



State Gliding
Championships

COMPETITION RULES

March 2017



State Championships Competition Rules

Preamble

The State Championships shall be run in accordance with the Australian National Championships Competition Rules V2.8 September 2016 published by the National Competition Committee except for the following clauses ...

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Common Rules

A. General Rules

Authority

- 1.1 The State Championships will be organised on behalf of the Regional Gliding Association (RGA) by a nominated Club or organising team, and will be held annually.
- 1.2 The RGA will approve the proposed Competition Director in writing. The Competition Director is ineligible to fly in the competition.

Local Rules and Entry Forms.

- 2.1 The Organisers will prepare and submit the Local Rules, the Budget and the Entry Form to the RGA for approval. The Local Rules will state the version of the Nationals Rules which will apply.

Competition Period

- 5.1 The State Championships will be held over a period of **one** week including weekends. The minimum number of scheduled Competition days will be **seven**.
- 5.2 **N/A**
- 5.3 The Organisers will select the start date on the advice of the RGA. Unless otherwise agreed with the RGA, the first scheduled contest day will be a Sunday. The competition timetable will be specified in the Local Rules.

Availability of Rules and Entry Forms

- 6.1 The Organisers will make an electronic copy of the Nationals Rules, State Rules and Local Rules available to all competitors prior to the competition.

Championship Classes

- 7.1 The State Championships may consist of:

- Open Class
- 18 Metre Class
- 15 Metre Class
- Standard Class
- Club Class
- 20 Metre (Two seat) Class

Where there are insufficient entries in one or more classes to form a separate class, those pilots must compete in another class for which their glider is eligible. In this case Open Class and 18 Metre Class may form a combined class and 15 Metre and Standard Class may form a combined class, or any other combination as required.

- 7.3 **N/A**

- 7.4 All competitions will be handicapped in all classes.

Class Criteria

- 8.2 Club Class

- 8.2.1 Club Class includes any glider whose handicap falls within the published IGC Club Class handicap range at the time of the competition. The published GFA Club Class Handicap list will indicate which gliders are currently eligible. Other gliders may be considered on application to the NCC. Applications to the NCC must be made at least 2 weeks before the first contest day. **Pilots flying their first or second competition may apply to enter a higher performance glider in club class.**

Champions and Eligibility

- 9.1 Up to six champions may be declared at the end of the championships:



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- State Open Class Champion
 - State 18 Metre Class Champion
 - State 15 Metre Class Champion
 - State Standard Class Champion
 - State Club Class Champion
 - State 20 Metre Class Champion
- 9.5 In all classes, champions will be determined based on handicapped scores. Trophies or prizes based on unhandicapped (scratch) results may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers. Champions will be declared in each class where:
- at least **three** competition days as defined by the scoring formula have been flown,
 - at least **six** gliders are registered as competing in the class; and
 - at least **five** of the registered gliders in that class achieve a score of at least 20% of the winner's score at the end of the competition.
- If the above criteria are not met, Class Champions will not be declared. However, the Organisers may declare class winners without the award of State trophies.
- 9.6 The title of Class Champion will be awarded to the pilot or two-seat crew who:
- has the highest aggregate score at the end of the Championship,
 - is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
 - has been scored only using an approved FDR (except where a non-approved FDR has been used as a backup on a maximum of one day)
 - has flown at least **three** competition days.
- 9.9 Pilot pairs may enter, provided that:
- one nominates to fly at least **three** competition days, and both where this is possible. The nomination must take place before the end of briefing on the first competition day that one of the pair is present.
 - they do not declare lay days (apart from those days on which the other pilot flies).
 - the Organisers may allocate or scatter the competition days for pilot pairs in the interests of ensuring a fair and representative competition, and may require the leading pilot in a pair to fly on the last scheduled competition day.

B. Entrance Requirements

Pilot Qualifications

- 13.1 In the State Championships, every pilot in command must have, at the time of starting the competition:
- At least 25 hours solo in gliders.
 - Silver C plus at least one 300km flight.
 - A statement signed by the CFI of their club stating that in his/her opinion the pilot is competent to fly at these Championships, OR at least two entries in either an Overseas, National, or State Competition (in which at least ten gliders compete).
 - Knowledge of GFA MOSP in regard to the Rules of the Air.
 - Current flying practice in competition and/or cross-country gliding as defined by the GFA
 - Current membership of GFA,
 - ~~Current FAI Competition Licence, A Current FAI Sporting Licence (Competitor's Licence) or GFA GPC~~
 - Annual check flight within the previous 12 months

13.2 N/A

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Entry

- 17.2 As a condition of entry, or during registration, all entrants must sign a declaration that they will:
- abide by the Competition Rules
 - be bound by the GFA's anti-doping policy
 - waive all claims against the RGA or its agents in the event of any injury to any person or damage to any aircraft, equipment or property whatsoever
 - take personal responsibility for flying in accordance with the GFA MOSP and all applicable regulations

C. Operational Rules

Rest Days

- 41.3 Pilots may schedule a Lay Day by advising the organisers at any time before the end of briefing on the day before the Lay Day is required.
- 41.4 In exceptional circumstances, the Competition Director may grant a Lay Day:
- on presentation of a medical certificate certifying that the pilot is unfit to fly.
 - where the glider has been damaged through no fault of the pilot. Outlanding damage is normally considered to be the fault of the pilot.
 - in other exceptional circumstances.
- 41.5 Pilots who have a Lay Day on the last scheduled Competition Day are ineligible to win the Championship **unless that Lay Day is declared before the end of briefing on the first competition day.**
- 41.6 Pilots may cancel a Lay Day only if it was granted under Rule 41.4. Lay Days scheduled voluntarily or for convenience may not be cancelled. The Competition Director must approve all cancellations.
- 41.7 On a Lay Day the pilot will be given a score calculated as the average of his/her daily score less 5%, multiplied by the day factor (see rule 44.6).

D. Scoring

Scoring Definitions

Dd and Nd will be specified in the Local rules

Handicapping

~~456.7.6~~ Where weighing is not available, a motor glider's reference weight for the purpose of calculating its handicap will be deemed to be its placarded empty weight plus 110 kg.

~~456.10~~ N/A