

GLIDING FEDERATION of AUSTRALIA
47th AUSTRALIAN MULTI CLASS NATIONAL

GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BENALLA JAN. 12th to JAN. 23rd 2009

LOCAL RULES

COMPETITION

1. LOCATION

Benalla Aerodrome is located on the north eastern edge of Benalla township. Note that Benalla is non-towered aerodrome and the procedures promulgated under NAS 2c apply

2. ORGANISER

Gliding Club of Victoria on behalf of the Gliding Federation of Australia.

3. DATES

The competition period is from Monday 12th January to Friday 23rd January 2009. Monday 12th is the official Practice Day, and Friday 23rd the last scheduled Competition Day.

4. RULES

The Rules applying to the Competition are The Gliding Federation of Australia, Australian National Gliding Championships Competition Rules Version 1.6 issued July 2008, and these Local Rules.

It is a condition of entry that entrants agree to abide by the Rules.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The entry requirements for this Competition are as detailed in Part B of the Competition Rules.

An entry fee of \$295 is payable in advance, plus a late payment fee of \$60 for entries received after 28th November 2008.

6. ANTI DOPING RULES

Pilots who enter National Gliding Championships are now required to comply with the ASC Anti Doping Rules and Procedures. The Rules have been published on the GFA web site. Pilots are advised to review the Rules and be prepared to

sign the Acknowledgement and Agreement form (Appendix 2 in the Rules), at Registration for these Championships.

7. ENTRY LIMITATION

Entries are limited to a maximum of 60 gliders for operational reasons. Entries received after 28th November 2008 will be accepted on the basis of date of receipt up to a maximum of 60 aircraft.

8. REGISTRATION

All competing pilots are required to Register using the official registration form before flying from this site. The Registration desk will be located in the GCV Clubhouse and will be attended from 9.00am to 5.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 10 and 11 Jan. 2009 and from 9.00am to marshalling time on Mon. 12th Jan.

Pilots must submit for inspection the following documents at Registration;

- . Insurance policy with a competition endorsement as per Rule 14.1
- . current GFA membership card.
- . current Competitors licence.
- . current glider Maintenance Release
- . log book evidence of current annual flight review or signed statement of flight currency to MOSP 2 requirements.

9. COMPETITION CLASSES

The Competition includes four Classes, Open, 18m, 15m, and Standard. All Classes will be tasked, gridded, started and scored separately.

10. TASKS

Tasks set will be AAT or AST.

11. INITIAL BRIEFING

The compulsory Initial Briefing for all pilots, tug pilots and crews will be held in the GCV Clubhouse at 9.30 am on Monday 12th January 2009.

Daily Briefing will be at 10.00am unless a change is notified on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Competition pilots must attend each Daily Briefing.

12 .START PROCEDURE

The starting procedure will be as laid down in the Competition Rules using assigned start points.

The start points are as indicated on the turn point list together with their co-ordinates. A list of start points will be issued to each pilot at Registration.

The start zone is a circle 1km radius centered on the nominated start point.

The height limit on starts will be the airspace limits on the day.

The Organisers will broadcast the start gate opening time for each Class on 122.5, and 122.7.

13. THERMALLING

Right hand turns only are permitted when thermalling within 15km. of the airfield. Thermalling below 1500ft AGL is not permitted while within the circuit area for the active runway.

14. FINISH ZONE

The Finish Zone will be a circle 2 km radius centered on the co-ordinates for the airfield. Pilots should finish from the direction of the last turnpoint or the nominated control point.

15. FINISH PROCEDURE

The finish procedure for each day will be as per the Rules and in particular Rule 33.

Finish line radio frequency will be 122.5.

Competitors are to advise the finish line of their approach when they are 20km from the finish, and again at 5km.

16. FLIGHT RECORDER DOWNLOADS

Pilots may download their flight data by wireless network or by computers available in the Clubhouse. Details will be provided at the Initial Briefing. Pilots are encouraged to confirm a trial download prior to the first Contest day.

17. OFFICIAL TIME

Official time is Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

18. COMPETITION WEB SITE

The Competition Web Site will be available on www.gliderclub.org.au/competition/multiclass2009/ This site will be the source of the

- . Competition Rules
- . Local Rules
- . Turn Points list
- . Start points List
- . Safety Pack
- . Airfield Map
- . Uploading Task Flight Data Procedures.
- . News etc.

OPERATIONS

19. MAPS

The WAC series maps (1:1,000,000) covering the Competition area are ; 3470, 3457.

20. AIRSPACE

Airspace limitations will be advised at the Initial Briefing.

21. RADIO

All aircraft flying from the Competition site must be equipped with a serviceable VHF radio.

Authorised Competition frequencies are ;

Launch and circuit area	122.5
Gaggle, safety frequency	122.7
Start	122.5
Finish	122.5

Note that Benalla CTAF is 122.5.

22. RADIO PROCEDURES

Marshalling: When marshalling and returning to tiedowns monitor 122.5.

Starting: The start gate will be opened with calls on 122.5 and 122.7. It is not necessary to call your start time or start point.

Finishing: Make a brief inbound call at 20km. and again at 5km.. Remain on the CTAF frequency. Make a downwind call. Additional as required.

23. SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAR action will be taken at last light plus one hour AEDS time if no outlanding advice has been received by the Organisers. To avoid unnecessary SAR activity, competitors must comply with the Rules. Crews must notify the Organisers of any road retrieves before leaving the aerodrome.

24. FLYING PRIOR TO COMPETITION PERIOD

Flying prior to the Competition will be under the control of GCV.

Local flying during the Competition must be authorized by the Competition Director or his delegate.

25. AEROTOW RETRIEVES

The availability of aerotow retrieves will be by arrangement with the Tugmaster and authorized by the Competition Director. The flight office is to be notified prior to the tug leaving for a retrieve. The tug pilot retains the right to reject an aerotow retrieve if on arriving he feels the site is unsuitable for the current conditions. In such

cases, the

glider pilot will be responsible for the cost of the tug flight. The costs of all aerotow retrieves will be payable to the Competition Organisers.

Aerotow retrieve availability may be restricted by the risk of fire due to drought.

26. MARSHALLING

Launch order and takeoff direction will be posted in a nominated position prior to

Briefing. Aircraft not marshalled when launching is about to commence will be held until launching of all Classes is complete. There will be no marshalling while launching is in progress.

Self launching glider marshalling procedures will be announced at the Initial Briefing

GENERAL

27. LAUNCHES

Tug tickets will not be issued. Pilots will be required to purchase ten launches at Registration. Unused launches will be re-fundable at the end of the Competition.

28. WATER BALLAST

Water ballast will be available. Filling points will be advised at the Initial Briefing.

29. GLIDER WEIGHING

All gliders must be weighed as per the Rules. Facilities for this will be available Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th.

30. CHECK WEIGHING

Random check weighing of any glider may be required on any day.

31. FLARM

Pilots are reminded that carriage of a functioning Flarm device is now mandatory.

32. LAY DAYS

Attention is drawn to Rules No.9.6 and 19 concerning the treatment of Lay Days for this Competition.