

Horsham Flying Club
Horsham Week Gliding Competition
Horsham Victoria 2 - 9 February 2008

LOCAL RULES

1. Organiser

The Organisers of the 2008 Horsham Week Competition is the committee elected at the pilots meeting during the 2007 Horsham Week Competition. The committee is supported by the Horsham Flying Club and acts on behalf of the GFA and the pilots. The committee welcomes entries from all pilots who meet the qualifications specified on the entry form.

2. Location

Horsham Aerodrome

Latitude: 36 40'17"S

Longitude: 142 10'24"E

Elevation: 441 Ft.

The Horsham aerodrome is a Licensed aerodrome, operated by the Wimmera Shire Council, it is located approximately 5 Km Northwest of Horsham township. Council approval has been obtained to stage the competition from the Horsham aerodrome.

3. Dates

The competition will be staged from Saturday 2 February 2008 up to and including Saturday 9 February 2008 .

4. Safety

Safety is everyone's responsibility, in the air and around the airfield. At this competition the will be zero tolerance on safety breaches. Pilots who are found to be compromising safe operations will incur serious penalties. Particular attention must be paid to the procedures for joining and leaving thermals, avoiding abrupt manoeuvres, avoiding flight in another gliders blind area, and maintaining adequate separation in thermals. Pilots must avoid following another glider in a manner that could cause a loss of horizontal and/or vertical separation if for some reason the leading glider was to change direction and/or speed.

As voted at the 2007 Pilots Meeting it is a requirement for all gliders to be equipped with a working Flarm unit.

5. Rules

The Victorian State Gliding Championship rules, version Jan 2005, will apply to this competition.

6. Registration

All competing pilots must enter using the official entry form. Registration, which will include signing the compulsory declaration regarding compliance with pilot

qualification, equipment status and insurance requirements, must be completed before any flying from the Horsham aerodrome associated with the competition.

A valid FAI competition license is a requirement.

7. Entrance Requirements

The entrance requirements for this competition are as detailed in Section 1B of the Victorian State Gliding Championship Rules. The entry fee is to be advised.

8. Briefings

An initial compulsory briefing, including a safety briefing, for competing pilots, tug pilots and crews will be held in the briefing area at 1000hrs 2 February 2008. Daily briefings will be held at 1030hrs each day, unless notified otherwise by a notice board NOTICE in the Briefing Area.

9. Maps

All competition turn-points are included on the World Aeronautical Charts for Hamilton (3469) and Adelaide (3458).

10. Radio Frequencies

All competing gliders must be equipped with serviceable radios capable of operating the following frequencies

118.8	Horsham CTAF
122.9	Start/Finish/Horsham base
122.9	Gaggle
122.5 or 122.7	Chatter

11. Radio Procedure

The following Radio procedures will apply:

Marshalling

While marshalling or moving from/to the tiedown area on the airfield, monitor 118.8 on a handheld radio, if available

Launching

Monitor 118.8 during aerotow and until above 3000ft AGL (3411 ft QNH) or laterally clear of the CTAF by 5 nautical miles

Starting

Advice regarding start gate status will be broadcast on 122.9. There is no requirement for pilots to announce a start time.

Finishing

Monitor the CTAF frequency 118.8 from around 20km inbound.

At 10km out make a call on 118.8, advising inbound direction, distance and altitude.

Make circuit joining and position calls in accordance with current conventions.
Make other air to air calls as necessary to establish separation - remember a vigilant LOOKOUT is the only failsafe means of ensuring separation

12. Launching

Launching is by aerotow only (except for motor gliders) Prepayment for aerotows is required. Purchase of aerotow credits will be available from the registration manager following daily briefings, any credits not used will be refunded.

Self launch gliders will use the same runway as the aerotow operation, under the direction of the Launch Master.

It is expected that the engine shutdown process will be commenced at or below 2000 ft. AGL

13. Starting

Remote start points will be used. These are shown in the Turn-point list, together with their co-ordinates. The Start zone will be a 1km radius of the Start point. Pilots will be allocated one or more start points each day and must start from one of these.

14. Thermalling

While within 5 Nautical miles of the aerodrome and start points pilots are required to fly right hand turns in thermals only. Thermalling below 1000 AGL is not permitted while within the circuit area of the active runway.

15. Tasks

Competition tasks will either be Assigned Area Tasks (AAT), Assigned Speed Tasks (AST) or Run Tasks.

16. Other Operations

Other operations will occur during the competition period and may include RFDS aircraft, a daily Courier service, and power flying training activity.

Launching may be briefly interrupted by the organisers so as not to disrupt RFDS operations.

17. Vehicles

Crew vehicles and drivers are required to be specifically authorised to drive on the "airside" of the airfield. Briefings will be provided.

Crew vehicles must display the relevant glider registration on a rear window of any vehicle being used "airside"

Vehicles must remain clear of powered aircraft operating areas and all vehicles must give way to all aircraft at all times.

18. Handicaps & Reference weights

Due to the ongoing drought Horsham week will again be flown without water ballast. The aircraft handicaps and reference weights for this competition will those of the Club Class and are published in the relevant area of the GFA web site.

19. Flight Data Recorders (FDR's)

FDR's, as specified in para. 12.2 of the Competition Rules are mandatory for this competition. Competitors are advised to become familiar with the interpretation of FDR data outlined in sections 32 and 33 of the Competition Rules.

Photographic evidence for tasks flown will not be accepted. Observed starts will not be available.

Pilots will be encouraged to download their own flights (subject to item 32.3 Of the Competition Rules) and deliver the data to the Scorer on an acceptable storage media, eg memory stick.

20. Number of Entries

Entries will be received up 2 Feb 2007 to a maximum number consistent with the facilities established by and for the Organisers. Based on information available to the Organisers at the end of September 2006, facilities to reasonably cater for a competition launch for 40 gliders have been put in place. Refusal of entry beyond this limit may be deemed necessary and if so will be at the sole discretion of the Competition Director.

21. Retrieves

Crews must notify the Organisers of any road retrieve before departing from the airfield. Aerotow retrieves must be authorised by the Organisers, but are otherwise a private arrangement between the Tug pilot and Glider pilot.

22. SAR

Search and Rescue procedures will be activated for any glider remaining overdue after 2100Hrs. EDST for the duration of the competition

23. NOTAM

The organisers will arrange promulgation of a NOTAM to advise all airspace users of the increased gliding activity in the contest area.

24. Friendly Competition

We want this to be a friendly competition and ask that all competitors, crews and organisers adopt a friendly attitude and bring a sense of humour to the event. The rules specify the conditions of the contest, but most important is that all participants enjoy their experience at this competition

Authorised by
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Competition Director