

Local Rules: Canungra Sports Cup 2026

Canungra . Sept 26 - Oct 04 2026

SAFA – AA Sanction

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Web Pages

<https://airtribune.com/canungra-cup-2025/info>

Scoring

<http://xc.highcloud.net/xc>

Officials

Competition Organiser:

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Meet Director:

Gavin Zahner

Launch Director:

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Scoring:

Gavin Zahner / Geoff Wong

Program

Canungra Cup 2025 -

26th Sept - 03th Oct 2026 competition days

Competition HQ –

CHGC clubhouse - Wagonwheel Road

Official Registration:

Friday 25^h Sept - 5:00pm – Canungra Hotel

Mandatory Safety Briefing:

Saturday 26^h Sept - 7:00am – CHGC clubhouse

Competition flying days:

26th Sept - 03th Oct 2026

Prize-giving dinner:

Saturday 03th Oct, Canungra Hotel

Typical Daily Schedule

08:00 - Weather brief uploaded

08:15 -.Whatsapp briefing; Required time at Launch

09:30 - Pilots' briefing on launch

10:00 - Take-off window opens

10:00-17:00 Tasking Period

17:30 - Safe landing report deadline.

19:00 - Track log upload deadline

20:00 - Provisional results.

(Times are subject to change. - Any changes before the start of the day will be posted on comp WhatsApp group.)

Eligibility to compete

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Pilots wishing to compete in the competition must hold:

1. A valid/current SAFA Membership, (including VPM)
2. VHF operator endorsement issued by SAFA or your license issuing NAC
3. A current CHGC Membership covering the dates of the event
4. SAFA PG 3 rating or higher with Thermalling + Gaggle experience
5. Certified Glider, en-C or lower, Certified Harness + Reserve
6. One of the following trackers - Skylines, Inreach, Spot

Entry Fee

The Entry fee will be \$270 - \$320 AU per pilot which Includes:

- Pilot pack, shirt, maps
- Safety oversight and pilot check-in service
- Upload of way-point's and airspaces (including special airspaces)
- Weather briefing and flight planning brief
- Task setting daily
- Day Prizes
- Launch priority over free flyers
- Scoring (within Highcloud.net/xc)
- Social events mid week
- Presentation event and meal

Launch Access and Retrieve Transport.

Pilots are required to make their own transport arrangements to the designated launch each flying day. Launch location and Time will be broadcast each morning.

Registration

The official registration will be at the Canungra Hotel from 5:00 Fri 25th, also at 7:00 prior to the mandatory briefing.

Entry forms will be completed, checked and signed during the registration

Each competitor will be requested to present in person:

Proof of qualification.

- Proof of SAFA membership
- Proof of CHGC membership
- PG3 license or above
- VHF operator endorsement

Each competitor must sign the competition registration form + Waiver

Insurance

All Pilots **MUST** be registered financial members of Sports Aviation Federation Australia (SAFA) **AND** the Canungra Hang Gliding Club (CHGC)

Ambulance/ Medical / Repatriation

Pilots who reside outside QLD must show documentary proof in English of valid and adequate:

Personal Medical Insurance cover for Search & Rescue, Ambulance, local medical.

(Ambulance cover is suitable for domestic pilots)

Equipment

All flight equipment must abide by Section 7A-8 and 7A CIVL GAP Annex. The Meet Director can request that any pilot's equipment be checked. Minimum equipment to participate in the competition are an en certified glider, certified harness, reserve, helmet, radio, altimeter, mobile phone and tracking device

Phone

Carrying a mobile phone is mandatory. Most (but not all) of the areas that we will fly have mobile coverage and the phone is the best way to check in or report a problem. It also allows the organisation to contact you easily. In case of emergency, call 000 or 112

Prize categories:

en-C class

Overall Women

en-B class

Glider Size handicap class

Competition scoring parameters

This competition will be governed by the rules as set out in the latest edition of the SAFA Competitions Manual - except for local rules and amendments specified below, the Competition local Rules take precedence over any other Rules.

Nominal distance - 30km, Nom. time – 90min, Min' distance - 5km, Nominal goal - 20%.

Competition format and scoring

Race tasks with ozgap scoring through turn points with a declared goal.

Scoring will take place by uploading a complete and valid igc file each day to the aircore website. Your SAFA pilot number is required to upload your track. Tracklog upload must be done by 7pm each day and uploaded to the Canungra Sports Cup aircore comp page

www.xc.highcloud.net/comp_overview.html

Height determination

All airspace and height will be determined using GPS altitude only.

Airspace

Pilots need to be familiar with the airspace boundaries around the task area. Mapping and avoiding airspace is the responsibility of the pilot in command.

Penalties:

Airspace penalties will be applied at the absolute edge of the airspace and penalised as per the competition manual

Launch procedures

Launch will be an ordered launch. Competitors are to queue orderly at the check for the open launch and only proceed to a launch slot when directed by the launch director.

Launch will be considered 'open' once the briefing is completed. An Ordered launch will be used from the designated time. Pilots will be made aware of this during the pilot briefing on the hill.

Launch Window Validity

Launch and access	Type	Slots	Average launch time	Launch time required based on 70 pilots
Beechmont	Open	5	1.5 mins	21 mins
Tamborine	Open	3	1.5 mins	35 mins
Hinchcliffe's	Open	3	1.5 mins	35 mins

Pilots helping a pilot in distress

In addition to the compensation points that can be awarded as defined by the SAFA Competitions manual; the CD has discretion to award additional points to pilots assisting

Landing + Retrieve procedures

Pilots are responsible for their own retrieve and retrieve team comms

- **Upon landing pilots are to bunch up wing immediately**
- **Check in safe to Whatsapp safety check in group**
- **Contact event organisers if any landing issues are encountered**

Pilot safety Check in

All pilots must check out with the competition director in person prior in the launch box prior to launch. All pilots checked as flying will be required to check in after flying before the check in time. Check in preference is via the WhatsApp check in group, check in may also be via sms to the meet director if required.

Re-Flights

Re-flights are allowed unless notified otherwise at the task briefing. When re-flights are allowed you must land in one of the designated re-fly zones for the site being used on that day. In order to provide evidence that you are eligible for a re-fly, you must NOT clear your GPS track log between flights as the track log from your first flight will be used to confirm your landing position.

Re-Fly landing zones

Beechmont - Big shelf landing, qpws emergency landing, top landing behind Walden Cafe

Tamborine - Wagonwheel Road LZ, cat motel

Hinchies - main LZ, HnF LZ, ballon paddock

Post Task Check In

Post flight/s all pilots must check in to the Competition Director.

Check-in can be done in several ways: 1. Speak Directly to the Competition Director

2. Use of the official competition WhatsApp Check in Group. (Pilot name, and safe message)

2. SMS the Competition Director with 'name safe' message'

A pilot may score zero for the day at the directors discretion if a post task check in to HQ as described above is not made by the stipulated time. The reason for this rule is that a full search and rescue operation may be commenced if the organisation has not accounted for all pilots by the check back time deadline.

Tracking

All pilots must carry a tracking device for the duration of all competition flights during the event.

Inreach, Spot, Skylines trackers are acceptable, Skylines is recommended even if you have a gps tracker.

No Landing Zones

All 3 of the CHGC launch sites have designated landings but all also have many sensitive areas and mapped non landing areas which must be respected. These approved landings and non landing areas are documented on the airspace file for in-air navigation. Non landing areas are more problematic in the vicinity of the launch LZ's so all pilots must familiarise themselves with the no landing areas on screen and display the corresponding mapping in flight. Landing in No landing Zones may incur a penalty to be detailed at the Mandatory Briefing.

VHF (Airband) Radio Carriage

All pilots are to refer to SAFA operations requirements the carriage airband VHF radio when flying above 5000' and have a 'VHF operation' endorsement issued by their NAC.

Please limit transmissions as we will make central transmissions to the area frequency.

Please monitor only unless an imminent safety issue arises with other air traffic.

Local area frequency is 119.500

UHF Radio Carriage

UHF CB handheld Radio are mandatory for all pilots. The competition requests all pilots stay in contact with the organizer at all times during the task via the safety frequency. If flying teams are also operating on a 2nd frequency in addition to the competition freq the organisation must be informed of the frequency

Competition/Safety frequency : **Ch 19 Tsq 97.4** to be confirmed at briefing.
(All pilots are requested to stay on the comp ch at all times during the task through the safety frequency)

Emergency response frequency : **Ch 21 Tsq 97.4** to be confirmed at briefing.

Committees

The competition must have the following committees filled at the mandatory briefing :

Task committee to include Competition Director and 3 pilots confirmed at first pilot briefing who will designate the task and goal and race parameters for each day.

Safety committee to include Competition Director and a Club SSO and 2 pilots elected at first pilot briefing. The director is responsible for stopping the task, however If the meet director cannot be contacted either of the safety committee members may stop the task due to safety concerns.

Protest committee

Protest committee to include 3 elected pilots plus a reserve.

Protests

Minor complaints must be communicated to the meet director for resolution. Format written protests must be submitted along with \$50 protest fee. This is the protest fee and is refundable only if the protest is upheld. The protest will be assessed by the protest committee and their decision is final and to be explained in the following task briefing.

Pilot expectations

1 Smoking

During spring the hazard of bush fires is a serious danger. Smoking is **strictly** prohibited on launch and in all goal and landing fields by all pilots and their crew (including retrieve drivers).

2 Safety considerations

Respect all CHGC site rules and club code of conduct. These site rules are in place for safety and ongoing site management and must be followed.

3 Public considerations

Respect all land owners and their property. **Leave all gates as you find them** and **do not drive onto any private property** unless invited to by a land owner. Avoid crops and especially horses wherever possible and avoid the no landing areas as mapped on the local site files.

4 Participant code of conduct

This event has been organised to create a open, safe and low stress environment for a wide range of pilots to attend. We ask all participants to maintain a professional and respectful attitude towards other pilots, staff, Landholders and spectators at all times. Any participant acting in an aggressive or intimidating manner towards anyone in or outside of the event will receive a warning and subsequent expulsion.

Penalties:

1st offence: Verbal warning at the discretion of the meet director

2nd offence: Removal from the competition