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INTRODUCTION

The FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is an annual, multi-round competition providing players from all over the world with the chance to become a 'Virtual Gliding World Series Champion'. The structure and eligibility criteria for the current season of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is set out in the respective rulebook(s), available at <https://virtualgliding.fai.org/>.

This is the official handbook ("**Handbook**") of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series and applies to all Teams, pilots who are participating in any event related to the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series ("**Pilots**") and parents or guardians (in relation to any Pilot under the "**Eligible Age**") participating in the "FAI Virtual Gliding" races (together the "**Participants**" or "**Pilots**") in every round and every aspect of, and event related to (including any exhibition event), the Competition, whether online or at a live event, as the case may be. This Handbook also applies more generally to Participants' conduct outside of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series as representatives of the Competition and Gliding more generally and to the extent such behavior may impact upon the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or FAI Virtual Gliding Group (as defined below).

This edition of the Handbook contains guidelines governing the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series and is supported by additional Rulebooks which govern specific stages of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series (together the "**Sporting Rules**", all of which shall be made available at <https://virtualgliding.fai.org/>). Pilots may be required to enter into a participation agreement with FAI Virtual Gliding before participating in and/or attending specific stages of the Competition.

The promoter and operator of the The FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is SkyRace eSports Ltd ("**SkyRace**" or "**SkyRace eSports Ltd**"). The FAI Virtual Gliding Group (being FAI and their duly appointed officials ("**Officials**")) reserves the right to exercise necessary authority, without limitation, to protect the interests of:

- a. the official Condor 2 and Condor 3 video game(s) used in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series ("**Game**");
- b. any person or entity authorised to create and/or publish media for any reason at any time during the Competition ("**Press**");
- c. Participants;
- d. the FAI Virtual Gliding Group;
- e. Gliding in general; and
- f. any person who is present at an event (either physically or virtually) related to the Competition ("**Attendee**").

By taking part in any stage of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, all Participants agree that it is governed by, and also that they will abide by, this Handbook (in addition to any rulebook governing a specific round of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series). All decisions made by the FAI Virtual Gliding Group are entirely at their own discretion and are final unless the option to appeal is clearly stated.

All communication with the FAI Virtual Gliding Group shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant rulebook governing that particular round of competition and is strictly confidential.

The publication of such material without the prior written consent of FAI is strictly prohibited and may result in a penalty.

FAI Virtual Gliding Working Group reserves the right to amend any rule in this Handbook at any time and without notice but shall publish any updates as soon as reasonably practicable.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

FAI considers sporting values including fair play, respect, equality and spirit of competition to be integral to the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series and participants are under obligation to honour, adhere to and promote these values at all times.

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Competition, FAI Virtual Gliding Group (and any of its affiliates), appointed members of the press, Attendees, and other Participants, and comply with all applicable law and regulation at all times.

Participants shall not engage in conduct which Officials deems to be harmful to the business, reputation or relationships of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, Teams, the Game, Gliding in general and/or the FAI Virtual Gliding Group.

a. **Cheating and Gameplay**

No forms of cheating, gameplay, gamesmanship or gaining an unfair advantage in any way will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to:

i. **Hardware modification;**

Any modification made to a piece of hardware allowing it to function in a way the manufacturer did not intend. This includes, but is not limited to, adding to or removing anything from hardware as supplied by the manufacturer (or provided directly by the FAI Virtual Gliding World Group for the purposes of participating in the Competition which has not been approved by the FAI Virtual Gliding World Group.

ii. **Hacking;**

Any modification made to the Game or other software (other than by way of standard software patches or updates as may be issued from time to time) or unauthorized activities that seek to compromise hardware or software used by a Participant as part of the Competition.

iii. **Exploiting game glitches;**

Intentionally using any in-game bug to seek an advantage. A bug is defined as any Game function or behaviour that, in the sole determination of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Group, is not intentional or functioning as the developer intended.

iv. **Impersonation; and**

Playing under another Pilots's account. Soliciting, inducing, encouraging or directing someone else to play under another Pilot's account. Presenting yourself as another person or under a false identity. Acting on behalf of another person without approval from an Official and/or prior notification.

v. Collusion;

Any agreement among two (2) or more Participants and/or other persons who are not part of the same Team to affect the Competition or race and/or any opposing Pilot(s).

b. Drugs and Alcohol

The use of drugs or alcohol may lead to disruptive behaviour. Participants believed to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at any given time in any round, aspect of, or event related to (including any exhibition event), the Competition, may be removed and may be disqualified from taking part in future FAI Virtual Gliding World Series events. For this purpose, "any given time" covers 24 hours prior to a Participant arriving at the relevant event, to 24 hours after the conclusion of such event. No Participant should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during an event. The excessive drinking of alcohol and taking of any illegal or performance enhancing drugs is strictly forbidden at any time during any event of, or related to, the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series.

c. Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

Any offensive, disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behaviour (including, but not limited to, insults, physical violence or any behaviour which, in FAI's opinion, may bring it (or any of its group Companies), any of its affiliates, the Officials, any Team, any Pilot, any Attendee, any other Participant, the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or Gliding in general into disrepute) may be punished and may lead to disqualification.

d. Competitive Integrity

The Pilots will compete (as applicable) to the best of their ability at all times during the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series and any event related to the Competition.

e. Betting and Gambling

No betting or gambling by any Participant or anyone connected to any Participant, relating to or in connection with the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event related to the Competition (including spot fixing), is allowed under any circumstances and no Participant or related person may benefit directly or indirectly from any spot-fixing, betting or gambling in connection with the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event related to the Competition.

f. Bribery and Gifts

Participants shall not offer or accept any gift or reward to or from anyone for services promised, rendered, or to be rendered in connection with the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event related to the Competition, including services related to defeating or attempting to defeat a competing Participant (as the case may be) or services designed to throw, fix or unduly influence any event (or part of an event) of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event related to the Competition (in accordance with Article 2.d).

g. General Conduct

Participants must be respectful of the FAI Virtual Gliding Group and any other staff involved in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event related to the Competition, tournament organisers, sponsors, partners, Teams, Pilots, Attendees and other Participants at all times. Participants must not use obscene gestures, language, or offensive comments, including but not limited to:

i. Hate speech or inappropriate behaviour;

Language that is deemed by the Officials to be obscene, foul, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive, libellous, slanderous, defamatory or otherwise offensive or inappropriate; or promote or incite hatred or discriminatory conduct, either remotely or in or near any facility provided or made available by FAI and associates, at any time, off or on broadcast, whether through gesture, body language, direct communication, electronic communication, social media or any other form of communication or transmission.

ii. Violent or physical aggression or behaviour;

Any action which is deemed by the Officials to be abusive, aggressive, violent or physically hostile.

iii. Harassment of any kind;

Systematic, hostile and/or repeated acts taking place over a period of time which have the effect of isolating or ostracizing a person and/or affecting the dignity of the person.

iv. Discriminatory words, phrases, or gestures;

Offending the dignity or integrity of a country, private person or group of people through contemptuous or discriminatory words or actions on account of race, skin colour, ethnicity, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, financial status, sexual orientation, birth or any other status.

v. Trolling;

Posting inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages in an online community, such as a forum, chat room, blog or social media post, with the primary intent of provoking readers into an emotional response or of otherwise disrupting normal on-topic discussion.

vi. Any “sound-alike” or “look-alike” words or phrases that reference these topics; and**vii. Any other type of conduct deemed inappropriate at the discretion of the FAI VG Group.**

Pilots are reminded that they represent the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series and Gliding more generally and that their conduct should, at all times, meet the expectations of FAI Virtual Gliding Group, both during and outside of official FAI Virtual Gliding World Series events and if standards fall short of such expectations, the Officials can take such action (acting reasonably) as it considers fit, in the spirit of this Handbook. Any conduct that is deemed to be in violation of this Handbook, or the wider FAI Virtual Gliding terms and conditions, is punishable and may result in disqualification from the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series.

h. Communication

All attempts to contact an Official must be done through FAI Virtual Gliding channels (as communicated to Teams and Pilots), unless required for a particular event and therefore clearly stated by Officials either verbally, in the relevant event's rulebook or in any supporting documentation. FAI Virtual Gliding Group does not accept responsibility if an attempt to communicate is made through unofficial channels.

i. Social Media

Participants are forbidden from posting negative, disruptive and/or brand damaging content on social media about the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, the FAI Virtual Gliding Group, the Game, Teams, Pilots, Gliding in general and/or any other Participant, including but not limited to images

or videos of Game faults. Positive and engaging content is encouraged, providing the content is not in violation of the Sporting Rules, the wider FAI Virtual Gliding terms and conditions or any Copyright or other law. All public facing content (e.g. social media posts), made before or after the commencement of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series may be considered and reviewed by the FAI Virtual Gliding Group when determining the eligibility of a Participants or by Teams when selecting Pilots to progress in the Competition.

j. Phones during races/events

Phones are not permitted on the FAI Virtual Gliding set. Participants found to be capturing imagery or footage of, or be in possession of, any protected intellectual property, offensive material, confidential information or know-how, during live events or otherwise, may be removed immediately and/or disqualified from the Competition.

k. Tools and other equipment

Participants are forbidden from carrying or using any tools or equipment (outside of those provided by the FAI Virtual Gliding Group) on the FAI Virtual Gliding set during events without expressed consent from an Official. Any participant found in possession of an unauthorised article may be removed from the Competition.

l. Collaboration and Rallying others

Any Participant found to have been instigating forfeits from other Participants, or collaborating to disrupt or otherwise obstruct the Competition, may be removed. This includes group conversations asking other Participants to delay/retire from/forfeit any part of an event.

m. Team Management / Team Personnel

No persons associated with a Pilots (for example, Pilots managers, trainers), other than such persons permitted by FAI, will be allowed on site or to associate, engage or otherwise interfere with the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or Participants in any way during an event. The FAI Virtual Gliding Group reserve the right to deny/revoke any Team personnel's eligibility to participate in, attend, associate or engage with the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series in any way where they are deemed to be in violation of the Sporting Rules.

2. SPORTING RULES

The FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is a serious racing championship and sporting rules must be adhered to at all times. Failure to adhere to any of the points in this Section 2 may result in the offending Pilots being penalised in accordance with Section 3.

a. Task Type

i. Racing Task (RT)

Speed over a course of two or more designated Turn

Points, with a finish at the contest site. The task is specified by the designation of the Start, the Turn Points (in order), and the Finish.

Finishers receive "distance points" (the same number of distance points for each finisher) and "speed points".

Non-finishers receive "distance points" only (the distance points are calculated relative to the maximum distance flown).

ii. Assigned Area Task (AAT)

Speed over a course through two or more designated Assigned Areas, with a finish at the contest site. The task is specified by the designation of the Start, the Assigned Areas (in order), the Finish, and the Minimum Task Time.

Finishers receive "distance points" (the same number of distance points for each finisher) and "speed points". Speeds are calculated based on each finisher's elapsed time or the Minimum Task Time, whichever is greater.

Non-finishers receive "distance points" only (the "distance points are calculated relative to the maximum distance flown).

iii. Distance Handicap Task (DHT)

Same as the Racing Task

iv. Sailplane Grand Prix (SGP)

Speed over a course through two or more designated Turn Points, with a finish at the contest site. The Task is specified by the designation of the Start, the Turn Points (in order), and the Finish. All gliders start the race at the same time (regatta start).

Finishers receive position-based points. The winner is the first pilot to cross the finish line. The winner scores 1000 points and the scoring formula is impacted by the number of finishers, as per Virtual SGP Rules.

Non-finishers do not receive points.

b. Scoring

i. **Condor.Club** is the official scoring tool used to score races of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series.

ii. **Condor.Club uses standard FAI rules to score pilots**, except for PEV starts that will not be used.

Rules to refer to are 'Annex A to Section 3 – Gliding RULES FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASS D (gliders)' and 'Virtual SGP Rules', in their latest versions, both available on the FAI Virtual Gliding website.

iii. Pilots should follow rules established on the Condor.Club briefing sheet for start and arrival procedures.

iv. Penalties or Bonus points will be applied via Condor.Club. The organisation reserves the rights to apply extra penalties according to this handbook.

v. The in-game Condor results are not official results as penalties and rules are not the same as FAI's.

vi. **Pilots are requested to send their .ftr files after the ending of their flight to the Condor.Club platform, in order to be scored.**

c. Prohibited Behaviour

The behaviour of Pilots within the Game should meet the expectations of Officials regarding sportsman-like behaviour and clean racing at all times. The following terms define events which pilots must make all reasonable efforts to avoid without valid justification and/or without gaining a lasting advantage.

TERM	DEFINITION OF PENALTY
i. Overweight Wingloading > Maximum WL	<i>5 Minutes penalty for each kg/m² in excess</i>
ii. Incorrect start speed	<i>5 sec/km/h in excess of Maximum start speed for the day (if applicable)</i>
iii. Cloud Flying	<i>10 seconds per second spent Cloud Flying</i>
iv. Mid-Air collision	1) <i>'Penalty To be confirmed in next release' if aircraft is recovered with 'Miracle' (no gain in altitude)</i> 2) <i>Outlanding at crash position if 'Miracle' is not allowed</i>
v. Finish line: hazardous maneuver	1) <i>1st offence = warning</i> 2) <i>2st offence = 1 minute penalty</i> 3) <i>3rd offence = day disqualification</i>
vi Attempt to obtain external help	<i>Day Disqualification</i>
vii. Use of any cheating device	<i>Event disqualification</i>
viii. Unsporting behaviour	<i>At Event Director's discretion</i>
ix. xxx	xxx
x. xxx	xxx

xi. xxx	xxx
xii. xxx	xxx
xiii. xxx	xxx
xiv. xxx	xxx
xv. xxx	xxx

Note that this list of terms and the accompanying definitions is not exhaustive and the Officials reserve the right to penalise Pilots for any other behaviour which is deemed to be bad sportsmanship, unfair and/or against the spirit of the rules and/or fair play.

d. In-flight collision

Pilots who gain a position as a result of prohibited behaviour, or causing avoidable collision, shall be expected to receive a penalty.

e. In-game Penalties

In-game penalties are not taken into account in the final calculation of daily results. All penalties are applied via Condor.Club once the .ftr file has been sent to the competition website, that is used to score all pilots.

f. Game Limitations, Bugs and Glitches

Should a Pilot be affected by any issue which is attributed to a bug, glitch or limitation of the Game then no form of restart, delay, review, appeal or other remedy shall be considered beyond those set out in Section 2.e or unless deemed appropriate by the Officials, and the Officials shall be expected to take no further action beyond reporting the issue to the developers of the Game.

g. Drop-outs and Connection Issues

Should all Pilots fail to successfully join when an in-game session launches then a session restart may be considered by the Officials.

If a Pilot drops out of the Game after a session has started (due to connection issues or otherwise), there will be no type of restart of the session unless deemed appropriate by the Officials. If a Pilot suffers connection issues due to low bandwidth, resulting in unusual ("laggy") glider behaviour within the game, then that Pilot may be disqualified from the session, and/or excluded from further sessions.

In cases where a Pilot does drop-out of the Game during a race then that Pilot's in-game glider will disappear from the online race. Pilots who encounter such issues (e.g. disconnected in-game) MUST continue flying the task alone. Continuing the flight will guarantee the fairness of the race and pilots will be able to provide a valid their .ftr flight tracks files to the organisers.

Pilots will be allowed to rejoin a session unless clearly stated in the rules governing the respective round of the Competition or directed not to do so by an Official.

h. **Restarts**

If a significant number of Pilots, at the sole determination of the Officials, do not complete a session for any reason, then that session may be restarted. Sessions may be restarted if a mid-air collision or any other event results in a significant number of pilots being impeded and/or unable to continue in the session. The Officials reserve the right to restart, cancel, end or otherwise amend a session at any point and without notice.

i. **Leaving a Session**

Pilots may not leave an active session without a valid reason unless instructed to do so by an Official. Pilots are allowed to leave the race once they have properly landed.

j. **Forfeit**

If a Pilot chooses to forfeit a race for any reason, or is disqualified (as referred to in Section 3.e), the pilot will not be scored.

k. **Observers**

In-game observers within the Game (other than an Official or a person engaged by FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or a party on its behalf in the hosting, management, production, recording and/or broadcasting of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series) are strictly prohibited.

3. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

If any provision in this Handbook, the wider Sporting Rules or other prevailing terms is considered by the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series to have been breached by a Participant (an "**Incident**") then a standard disciplinary procedure shall take place. The FAI Virtual Gliding World Series may impose any one of the penalties (each a "**Penalty**") below on any Participant involved in an Incident:

a. **Warning**

If a Participant breaks a rule and no lasting advantage is gained, or disadvantage is suffered by another Participant, then a warning may be applied. For example, causing Avoidable Mid-air Contact where no position changes or significant damage occurs as a result.

Warnings may also be applied if a Participant is deemed to have broken any rule but these rule breaks were not deemed to have been sufficiently serious, intentional and/or no lasting advantage was gained or lasting disadvantage suffered by other Participants.

When a warning is issued, no penalty is applied outright but the discrepancy is noted. Warnings may be considered by Officials when determining penalties for subsequent breaches of the Sporting Rules.

b. Time Penalty

Pilots who break a rule and gain a lasting advantage or cause a lasting disadvantage to another Pilot during a race may be given a time penalty for the Incident. The exact time penalty applied to an offending Pilot is determined by the Officials, taking into account the nature of the offense, the size of advantage gained and/or disadvantage suffered by others involved and any warnings issued to the Pilot for related rule breaches. Time penalties are added to the Pilot's total race time from the respective race.

e. Point(s) Deduction

Participants who are in violation of the Sporting rules which results in a significant and lasting advantage being gained, and/or a significant and lasting disadvantage being suffered by another Participant, resulting in the Participant being awarded points unfairly and/or where a violation of the Sporting Rules are deemed by FAI Virtual Gliding World Series to be sufficiently serious, then one or more points may be deducted from the Participant's total for that stage of the Competition.

f. Disqualification

Participants may be disqualified who intentionally break a rule which FAI Virtual Gliding World Series deem to be sufficiently serious, purposely cause themselves and/or any other Participant a significant and lasting disadvantage, or are repeatedly in violation of the Sporting Rules. Any Participant whose conduct is deemed unacceptable, either in-game or otherwise, may be disqualified from the session (if applicable) and/or future sessions in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series. This also includes (but is not limited to) having a Participant's eligibility to participate in, attend, associate with, or engage in, the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series revoked for either a specific period, indefinitely or in perpetuity.

It shall be at the discretion of the Officials to decide if any Participant involved in an Incident should be penalised.

When considering Incidents which occur in flight, unless it is clear to the Officials that a Pilot was wholly or predominantly to blame then no Penalty will be imposed.

Unless otherwise clearly stated, penalties are not open to review or appeal.

The Officials may follow such other procedure or apply such other penalties as it may consider suitable in the circumstances where this Handbook, or the wider Sporting Rules or other prevailing terms, is breached.

4. PILOTS RESTRICTIONS

By participating in any event of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event connected with the Competition, all Participants agree to abide by the following FAI Virtual Gliding World Series Pilot Restrictions set out in this Section 4. Failure to abide by any of these restrictions may result in a participant being penalised in accordance with Section 3.

a. Pilot Names

Pilot Names and/or gamertags may not contain: obscene or suggestive language, corporation, company, sponsor, product, or services names, any material which infringes a third party's rights, or which FAI Virtual Gliding World Series feels may cause confusion during gameplay. The Officials reserves the right to restrict or change (or demand to be changed) Pilot names and gamertags for any reason. A Pilot's name and gamertag is not permitted to change throughout the Competition unless explicitly approved by an Official. FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is not obliged to use a Pilot's gamertag at any time and Pilots may be referred to using their full name.

b. Pilot Nationalities

Pilots must declare the nationality from which they hold a valid passport. In cases where Pilots hold dual nationality (as determined by holding more than one valid passport), Pilots should declare the nationality of their choosing from the respective nationalities.

c. Sponsorship/branding

Third party sponsorship and/or commercial branding of any kind are strictly prohibited in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series unless approved by the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, and Pilots may not display, advertise or imply any commercial association during the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series without the prior approval of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series.

d. Attire

Participants must wear appropriate attire at all times whilst participating in any activity in relation to the Competition, including (but not limited to) publicity and media activity. The Officials reserves the right to prohibit the use of attire that is deemed inappropriate. In cases where attire is provided by FAI, Participants are expected to wear such attire at all times during the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series (i.e. where a Participant attends an event in person or appears on camera) and when fulfilling any commercial obligation, unless informed otherwise.

5. PUBLICITY

a. FAI and Skyrace reserve the right to broadcast any session in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series including online and offline play. Participants cannot object to broadcasts authorised by FAI. Each Participant acknowledges that FAI shall be entitled to use any such footage in its discretion.

b. The Officials reserve the right to reschedule any session of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series to accommodate a specific broadcast time. Participants cannot object to this rescheduling. Refusing to cooperate with the rescheduling of a session may result in a penalty.

- c. The Officials reserve the right to publish any information, including (but not limited to) information regarding Penalties, for any reason and at any time. Participants are strictly forbidden from publishing or sharing any information regarding Penalties beyond acknowledging that a Penalty has been issued and the type and size of the Penalty in question and only to the extent that the Officials have made such Penalty public.
- d. Participants may be required to participate in publicity and media activity related to the FAI Virtual Gliding Series and, by taking part in the Competition, agree to do so as requested by FAI and Skyrace.
- e. Each Participant consents to the use by FAI and Skyrace, related companies and their licensees, for an unlimited time, of the relevant Participant's name, voice, image, slogan, likeness, biography, statistics, brand and performance in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, including (but not limited to) still and moving images of the Participant, without additional compensation or prior notice.

6. OFFICIALS

The Officials have general oversight and control of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, including the final authority over the outcome of each session.

a. Role

The role of the Officials includes, but is not limited to:

- i. checking and monitoring Pilot peripherals and racing equipment at events (both live and remote);
- ii. the control of all sessions, adherence to the timetable and, if deemed necessary by the Officials, the modification of the schedule in accordance with the Sporting Rules;
- iii. the disqualification of any pilot in accordance with the Sporting Rules;
- iv. the delaying, stopping or suspension of any session in accordance with the Sporting Rules;
- v. overseeing disciplinary procedures and issuing penalties in response to rule violations;
- vi. Accepting any appeals and reviews (in both cases where applicable) and issuing final rulings;
- vii. the starting procedure;
- viii. the arrival procedure; and
- ix. determining and confirming all results.

b. Instructions and Communication

The Officials may give instructions to Participants by means of special circulars. Classifications and results of sessions will be published via means documented in the rulebook for the respective stage of competition.

c. Schedule Changes

The Officials may re-order the schedule of racing within any given day and/or change the date of an FAI Virtual Gliding World Series event (including any qualification period) to a different date or otherwise modify the schedule of racing without advance notice. In the event that Officials modify a racing schedule, the Officials will notify relevant Participants at the earliest convenience. Schedules will be distributed to relevant Participants at the earliest date possible.

d. Conduct

At all times, the Officials shall conduct themselves in a professional manner, and shall issue rulings in an impartial manner.

e. **Final Say**

If there is a disagreement between Participants regarding the outcome of a session, any decision, or the application, enforcement, or interpretation of a rule, the Officials' decision shall be final.

7. SPIRIT OF THE RULES

a. **Disputes**

Any dispute that a Participant may have must be made as soon as possible by contacting an Official at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so, or by using means of contact not officially recognised, may result in a dispute being rejected.

b. **Decisions**

This Handbook will be applied by the Officials in such a manner as to ensure the spirit of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is upheld. Whether or not the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series deems that any conduct is in violation of this Handbook, along with all decisions made by the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, shall be entirely at its own discretion. The Officials have a right to make decisions in accordance with this Handbook, outside this Handbook, or even against this Handbook in special cases, to guarantee fair play and to ensure the spirit of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series is upheld. Pilots agree to be bound by the Officials' final decisions and anyone acting on their behalf.

c. **Finality of Decisions**

All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, eligibility, scheduling and staging of the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series, and penalties for misconduct, lie solely with the Officials, whose decisions are final. Decisions by Officials cannot be appealed unless clearly stated and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages or any other legal or equitable remedy.

d. **Rule Changes**

FAI reserves the right to modify the rules governing the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series at any time (including this Handbook) if the circumstances dictate and are deemed necessary by FAI. This includes (but is not limited to) changes due to software and/or Game updates or releases. Pilots should check all applicable rules and the official FAI Virtual Gliding website prior to any event to ensure they are in compliance with any and all rules at all times.

e. **Limitation on Liability**

FAI Virtual Gliding World Series accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by a Participant as a result of participating in the FAI Virtual Gliding World Series or any event connected with the Competition or accepting any prize. FAI Virtual Gliding World Series further disclaims any liability for any injury or damage to a Participant or any other person's possessions relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading any materials in connection with the FAI Virtual Gliding Series other than in relation to:

- (i) death or personal injury is caused by FAI's negligence;
- (ii) liability arising from fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- (iii) for any other reason or by any cause which cannot be excluded by law.

