

VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION

Victorian State Championships Competition

4th January 2014

COMPETITION RULES

The Victorian State Championships competition shall be run in accordance with

- ◆ the GFA Australian National Championships Competition Rules Version 2.4 November 2012, and
- ◆ amendments to certain clauses within the national competition rules as defined within this document.

Listing of Amendments to the GFA National Competition Rules , Version 2.4

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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 Amendment – 4th January 2014

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

1.1 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.

1.2 “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

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

Competition Period

5.1 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**.

5.3 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

7.1 The State Championships will consist of the following classes:

- ◆ Combined Open Class, 20 Metre Class and 18 Metre Class
- ◆ Combined Standard Class and 15 Metre Class
- ◆ Club Class

Class Criteria

8.2 Club Class

8.2.1 Club Class includes any single seat or two seat glider that is eligible to fly in World Club Class competitions at the time of the contest. A list of eligible gliders may be found on the GFA Website and will be provided by the organisers on request.

8.2.2 A pilot flying his or her first or second competition may enter a higher performance glider in club class.

Champions and Eligibility

9.1

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

9.5

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.

9.6

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.

9.8

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.

9.9 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 per Rule 9.5.

Part B. Entrance Requirements

Pilot Qualifications

13.1

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

- ◆ At least 25 hours solo in gliders.
- ◆ Silver C
- ◆ Knowledge of GFA MOSP in regard to the Rules of the Air
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Current membership of GFA,
- ◆ Current FAI Competition Licence,
- ◆ Annual check flight within the previous 12 months

Entry

17.4

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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