

Summary of Sporting Code 3 & Annex C Changes (Concerning Badges) as of October 2015

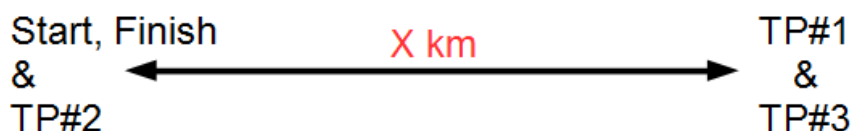
This document is intended to highlight the changes concerning Badges that are effective as of 1st October 2015 in the Sporting Code Section 3 (Gliding) together with Annex C. It is not intended to be a word-by-word comparison, rather an overview how the changes affects pilots, analysts and Approvals for FRs & PRs.

1. Separate Chapters in SC3 for Badges (2) & Records (3).
References in other documents to SC3 & SC3 Annex C are likely to be invalid.
2. SC3 Appendix A to Chapter 4 in the previous Code (PRs for Silver / Gold badges) has been replaced by SC3 Section 2.6. Note that many existing PR approval documents refer to Chapter 4 Appendix A and will thus require updating.
3. Where a declared start/finish is made the 90 degree sectors are deleted.
Now we have just the Start / Finish line.
This affects the Diamond Goal Badge where declared Start = Finish is required.
4. There is no longer any minimum distance between Turn Points (previously 10 km).
5. Silver Distance redefined (SC3, Section 2.1.1.a):
A straight distance flight of at least 50 km from the release point.
6. SC3 Annex C Section 1.5 is now clear about post-flight corrections only applying to Silver / Gold badge claims.
7. SC3 Annex C Section 3.4 now allows a PR with pressure sensor (eg Flarm) to have that pressure sensor ignored & the GPS altitude used.
8. SC3 Section 2.4.3b states that FRs with out-of-date calibration MAY be treated as a PR (the FR is already approved, it is just used in a "degraded" mode).
If a NAC wishes to make use of this possibility, there is no requirement to submit a "PR-Approval" document – publication e.g. on the NAC's website is sufficient.
9. Stand-alone barographs (whether mechanical or electronic) are no longer permitted as documentation evidence.

Implication of item (4) above:

From 1 October 2015, there is no specified minimum distance between Turn Points. On a 3-Turn Point task, for example, the same location may be declared as TP1 and as TP3.

This means that the course below is acceptable. If **X** is at least 75 km, it is valid for Gold Distance; if **X** is at least 125 km, it is valid for Diamond Distance... etc.



The following rules are unchanged but to serve as a reminder:

- Triangle leg length limitations (25% / 28% etc.) do not apply to Badge claims.
- The Start, Finish and all Turn Points must be included in the task declaration prior to take-off.
If a Turn Point is used twice it must appear twice in the task declaration.