

NEW ZEALAND GLIDING ASSOCIATION

ADVISORY CIRCULAR

COMPETITIONS

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Advisory Circular provides guidance on the following:
- NZGA Sanctioned Competitions
 - Championship Trophies
 - Contest Rules
 - Selection of International Representatives
 - Non contest flying at championships

2. NZGA National Gliding Championships

- 2.1 The New Zealand National Gliding Championships are held annually in the following classes - Open, 15 Metre, Standard, PW5 World Class, and Sports Class. In order to stage the championships clubs or other competent organisations may apply to the NZGA. Contest venues are approved at the AGM, following recommendation from the Contest Pilots' Meeting, which takes into account the suitability of the site, its facilities, and other relevant factors. Applications for running the Championships in the first instance must name at least the following key personnel:- Contest Director, Contest Secretary, Task Setter.
- 2.2 The actual dates of the Championships depend on local conditions, and are normally set by the Organising Committee, subject to approval by the Contest Management Committee or the Executive Committee. Also subject to approval are the key personnel and the general financial arrangements (entry fee, etc.) while the Rules and scoring system employed are those laid down by the NZGA Contest Management Committee.

3. Regional Championships

- 3.1 Northern, Central and Southern Regional Championships are also held annually, and provide an opportunity for an introduction to competition flying to glider pilots in all parts of the country. Here also the organisation, site, etc., are subject to approval, and the Rules and scoring system of the NZGA Contest Management Committee are used.

4. Tasman Trophy

- 4.1 The Tasman Trophy is contested between selected pilot(s) from New Zealand and an equal number from Australia at the National Championships of the host country. The two countries host alternately and aggregate scores decide which country retains the Trophy. Pilots who have flown in a World Championships are not eligible for selection.

5. Cross Country Championships

5.1 There are two "decentralised" contests, the Air New Zealand Soaring Awards and the Greg Buckland Memorial Award, aimed at encouraging cross country flying from club sites, particularly by pilots new to cross country flying. Contest rules are determined by the Awards Officer in association with the Contest Management Committee.

5.2 The basic principles are that the contest is a distance event, extends over the whole year and is run in two classes, a sports (or junior class) and an open class.

6. Championship Trophies - Open, 15 Metre and Standard Classes

6.1 The following trophies are awarded at the National Championships to the champions of the Open, 15 Metre and Standard Classes:

Note: Entry is open to New Zealand Nationals (as defined in the FAI Sporting Code for Gliding Records) who are NZGA Qualified Glider Pilots and are financial members of an NZGA Affiliate. Foreign Nationals may enter at the invitation of the NZGA with the endorsement of their National Gliding Organisation. Such foreign entrants shall be accorded the same facilities and privileges as other competitors, and shall be scored as normal in the appropriate class, but shall not be eligible for any National or Championship title.

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| The Wills Cup and Miniature | - To the pilot of the highest placed Open glider. |
| The Broadlands Cup and Miniature | - To the pilot of the highest placed 15 Metre glider. |
| The Court Trophy and Miniature | - To the pilot of the highest placed Standard glider. |

6.2 The following trophies also carry the same New Zealand Nationals qualifications as above: * Note: Placings are to be assessed on a pro rata basis in relation to the number of entrants in each Class.

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| *The Berkett Trophy | - To the highest placed pilot in any Class who is a member of a South Island Club when the Contest is being held in the North Island or to a member of a North Island Club when the Contest is being held in the South Island. Where a pilot holds membership of both a South Island and North Island Club, then |
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residency should be the criterion.

Note: In the event of a tie, the points differential of each pilot to the winner will be the deciding criterion.

*The Norge Cup - To the highest placed pilot, in any Class, who is competing in a National Championships (Open, 15 Metre, Standard) for the first time.

*The Veterans Trophy - To the highest placed pilot in any Class, aged 50 years or over, at the commencement of the Contest.

Mike Rix Memorial Trophy - To the highest placed pilot, in the Standard Class, under the age of 30 years at the commencement of the Contest.

Swiss Trophy - To the second highest placed pilot in the numerically strongest Class.

6.3 The following trophies are awarded to any competing pilot (excluding hors concurs) regardless of nationality. The only condition to be applied is that a visiting pilot of overseas nationality on being awarded a trophy/s shall entrust the keeping of the trophy/s to a representative of the organisation hosting the Contest.

The Richardson Trophy - To the pilot achieving the highest average speed on any task set in any Class during the Contest (before handicaps have been applied).

The Continental Airlines Trophy - To the pilot in any Class winning the longest speed task during the Contest (before handicaps have been applied).

The Messervy Trophy - To the pilot in any Class making the most meritorious flight over a triangular course during the Contest.

The Hookings Trophy - To the pilot in any Class making the most meritorious flight over a non-triangular course during the Contest.

The Hansell Trophy - To the pilot in any Class making the most meritorious flight on any task set during the

Contest.

7. National Championship Trophies – PW5 World Class

7.1 The following trophies awarded at the PW5 Championships are subject to the same New Zealand Nationals qualifications as apply at the Open, 15 Metre and Standard Class National Championships:

The Ruth and Gerry Gotleib Cup - To the highest placed NZ pilot at the PW5 Nationals.

8. National Championship Trophies – Sports Class

8.1 The following trophies awarded at the Sports Class Championships are subject to the same New Zealand Nationals qualifications as apply at the Open, 15 Metre and Standard Class National Championships.

Roake Cup - To the pilot of the highest placed glider.

Masterton Trophy - To the pilots of the highest placed glider flown on a team basis.

Wellington Trophy - To the pilot of the highest placed club owned glider competing in the Contest.

8.2 The following trophies are awarded regardless of the nationality of the pilot and are subject to the same conditions as stated previously in this Section.

Van Dyk Trophy - To the pilot achieving the highest average speed on any task set during the Contest (before handicaps have been applied).

Hatuma Lime Trophy - To the pilot making the most meritorious flight on any task set during the Contest.

9. Other Trophies

Tasman Trophy

This trophy is held by the country that wins the Tasman Gliding Championship for international competition between Australia and New Zealand.

Rothmans Challenge Gold Cup

This trophy is awarded each year to the New Zealander operating in New Zealand who has attained the highest handicapped speed over a FAI 28%, 300 km triangular course. Current NZGA handicaps will be used and the general conditions and documentation requirements for record flights under the F.A.I. Sporting Code apply.

Air New Zealand Cross Country Trophies

Awarded each year to the winners of the two classes in the Cross Country Championships.

Greg Buckland Memorial Award

Awarded each year to the winner of the Greg Buckland decentralised competition.

10. Selection of International Representatives

1. The selection of pilots to represent New Zealand in World Gliding Championships is based upon the points scored at two previous National Championships. Additional places may be filled by a Selection Panel.
2. Transfers are permitted between classes but with a 10% points penalty.
3. Pilots flying in National Championships as members of a team may credit the points which each individually scores towards the total for international selection.
4. Subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee which will decide from the funds available how many pilots will actually compete, places in the team will be allocated as follows:-
 - (a) The pilot scoring best in the Standard class.
 - (b) The pilot scoring best in the 15m class.
 - (c) The pilot scoring best in the Open class.
4. Remaining places will be allocated to pilots selected by the Selection Panel.
5. The class in which each pilot elects to fly is subject to approval by the Selection Panel.

6. The Selection Panel will consist of:-
 - (a) The President of the NZGA, who will act as Chairman.
 - (b) The pilots selected by the "points" system.
 - (c) The immediate past team manager if eligible (i.e. excluding him/her if a contender for a pilot position).
 - (d) A representative chosen by competition pilots at the second of the qualifying National Championships.
 - (e) A representative to be appointed by the Contest Management Committee (not to be one of the pilots in contention for selection).
7. Only those pilots selected as part of an official team or otherwise approved by the NZGA Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Contest Management Committee may be considered to be representing or hold themselves to be representing New Zealand at overseas gliding competitions.

11. Contest Rules

See GNZ web site Competition area formost recent Competition Rules and Marking System.

12. Non Contest Flying at Championships

12.1 At both National and Regional Championships all gliding operations from the site, including non contest flying, on contest days and official practice days is subject to the control of the Contest Director or their representative for the duration of the championships.