

GNZ First Competition Award

Background:

The Gliding New Zealand Sailplane Racing Committee and Executive recognize that gliding competitions can be particularly demanding for first-time competitors. This award has been developed to encourage and support early cross-country pilots in their first competition.

Award:

For all recipients, GNZ will defray the cost of entry into a NZ Regional Gliding Championships of their preference (Northern Region, Central Districts, or South Island). GNZ will also contribute an additional \$100 towards competition launch fees.

Protocol:

- Pilots follow the normal procedure to claim FAI Silver Distance by completing a GNZ OPS 04 form and returning it (with supporting evidence) to the GNZ Awards Officer.
- Successful FAI Silver Distance claimants will receive an award letter and certificate from the GNZ Awards Officer in conjunction with recognition of the distance flight.
- Awardees must contact the GNZ Executive Officer to uptake the award and indicate in which NZ Regional Championships they will compete. This must occur at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the chosen competition.
- The GNZ Executive Officer will liaise with competition organizers to affirm awardees' intentions and arrange disbursement.

Conditions:

1. Eligibility requirements – at the time of uptake, awardees must:
 - a. Not have previously flown in gliding competitions,
 - b. Be fully affiliated to GNZ and be a NZ resident (not for visiting pilots),
 - c. Fulfill entry conditions to Regional Championships as outlined in the GNZ Competition Rules 2.1.2,
 - d. Be committed to entering a Regional Championships as pilot-in-command.
2. Awardees must uptake the award within 12 months of receipt, after which automatic forfeit will occur.
3. Effective commencement date is 1 September 2008.
4. GNZ reserves the right to terminate, withhold, or amend this award at any stage.