



# Proposed COMPETITION RULES

For the 1948 National

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- 1.0 *Entry of Pilots:* Any properly certified glider pilot who is a citizen or resident of the United States may enter provided he holds an active membership in the Soaring Society of America. A pilot from a foreign country may enter provided he holds an active membership in the equivalent organization, if any, of his native country, and possesses a proper pilot certificate issued by the licensing authority of such country.
- 1.1 *Entry of Gliders:* To be entered, a glider must be properly certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, or, if entered from another country, the glider must carry the equivalent certificate issued by the proper licensing authority of that country. Gliders may also be subject to approval by a Contest glider inspection board at the contest site.
- 1.2 *Entry Fees:* There shall be no entry fees for pilots. There shall be an entry fee of \$10.00 for each glider.
- 1.3 Applicants for entry may be required by the Contest Management to present certified log books, pilot certificates, glider certificates, and/or demonstrate their flying ability to the satisfaction of the Contest Manager. Applicants, at the time of entry, shall declare themselves either "Contestant" or "Participating" pilots.
- 1.4 *Contest Winner:* The United States citizen who amasses the largest final score of contest points for his 5 best contest flights shall be declared the National Soaring Champion.
- 1.5 The Contest Manager and Contest Sponsor shall be responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of proper and adequate flight rules, launching and traffic rules, and general safety rules and regulations.
- 1.6 No contestant shall intentionally make cloud flights, or engage in aerobatics, or fly in close proximity to other sailplanes in the same thermal, unless wearing a parachute.
- 1.7 No pilot shall intentionally engage in high altitude thunderstorm flight without functioning oxygen breathing equipment, and no contest points shall be awarded for altitude gained above the level of 15,000 ft. S. L., unless the glider used is equipped with functioning oxygen breathing equipment.
- 2.0 *Contest Flight Rules:* There shall be 11 days of competition, June 30 to July 10. No contest points shall be awarded on July 11.
- 2.01 Each contestant's final score shall be the total of contest points earned on his 5 best contest flights.
- 2.02 Contestant pilots may engage in any and all activities of the Contest, and are eligible for any prize or award except goal prizes of less than 100 miles. Participating pilots may engage in all activities of the Contest except competition for contest points and shall be eligible for any prize or award except the Championship.
- 2.03 When two-thirds of the contestant pilots entered in the Contest have each completed three contest flights for which contest points are awarded, each contestant pilot, on that date, and every day thereafter, must have a standing in competition equal to 25% of the average of the 3 highest contestants. If a contestant pilot's standing does not equal such 25%, he shall be transferred to participating status for the remainder of the Contest and shall not participate in the point award fund. Exceptions may be granted by the Contest Board when the cause of a low score is sickness or injury, damage or destruction of the glider or equipment, or for other good reasons.
- 2.04 At the conclusion of the Contest, the point award fund shall be distributed among the contestant pilots in proportion to their final score, provided, however, that no point award funds shall be distributed to any contestant pilot whose final score is less than one-third of the average of the three highest final scores. The Contest Board may permit contestant pilots whose final score is less than the required one-third to participate in the point award fund, if, in their opinion, such low score was caused primarily by personal sickness or injury, damage or destruction of their glider or equipment, or other good reasons.
- 2.05 A glider may be entered in competition by a club or by two or more bona-fide owners or lessees, and they may compete in the contestant pilot classification. The glider, with its group of pilots, shall be viewed as the equivalent of one contestant pilot and glider, and all rules and restrictions shall apply to such group and