

WEST AUSTRALIAN GLIDING ASSOCIATION INC

WAGA STATE GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WAGA COMMON RULES – 2012



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Preamble

1. The WAGA State Gliding Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Australian National Gliding Championships Competition Rules as read in conjunction with the WAGA Common Rules (this document) and the WAGA Local Rules for the site at which the competition is being conducted.
2. The WAGA Common Rules and WAGA Local Rules take precedence over the National Rules.
3. Section headings and paragraph numbering in this document follow the format of the National Rules.

A General Rules

Authority

- 1.1 The WAGA State Gliding Championships (the Championships) will be organised on behalf of the West Australian Gliding Association (WAGA) by a nominated Club or organising team. The Championships will be held annually.
- 1.2 "Organisers" means the Contest Director and Officials representing WAGA appointed to organise the Championships. WAGA will approve the proposed Contest Director in writing.

Local Rules and Entry Forms

- 2.1 The Organisers will prepare and submit the Local Rules, the Budget and the Entry Form to the WAGA for approval. The Local Rules will state the version of the National Rules which will apply.
- 2.2 These Rules may be modified by the publication of Local Rules for the conduct of any State Championships that is authorised by WAGA.

Competition Period

- 5.1 The WAGA State Championships will be held over a period of eleven days including one but not two weekends. The first two days will be optional practice days. The minimum number of scheduled contest days will be nine.
- 5.3 The Organisers will select the start date to be approved by WAGA. Unless otherwise agreed with WAGA, the last scheduled contest day will be a Friday. The competition timetable will be specified in the Local Rules.

Availability of Rules and Entry Forms

- 6.1 The Organisers will place a copy of the WAGA Common Rules and WAGA Local Rules on the WAGA website or a Competition website in a form suitable for download.

Championship Classes

7.1 The WAGA State Championship will consist of a single Club Class fleet.

Class Criteria

8.1 Club Class includes any single seat or two seat glider that is listed in the handicap table for the Competition as published on the Competition website

8.2 Water ballast beyond that required to achieve the Reference Weight of the glider as listed in the handicap table will NOT be allowed. Water ballast for this purpose must then be carried for the whole competition,

Club Teams

1. Each affiliated Club may enter a Team of 3 pilots plus a reserve for the Team Class. The reserve shall be nominated at the same time as the team.
2. Team members shall be nominated in writing to the Competition Director before the beginning of briefing on the first contest day.
3. Should one of the team be unable to fly part way through the Championships and will not compete for the remainder of the Championships, then the reserve will take that pilot's place.
4. The scores will be such that the original team member's scores will count until the last day that pilot flies. The reserve pilot's scores will be counted from then on.
5. To be eligible to win the Team trophy all members of the team must be members of the respective Club.

Champions and Eligibility

9.1 The title of Champion shall be awarded to the highest placed West Australian competitor in the Club Class. A West Australian competitor is defined as one who is normally resident in Western Australia.

9.2 The declaration of a Champion requires a minimum of four contest days.

WAGA Trophies

WAGA will present the following trophies:

- The Steve Lundy Trophy for First place in Club Class
- The Ric New Trophy for Second Place in Club Class
- The Bob Porter Trophy for Third Place in Club Class
- The Pacific Pools Trophy for the Highest Placed Standard Class Glider
- The WAGA Twin Trophy for the Highest Placed Twin-Seater
- The GCWA (Control Data) Trophy for the Winning Team
- The Cazelet Shield for the Best of the Rest
- The Ross Weston Trophy for the highest placed Veteran
- The Kulin Gliding Club Trophy for the Most Meritorious Performance
- The Cunderdin Hotel Trophy for the Best Novice
- The Beverley Shire Trophy for the Fastest 300km Flight at the Comps

B Entrance Requirements

Pilot Qualifications

13.1 In the WAGA State Championships, every pilot in command must have, at the time of starting the contest:

- At least 25 hours solo in gliders.
- Silver C plus at least one 300km flight.
- 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,
- Annual check flight within the previous 12 months

Entry and Registration

17.2 As a condition of entry, all entrants must agree to waive all claims against the GFA or WAGA or their agents in the event of any injury to any person or damage to any aircraft, equipment or property whatsoever and must sign an indemnity to this effect on the Official Entry Form or at the time of registration.

C Operational Rules**Start Procedure**

- 28.9 A pilot may relaunch (up to the permitted three launches) even after starting, provided the pilot has not outlanded, except where that outlanding is due to a launch failure..

Rest Days

- 41.3 Pilots may schedule a Rest Day by advising the organisers at any time before the end of briefing on the day before the Rest Day is required.
- 41.4 In exceptional circumstances, the Contest Director may grant a Rest 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.
 - Where the Contest Director believes that the pilot would be unable to fly safely due to fatigue or other factors.
 - In other exceptional circumstances.
- 41.5 A pilot who has a Rest Day on the last scheduled Contest Day, regardless of the circumstances, is ineligible to win the Championship, **unless that Rest Day is declared before the start of the Competition.**
- 41.6 Pilots may cancel a Rest Day only if it was granted under Rule 41.4. Rest Days scheduled voluntarily or for convenience may not be cancelled. The Contest Director must approve all cancellations.
- 41.7 On a Rest Day the pilot will be given a score calculated as the average of the pilot's daily score less 5%, multiplied by the Day Factor.

Pilot's Meeting

- 1 A Pilots' Meeting shall be held during the course of the Championships, at which changes to the Championship rules may be discussed. This meeting shall be chaired by the Contest Director or appointee. Minutes of this meeting shall be forwarded to WAGA. Only pilots competing in the current competition, but excluding casual pilots, shall be eligible to vote at these meetings. Observers may speak at the Chair's discretion.
- 2 Rule changes requested at the pilots meeting shall be considered by WAGA.
- 3 Pilots' Representatives and a Convenor of these Pilots' Representatives shall be elected at the Pilots' Meeting. They shall meet later to consider these Rules and:
 - a) Propose any necessary rule changes that reflect the decisions of the Pilots Meeting, as far as are practicable.
 - b) Propose any changes that they deem necessary, in the light of occurrences at the last State Championships, which would improve safety, sportsmanship or the smooth running of the State Championships. These changes must be within the spirit of the current rules and/or the wishes of the Pilots' Meeting.

- c) Overhaul the rules from time to time to ensure their clarity, consistency and conformity to current practices and ensure they do not conflict with GFA Operational Regulations and the MOSP.
 - d) Submit all necessary rule change proposals to WAGA for ratification. In turn, any further changes required by WAGA must be referred back to the Convenor of the Pilots' Representatives for amendment.
- 4 A person appointed by WAGA to provide continuity will chair this meeting of Pilots' Representatives. This Chairman and the Convenor shall report back to WAGA on any rule changes proposed by the Pilots' Representatives. The RTO (Ops) may be a member of this committee or should be consulted.
- 5 All rule changes should be finalised at least three months prior to the next State Championships.
