

Competition Marks

Pilots may register a competition mark / competition number and use this on their aircraft when competing in Australian competitions subject to the following limitations.

Registration of competition marks must comply with the three sets of rules involved – CASA requirements, GFA Airworthiness requirements (AN84) and GFA Competition Rules.

The system for registering Competition Marks is as follows-

- ☐ Any combination of one, two or three letters and numbers
- ☐ If three letters are used they must be the same as the aircraft registration
- ☐ A competition mark can only be registered to one sailplane and its Registered Operator
- ☐ The list of registered competition marks will be maintained and published.
- ☐ If the glider changes ownership, the competition mark may either be reassigned to another glider or transferred to another Registered Operator. The original owner is required to advise the GFA office of the changes made.
- ☐ A Registered Operator may apply for registration of a competition mark or cancel the mark as described below.
- ☐ Any Registered Operator may appeal an allocation of competition mark by emailing returns@glidingaustralia.org.
- ☐ The GFA may set a fee to register or change registration of competition marks. The fee is currently \$0.
- ☐ The GFA office will administer the system of registration of Competition Marks.

VH-G__

- ☐ Gliders with a G registration are already permitted to use the last two letters on the vertical tail surface as their official registration. So VH-GAB can legally place AB on the tail as their registration. This has priority over any competition mark. The registered operator may also register AB as their competition mark, although this is not compulsory
- ☐ If another pilot registers AB as their competition mark, they will have second priority over VH-GAB if both fly in the same competition.

Using competition marks

- ☐ A competition mark on the vertical tail surfaces is permitted provided the full registration mark is applied to the fuselage.
- ☐ Competition marks shall be displayed on each side of the vertical tail surface and should have a minimum height of 300mm.
- ☐ A competition mark must avoid confusion with the registration mark (CASR 45.090 refers).

Priority given to competition marks in Australian competitions

In competitions, priority of acceptance of glider registration is as follows

1. Glider which displays its registration mark on the tail
2. Glider which displays its registered competition mark
3. Glider with an unregistered competition mark

APPLICATION FOR COMPETITION MARK

You may **VIEW** the current list of competition marks, and **APPLY** for a competition mark through the GFA web page, under MyGFA/SOAR reports.

CANCELLING A COMPETITION MARK

Please send an email with the following information to returns@glidingaustralia.org with the subject 'cancel competition mark'

1. Name of the Registered operator of the glider (the applicant)
2. Aircraft registration: VH-
3. Competition mark to be cancelled

You will receive confirmation that the competition mark has been cancelled and therefore available to others. It will then be removed from the data base the web page list.