



# Competition Rules

## Introduction

It is a fun competition, aiming to gather the paragliding community, share knowledge, learn from others, push yourself (safely), ...

The scoring system is strongly inspired by the official FAI system (used worldwide for acrobatic competitions), which allows participants to get familiar with it and encourages them to diversify and improve their acrobatic flying.

It is not only about performing the hardest tricks, the choreography of the flight and the quality of the landing have a big part in the final score.

Hence non acrobatic pilots are encouraged to join, they will benefit from having lot of experienced pilots around and learn from them (not only about acrobatics, but about all aspects of flying).

The event is based at Lake Dunstan Boating club. Spectators are welcome to come have a look.

Take off and landing location will be depending on weather conditions.

There will be presentations, displays and guidance from NZ's most experienced acro pilots.

After party, BBQ and music during/at the end of the event.

# Entrant Requirements

Pilots must register on AirTribune and pay the entry fee to confirm their participation in the event.

Only pilots whose registration is confirmed (see AirTribune) are allowed to take part in the event.

Pilots must have:

- Valid NZHGPA membership.
- Paraglider pay out tow rating (PTP).
- Signed the waiver.

Gear:

- Current glider WOF
- 2 reserves mandatory for the Acro division, optional but recommended for others.
  - Repacked within 12 months
  - Must be dry
- Helmet
- Life jacket
- Hook knife
- UHF radio

# Competition Structure

- Three divisions
  - Novice
    - New pilots, on EN-A or EN-B wings
  - Fun
    - Experience pilots but not flying acrobatics, all wings except acrobatics
  - Acro
    - Experienced acrobatic pilots
  
- Entrants get 3 tows each over the weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday),
- A timetable will be published at the start of the event.
  - Pilots must conform with the timetable or arrange something with the organization.
  - Delays at launch compromise the good progress of the event and will be penalized.
- After all pilots flew their 3 runs, a provisional ranking will be published.
- Finals:
  - If time and weather allow, finals will be organized at the end of the weekend.
    - Top ranking pilots (after 3 runs) are selected
    - They get an extra 1 or 2 tows
  - The final ranking will be based on the scores achieved over the final run(s)
- If no final, the ranking out of 3 tows per pilot will be the final ranking.

# Safety

- Mandatory general and daily briefing
- Manoeuvre must be performed in the box
- No flying above public
- Emergency stop signal (pilot to stop run and manoeuvres and come for landing)
  - Radio call
  - Sign on the ground (to be determined)
- Any pilot not respecting the safety rules will be penalized or disqualified.
- First aid kits available (boat, landing)
- Refer to the safety plan.

## IN THE EVENT OF A WATER LANDING

- **As soon** as it is clear that someone will land in the water the call over the radio should be made “Water, Water, Water”
- **Other pilots** to stop manoeuvres and land as soon as possible back at HQ, any other towing to cease.
- **Safety boat** to attend as soon as possible and should be first on scene.
- **Tow Boat** to assist once tow line has been fully retrieved.
- **Pilot** to be taken to the HQ (Boating Club) where first aid can be administered if necessary.
- **AED** location nearest Z garage and Pisa Moorings.

# Scoring

See scoring document.

The run score will be published shortly after the run, pilots are welcomed to review it and discuss it if needed.

Once judges have made a final decision, the score cannot be discussed anymore.

Not mandatory, but pilots could announce manoeuvres they plan to perform to facilitate judging.

# Judging

At least 2 judges will be scoring each run

- Judges must be experienced pilot
  - With good acrobatic knowledge for the Acro division.
- Judges could be competing pilots

# Prizes

- NZ champion
  - Overall winner
- Freestyle Freak
  - Someone that stands out
- Rookie of the year
  - Best up and coming pilot, probably the winner of Novice division
- Jenny memorial trophy
  - Best landing or best accuracy
- All other prizes distributed randomly

# Presentations and demonstrations

If the weather isn't too cooperative, some presentations and demonstrations will be organized.

Subject not defined yet, suggestions welcome.

## Programme

Depending on the number of participants and weather, but likely to be something like this:

### Friday

- 8.30 General and Safety briefing
- 9:00 Start of runs

### Saturday

- 8.30 Briefing
- 9:00 Start of runs
- 19.00 BBQ and scores update

### Sunday

- 8.30 Briefing
- 9:00 Start of runs
- 12:00 Overall score published
- 13:00 Final runs
- 19.00 Scores update and prize giving
- 20.00 After party