



56th HORSHAM WEEK GLIDING COMPETITION 5 - 12 FEBRUARY 2022 RULES & INFORMATION Version 1.02

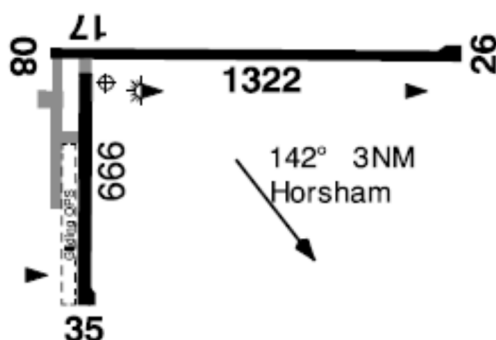
PILOTS PLEASE NOTE:

These rules have been altered to separate Competition Rules from information and operational requirements at Horsham and in the contest area.

1 Organiser

The Organiser of the 2022 Horsham Week Competition is the Horsham Flying Club. The Horsham Flying Club is supported by Victorian Soaring Association and is acting on behalf of the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) and the participating pilots.

2 Location



Horsham Aerodrome:

Latitude: S 36 40.2

Longitude: E 142 10.4

Elevation: 445 feet AMSL

The aerodrome is approximately 5 km NW of Horsham and is a registered aerodrome, operated by the Rural City of Horsham.

The aerodrome designator is YHSM and that layout is as in the diagram.

3 Dates

The competition will run for a maximum of eight (8) days from Saturday February 5th to Saturday February 12th, 2022.

4 Number of Entries

It is anticipated that a maximum number of 40 gliders will be accepted for the competition. This is consistent with the infrastructure and facilities available at Horsham Aerodrome. Consequently, refusal of entries beyond this limit may be necessary. Refusal will be at the discretion of the Competition Director (CD) in consultation with Horsham Club operations.



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5 Safety

Safety is everyone's responsibility, both in the air and around the airfield. There will be zero tolerance to safety breaches at this competition. Penalties for unsafe operation or operation in a manner which detracts from the reputation of gliding on Horsham aerodrome will be at the discretion of the Contest Director in consultation with the Organisers and may extend to exclusion from the Competition.

Pilots must review and comply with the advice contained in the GFA [Competition Safety Briefing Pack](#).

6 Entry Requirements

All competing pilots must enter using the On Line entry in the Horsham Week website – any problems please contact the Contest Director.

Entry upon arrival may be permitted provided the maximum entry numbers of 40 gliders has not already been exceeded. By entering, pilots agree that they will: waive certain liabilities, abide by the rules and regulations, meet the entry qualifications, ensure their aircraft and equipment are fit for purpose and meet insurance requirements.

7 Entry Fees (all due before registration)

Fees for the 2022 Horsham Week Competition are:

- 1 Competition entry \$100 per glider
- 2 Horsham Club facility \$ 60 per pilot
- 3 Aerotow tickets \$ 70 each
- 4 Airfield Camping
\$15 per site per night,
\$20 per bunkroom bed per night.

8 Registration

All pilots are required to register with the Organisers and confirm entry requirements have been met and all applicable fees paid, including advanced purchase of a number of aerotow tickets.

All pilots, including those who will be in command of a 2-seater, must present their Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC) for inspection at registration.

9 Briefings

An initial compulsory briefing (including a Competition Safety Briefing) for pilots, tug pilots and crews will be held in the Briefing Area at 1000 hours on Saturday, 5 February 2022. Daily briefings will be held at 1000 hours each day unless notified otherwise recorded on the notice board in the Briefing Area.

10 Competition Rules

The current GFA [National Gliding Championships Competition Rules](#), will generally apply to this competition. However, the provisions in these Local Rules take precedence over the GFA



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National Competition Rules. Other Local rule changes may be announced by the Competition Director at daily briefings.

- The competition classes will include: Open/18m, 15 meter, Standard and Club classes.
- If there are insufficient numbers of entries in a class to proclaim a class champion, such class will be scored jointly with another appropriate class, retaining the champion title of the majority class and awarding a combined class champion as well.
- Open/18m, 15m and Standard class gliders may be flown ballasted. Club class gliders will be flown un-ballasted. Glider handicaps and reference weights for the competition will be those specified in GFA Glider Handicaps as published at the start of the competition. Listings of these handicaps will be posted on the notice board in the Briefing Area.
- A minimum of three scoring days must be flown by a class to qualify as a competition.
- Final places in each class will be based on the highest aggregate scores achieved by the pilots over the duration of the competition.

11 Champions and Eligibility

At the end of each Competition, a champion may be declared in each class.

Where classes were combined, a class champion may be declared in the combined class, as well as any constituent class that had sufficient entries to stand on its own merit.

If a two-seater wins any class, then both pilots can be declared Class Champion if the same Pilot/Co-pilot (P1/P2) competed with no crew change during the competition. Otherwise, only P1 is eligible to be declared Class Champion.

In all classes, champions will be determined based on handicapped scores.

Champions will be declared in each class where:

- at least three competition days have been flown,
- at least five gliders are registered as competing in the class, and
- at least four 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 the above criteria are not met, Class Champions will not be declared. However, the Organisers may declare class winners without the award of trophies.

12 Turn-points and Charts

All competition turn-points are located within the areas covered by the World Aeronautical Charts (WAC) for Hamilton (3469) and Adelaide (3458) and can be downloaded from the World Soaring Turnpoint Exchange. The current turnpoints are available through the Horsham Week website <https://horshamweek.org.au/> Make sure you have the up to date file which will be the version available at the start of the Competition. If changes to the file should, in the opinion of the Contest Director, become necessary after the start of the Competition appropriate announcement will be made at daily Briefing.

Note: Not all turn-points are actually identified on the charts. Remember, GPS coordinates prevail!

It is the responsibility of all pilots in command to ensure they hold charts and documents appropriate for their flight.



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13 Tasks

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

14 Flight Data Recorders (FDRs)

The use of FDRs, commonly referred to as GPS loggers, is compulsory but will not be restricted to just FAI approved units. Pilots are requested to download their own daily flight from the FDR and then upload (transfer) the files to the scorer's website via a wireless computer network. Only files in IGC format will be accepted.

Pilots are required to transfer their FDR files to the scorer's system within one hour of landing back at the aerodrome. Pilots who outland should transfer their files at the earliest opportunity upon return.

15 Radio Frequencies

All competing gliders must be equipped with a serviceable radio capable of operating on the following frequencies:

- 118.8 Horsham CTAF, Start / Finish
- 122.7 safety frequency when in close proximity with others, i.e. 'gaggles'
- 122.5 glider to glider
- All Area and CTAF frequencies within the competition area

16 Radio and Aerodrome Operation Procedures

Local and area radio procedures, aerodrome operation and thermalling requirements are set out in the accompanying Information and operations advice document. Failure to adhere to these procedures is considered a breach of airmanship and safety standards.

17 Launching

Launching is by aerotow. Aerotow launches will be to 2000' AGL and pilots are expected to release at that height. Tugs will not wave off except in an emergency. Self-launch gliders will use the same runway as the aerotow operation, under the direction of the Launch Master. For self launching it is expected that the engine shut-down process will be commenced at or below 2000 ft. AGL.

18 Starting

Remote start points will be used. These are shown in the turn-point list, together with their coordinates. The Start Zone will be either:

- Start line: A minimum 10km straight line (5 km each side), centred on a defined start point and perpendicular to the course to the first waypoint or;
- Start circle: A 1 km radius circle centred on the Start Point.

Pilots will be allocated one or more start zones each day and must start from one of those.

19 Search and Rescue

For the duration of the competition Search and Rescue procedures will be activated for any glider not accounted for by 2100 hrs Eastern Daylight Saving Time.



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20 NOTAM

For the duration of the competition the Organiser will arrange promulgation of a NOTAM to advise all airspace users of the increased gliding activity in the contest area.

21 Friendly Competition

Horsham Flying Club and the organising committee sincerely wants Horsham Week to be a friendly and relaxed competition and asks that all competitors, crews and officials display a laid-back attitude and bring a sense of humour to the event. The rules specify the conditions of the competition, but more importantly we want all participants to enjoy their experience at Horsham each year and to return in future years.

Authorised by: [Selwyn Ellis \(Horsham FC\)](#), Contest Director on 28 January 2022



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Appendix A - Organising Committee

Contest Director:	Selwyn Ellis (Horsham FC)
Safety Officer:	Peter Kingston (Melbourne GC)
Treasurer:	Christopher Thorpe (Beaufort GC)
Operations Manager	Michael Sudholz (Horsham FC)
Tugmaster	Mark Griffin (Horsham FC)
Webmaster	Jarek Mosiejewski (Geelong GC)
Scorer:	Neill Campbell (GCV)
Weather:	Tim Shirley (GCV)
Task Setter:	Jarek Mosiejewski (Geelong GC)
Horsham Club liaison:	Michael Sudholz, President Peter Weissenfeld, CFI