

VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION

Victorian State Championships

September 2018 COMPETITION RULES

The Victorian State Championships competition shall be run in accordance with:

- the current GFA Australian National Championships Competition Rules, and
- amendments to certain clauses within the national competition rules as defined within this document.

Listing of Amendments to the GFA National Competition Rules

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Note: The numbering reference against each of the amended clauses reflects the clause numbering within the GFA National Competition Rules

Additional Amendments

The Organising Committee of the VSA State Competitions has introduced provision for lay days – refer Rule 9.9

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Part A General Rules

Authority

The Victorian State Championships will be organised on behalf of the Victorian Soaring Association (VSA) by a nominated Club or organising team, and will be held annually.

“Organisers” means the Contest Director and Officials acting on behalf of VSA to organise the Championships. The VSA will approve appointment of the Contest Director.

Local Rules and Entry Forms

The Organisers will prepare and submit local rules, financial budget and the entry form to the VSA for approval.

Competition Period

The Victorian State Championships will be held over a period of **one** week including weekends. The minimum number of scheduled contest days will be **seven**.

The Organisers will select the start date on the advice of the VSA. Unless otherwise agreed with VSA, the first scheduled contest day will be a Sunday.

Championship Classes

The State Championships will consist of a minimum of two classes:

- Ballasted - including the main FAI classes. Should entries permit, the ballasted class may be subdivided into a combines Standard / 15m class and a combined 18m / Open class
- Club Class.

Class Criteria

Club Class

Club Class includes any glider listed by the GFA as eligible for Club Class at a National Championships. Additionally:

- A pilot flying their first or second competition
- slower gliders with a handicap equal to or faster than the ASK21
- faster gliders with a handicap equal to or slower than the Nimbus 2 of a type first manufactured before 1988

are eligible for club class.

Champions and Eligibility

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

- Victorian Open Class Champion
- Victorian 20 Metre Two Seat Class Champion
- Victorian 18 Metre Class Champion
- Victorian 15 Metre Class Champion
- Victorian Standard Class Champion
- Victorian Club Class Champion

Victorian Championships will be awarded on the basis of handicapped scores

There will be one champion declared from each class provided that at least:

- **three** contest days as defined by the scoring formula have been flown,
- **five** gliders are registered as competing in the class; and
- **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 there is a shortfall in entries the Organisers, in conjunction with the VSA, may decide on a variation to the minimum entry numbers and/or the Classes and must advise entrants prior to commencement of the first competition day.

If less than three contest days are flown, Class Champions will not be declared. However, the Organisers may declare class winners without the award of VSA trophies.

The title of Class Champion will be awarded to the pilot who:

- has the highest aggregate score at the end of the Championship,
- is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- has flown at least **three** contest days.

Pilot pairs may enter, provided that:

- one nominates to fly at least **three** contest days, and both where this is possible. The nomination must take place before the end of briefing on the first contest 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 contest 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 contest day.

Pilot pairs will score average points (as per Lay Days, but without the 10% reduction) for their designated non-flying days.

Lay Days

Where a pilot nominates before the commencement of the first competition day any days where they are unavailable to compete, they will be awarded average points for the field on those days and remain eligible to be awarded the championship provided they compete on 3 or more competition days as above. The last scheduled competition day can not be used as a lay day.

Average points are calculated as the average of $1000 \times (\text{pilots score} / \text{day winners score})$ for each competition day (excluding lay days). This is then multiplied by any day devaluation factor for the lay day in question. Finally, it is reduced by 10%.

Part B. Entrance Requirements

Pilot Qualifications

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

- A current valid GPC
- Completed a minimum of a 300km flight
- An awareness of the issues contained within the GFA 'Safety Briefing Pack'
- Current flying practice in competition and/or cross-country gliding as defined by the GFA

Entry

As a condition of entry, all entrants must agree to waive all claims against the GFA or the VSA 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.

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