



US Team Committee (USTC) Recommended Tweaks To The US Team Selection Process v1.2

The USTC has received some comments about tweaking the US Team selection process during the 2017 US Team Selection cycle. We recommend that following changes become effective immediately:

1. Using your WGC Score Across All Classes ~ Really?

Currently, a US pilot who has flown in a WGC can use their WGC score for US Team selection points in any class. Some pilots who are only flying in a single class in one US Nationals per year felt this was not fair since they were only limited to a single class. Also, we really want pilots to be interested and familiar with the class pilots and sailplanes.

We recommend the following change: To use a WGC score for selection in a particular competition class, a US pilot must within the past 3 years have flown at least one US National or FAI Category 1 contest in that class

2. Weighting Of European Continental Championships, PAGC, WGC, pre-WGC, Jr. WGC, and WWGC Too Big for US Team Selection Points?

Quite a few pilots have commented that the bonus point weighting for the contests listed above is not quite appropriate for the quality of pilots at some contests. We want to encourage potential US Team pilots to fly FAI contests and not disadvantage a US pilot who does not. We also wanted to try to balance the scoring differences between an FAI and US National scoring.

Here's the current formulas:

For pre-WGC contests (scored under IGC SC3A rules): $CS = (105 * CFS + 100) / 2$

For Continental Gliding Championships (European and PAGC) and WGC: $CS = (110 * CFS + 100) / 2$

Using the [same](#) formulas, we recommend regrouping the contests as follows:

~ European Championships and WGC: $CS = (110 * CFS + 100) / 2$

~ PAGC, pre-WGC (scored under IGC SC3A rules), Jr. WGC, WWGC, and other FAI Category 1 Contests: $CS = (105 * CFS + 100) / 2$

3. 20m 2-place Team Selection

1. Add the ability to use 20m 2-place US Nationals if there is one

The current team selection process does not consider the case where there is a 20m 2-place US Nationals. We need to add the upcoming 2018 US 20m 2-place Nationals as an option and allow the possibility that 20m 2-place Nats does not occur where we would fall back to our current selection criteria:

Section 2.2.3: 20m Multiplace Class Pilot Selection: In order for a pilot's CFS to contribute toward US Team selection in this Class, the following requirements must be met:

- The CFS must have been earned while flying a glider that meets the current 20m Multiplace FAI rules.
- The CFS must have been earned in an eligible US National Championships. For 2018, the eligible classes are 20m Multiplace, Open and Sport. From 2019, the pilot must fly in the 20m Multiplace Class provided a US National Championship in that class is held; otherwise, results from Open and Sport Class are eligible.
- The pilot must be a registered regular contest entrant who is aboard for every scored flight made during the contest.

2. Do both pilots desire US Team selection points?

This issue has been discussed and debated since the initial addition of the 20m 2-place US Team selection process during the Fall of 2014. We currently provide the US Team selection points to the pilot of record who is the name on the score sheet or the person who registers for the contest. Starting with the 2018 20m 2-place US Nationals, you must have 2 pilots on board during the entire contest.

With these issues in mind, we want to award the 20m 2-place US Team Selection points as follows: If the pilots are flying as a team entry, both pilots will receive the same US Team Selection points. Otherwise, the selection points will go to the pilot of record.