



**3<sup>rd</sup> FAI PAN-AMERICAN  
GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
29 Jul - 14 Aug 2019



## **3<sup>rd</sup> FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships**

Bulletin #1  
(22 December 2018)

Welcome:

The Aero Club of Canada and the Soaring Association of Canada would like to invite all National Aeroclubs of the Americas and special guests to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships in the following three classes:

18 Meter Class

15 Meter & Standard Handicapped Class\*

Club Class

The Championship will take place in Southern Ontario, at the SOSA Gliding Club one of the oldest gliding clubs in Canada, incorporated in 1948.

Ontario is one of 13 provinces and territories of Canada and is located in east-central Canada. It is Canada's most populous Province and the second largest in total area.

SOSA Gliding Club operates from the club-owned Rockton aerodrome listed in the Canadian Flight Supplement as CPT3. ([www.sosaglidingclub.com](http://www.sosaglidingclub.com))

Coordinates: N43° 19' 17.1", W80° 10' 36.8" or 43.321436, -80.176904

Located close to the major centers of Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe, Rockton offers easy access to hotels, dining and entertainment. Only an hour drive out of Toronto, the most populous city in Canada, provides easy access to major tourist attractions and international travel.

Our flying area is a beautiful mosaic of agricultural land. We hope you will join us for 12 days of competitive and challenging flying.

\* Subject to FAI approval of handicaps

## Website

The official Championship web-site is <http://www.silentflight.ca/panam>

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## Social Media

Facebook: TBA

## Competition Management and Officials

**Contest Manager** - Virginia Thompson

**Contest Director** - Ken Sorenson

**Task Setter** - Tom Coulson/Ed Hollestelle

**Scorer** - Rick Sheppe

**Weatherman** - Tony Firmin/Tom Coulson

**Scrutineering** - Dave Ferguson/Gary Baker

**Office Manager** - TBA

**Operations** - Neil Wilson/Catherine Eaglin

**Chief Towpilot** - TBA

**Sniffer** - Ed Hollestelle

## **IGC Officials:**

**Chief Steward** - Renato Tsukamoto (Brazil)

**Jury President** - John Godfrey (USA) Additional jury members TBA

## **Competition Dates**

<b>29 July</b>	Unofficial Practice Day
<b>30, 31 July &amp; 1 August</b>	Official Practice Days
<b>1 August 10:30 am*</b>	Opening Ceremony
<b>2-13 August</b>	Competition Dates
<b>14 August</b>	Reserve Competition Day / Closing Ceremony

*\* Subject to IGC approval*

## **Important Dates**

<b>Opening of on-line registration:</b>	24 December 2018
<b>Preliminary Entries Due:</b>	31 March 2019
<b>Final Entries &amp; Payment of Fees Due:</b>	3 May 2019
<b>Registration:</b>	29 July – 1 August
<b>Scrutineering:</b>	29 July – 1 August
<b>1st Official Team Captains Briefing:</b>	9:00 am, 30 July
<b>Pilot Meetings:</b>	10:00 am, Daily
<b>Pilot Safety Briefing:</b>	6:30 pm, 30 July 30
<b>Opening Lunch:</b>	11:30-1:00 pm, 1 August
<b>Closing Dinner:</b>	13 August
<b>Closing Ceremony:</b>	10:00 am, 14 August

# Championship Classes

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan-American Championships will be held in three classes.

- **18 meter Class**
- **15 meter / Standard Class (Handicapped\*)**
- **Club Class\*\***

*\* proposed use of Daec handicaps used by the OLC subject to IGC approval. water ballast allowed with no handicap adjustment*

*\*\* Club class handicaps as per page 9 of the IGC club class handicap list. (<https://tinyurl.com/yc6mu74g>)*

## Water-ballast

Water ballast will be allowed in the 18 meter class and the combined 15 meter/standard handicapped class. A maximum take-off mass limit will be imposed of 550 kg for 18 meter and 500 kg for the combined 15 meter/standard class. Any additional weight restrictions will be as described in the Standard Procedures on the contest website.

## Rules

The competition will be conducted in compliance with the FAI Sporting Code

- The FAI Sporting Code General Section
- The FAI Sporting Code Section 3 - Edition 2018, valid from 1 October 2018
- 2018 FAI Annex A to Sporting Code Section 3 (Rules for World and Continental Gliding Championships) valid from 1 October 2018
- IGC procedures for handicapped classes valid from 20 February 2018
- The latest versions of these documents published on the FAI-IGC website (<http://www.fai.org/gliding>) prior to the date of start of the championship will apply: [www.fai.org/igc-documents](http://www.fai.org/igc-documents).

## Local Procedures

The Local Procedures document will be available on the Championships website [www.silentflight.ca/panam](http://www.silentflight.ca/panam).

## National Teams

Each NAC may enter **3\* pilots per class** and submit a list of **5\* reserve pilots per class**. Reigning Continental pilots are entered in addition to their NAC 3 pilots per class quota. Reserve pilots may be allowed to enter the competition after the close of final entries if the total number of allowed gliders has not been reached. The procedure for acceptance and entry of reserve pilots will be described in the local procedures and published on the competition website after IGC approval.

*\* subject to IGC approval*

## Total Number of Allowable Entries

The maximum number of gliders is 40 including reigning Continental Champions and guests.

If a class is undersubscribed, unused spots will be made available to the other classes or overseas guests.

## Pilot Requirements

The requirement for eligibility shall be as per the FAI Sporting Code Annex A.

Pilot qualifications shall be as outlined in Annex A To Section 3 - Gliding 3.2 Qualifications

Required Documentation shall be as outlined in Annex A To Section 3 - Gliding 3.5.3. and 3.5.4.

Any additional requirements and safety equipment for pilots and gliders will be described in the Local Procedures to be published on the competition web-site after IGC approval.

## Entries

On-line registration is available for every competitor on the Competition website under Entries section. Download the entry form here. <https://tinyurl.com/yd2cty9v>

However please note that Team Captains must send an official entry form with NAC acceptance prior to the Preliminary Entry date of 31 March 2019.

Entry fee payment confirmation by e-mail or regular mail is due prior to the final entry date of 3 May 2019. - if using the regular mail please send an additional email with fee payment confirmation.

In exceptional circumstances the competing pilot may be also accepted as the Team Captain (especially when he/she is a member of a small team). Each NAC shall designate only one Team Captain.

Team Captains must supply two national flags of 1.2m x 1.8m size and digital recording of their National Anthem.

## **Entry Fees**

Contest Fee \$600.00 USD, due prior to final entry deadline

Tows \$50.00 USD per tow. Each competitor shall pre-pay a minimum of 6 tows with their Contest fee.

## **Entry Fee and Banking Information**

Will be posted on the competition web-site in January 2019

## **WPT/Airspace Files**

Airspace files are located on the contest website under *Info for pilots*.

## **US Experimental Gliders - US Gliders**

If your glider is registered as experimental, then you may not fly it in Canada without receiving approval from Transport Canada. The process is called "Validation of a Foreign Flight Authority". If your glider has a standard Certificate of Airworthiness then no approval is required and you may fly the glider in Canada.

Validation of a Foreign Flight Authority is easily accomplished. Instruction on how to obtain validation is listed on the contest website under *Info for pilots*.

## **Rental Gliders**

A list of available Canadian and US gliders available for rent can be found on the competition web-site. Additional gliders may be added as they become available.

## **Foreign Licence Validation-Canadian Rental Gliders**

To fly a **Canadian** glider in Canada, the renter will need to have a Transport Canada Foreign License Validation Certificate. This certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue.

This can be applied for by submitting a Foreign Licence Validation Certificate form to Transport Canada. Instructions are available on the contest website.

## **Insurance**

Canadian rental gliders may require membership in a local club and the Soaring Association of Canada. Special rates have been arranged for rental pilots. Please confirm cost with the glider owner directly.

All other gliders must be covered by third party insurance - **not excluding competitions and with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 Canadian** in conformance with the Canadian NAC and SOSA Gliding Club.

Personal medical insurance is required for all foreign pilots and team members, covering accidents, sickness, hospital costs and transportation back to the team member's country of residence.

## Units

The Championships will use the Transport Canada measurements of:

Altitudes and heights in feet **(ft)**

Pressures in inches of mercury **(in)**

Distances in kilometers **(km)**

Speeds in kilometers per hour **(km/hr)**

Sailplane mass in kilograms **(kg)**

Foreign competitors should familiarize themselves with the above units of measure.

## Daily Schedule

The calendar of events can be found on the competition web-site under *Info for pilots*.

Additional social events will be added to the calendar as they are confirmed.

## Mobile Phones

Team captains must have a mobile phone capable of receiving SMS messages and Canadian calls.

## Airfield Facilities

SOSA Gliding Club has a modern club house with restroom facilities and a kitchen. Meals other than those noted on the Daily Schedule are not available. Club barbeques and kitchen facilities may be used by team members provided appropriate clean-up occurs.

## Sponsors

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