited by incoming management.
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Championship Planning

2026 Events

- **WAC 2026 (Genesee County Airport, USA):** 20–30 pilots expected; four practice boxes; full medical cover; live streaming planned.
- **WGAC / WAGAC 2026 (Fayence, France):** Three towplanes available; entry fees and sponsorship still being finalised; NOTAM and potential restricted area under consideration.

2027 Bids

- **Powered:** France (FFA) and Romania (Aeroclubul României) both submitted bids. Due to overlap (Intermediate + Advanced vs Advanced + Unlimited), voting was deferred until additional detail is provided by January 2026.
- **Glider:** Czech Republic (Aeroklub Jindřichův Hradec) confirmed as host for **WAGAC / WGAC 2027** – training 1–6 Aug; competition 8–16 Aug 2027.

Officials Approved

Event	Jury President	Chief Judge
WAC 2026	Tamás Ábrányi	Quintin Hawthorne
WAGAC/WGAC 2026	Philippe Küchler	Pavol Kavka
EAAC 2026 (if bid)	Philippe Küchler	Pavol Kavka

Awards and Recognitions

- **CIVA Championship Organiser of the Year 2025:** Hungary (unanimous)
 - **Léon Biancotto Diploma:** Rob Holland (unanimous)
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Internal Regulations and Future Meetings

Work continues to update CIVA's **Internal Regulations**—a valuable record of current practice but not an immediate strategic priority.

The next plenary will be held in the **Netherlands** (date TBC).

Closing Remarks

The 2025 Plenary was marked by constructive debate, new leadership, and a clear appetite to modernise competition management, digital engagement, and outreach.

British Aerobatics contributed actively to discussion on fairness, participation, and practical rule design—ensuring the UK remains an influential and respected voice within CIVA.

APPENDIX

Figures selections for Free Known Programme

Power Intermediate Free Known Figures

Option B

Power Advanced Free Known Figures

Option E

Power Unlimited Free Known Figures

Option A

Glider Advanced Free Known Figures

Option F

Glider Unlimited Free Known Figures

Option D