

PROPOSED RULES FOR 22nd NATIONAL SOARING CONTEST

July 2-14, 1955

Harris Hill, Elmira, New York

(Sponsored by the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation and sanctioned by The Soaring Society of America, Inc., under authority delegated by the National Aeronautics Association)

1.0 *Entry of Pilots:* Any properly certificated glider pilot may enter the contest provided he holds an active membership in the SSA, or active FAI Sporting License. All pilots must hold the distance leg of the Silver "C" or equivalent flying experience.

1.1 *Entry of Gliders:* Any properly certificated glider may be entered in the contest. Gliders may also be subject to approval by a committee designated by the Contest Director at the contest site.

1.2 *Entry Fee:* There shall be no entry fee for pilots. There shall be an entry fee of fifteen (\$15) dollars for each glider.

1.3 *Logs and Certificates:* Each applicant, at the time of entry, may be required by the Contest Director to present his log books, Pilot and Glider Certificates, and may be required to demonstrate his glider piloting ability.

1.31 *Entry of Soaring Clubs:* Any established and recognized Soaring Club may enter one or more gliders. A competing club must have not less than 3 pilots entered and all such club pilots must enter as such and must have been regular members of the club at least 3 months prior to the start of the contest.

1.4 *Contest Winners:*

(A) The National Soaring Champion: The U.S. citizen who earns the highest final competition score.

(B) The Feminine National Soaring Champion: The U.S. citizen (feminine) who earns the highest final competition score.

(C) The National 2 Place Soaring Champion: The U.S. citizen who earns the highest final competition score

for flights made with a co-pilot or passenger.

(D) The National Champion Soaring Club: The U.S. Soaring Club that earns the highest final club score.

1.5 *Flight Rules:* The Contest Director and the contest sponsors shall be responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of proper and adequate flight launching, traffic rules, and general safety rules and regulations. The Contest Director may ground violators of safety rules and request the Contest Board to suspend such violators from further competition.

1.6 *Equipment:* Parachutes are required on all flights, shoulder harnesses required on all ships and a Barograph is recommended.

2.0 *Contest Days:* There shall be nine (9) schedule Contest days. July 5 to July 13, inclusive.

July 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 will be *Open Days*.

July 6, 8, 10, and 12 will be *Task Days*, the task to be determined by the Contest Board for each particular day.

In the event of any days lost due to weather, the Contest Board will decide on July 11 whether or not to have July 14 a contest day, and if so, a task day will be declared.

2.01 *Contest Day:* A contest day is one during which one or more pilots make a flight of more than 25 miles.

2.02 *Final Score:* Each contestant's final score shall be the total of points earned by him, minus 1 day's points (either task or open) if there are 6 contest days out of the 9 scheduled. Or the contestant's total of points minus 1 open day's points and 1 task day's points if there are 7 or more contest days out of the 9 scheduled. Should there be 5 or less contest days, a contestant must count all the days.

2.022 *Club Score:* Each soaring club's

score shall be the total of points earned by the best individual club member flight on each of the contest days except that one individual pilot may score no more than three days, and the total score shall include the daily points of at least 3 individual club members. Credit of pilot's points to club total shall in no way affect his individual point standing.

2.03 *Aerobatics:* Aerobatics are not part of the official Soaring Competition and will not be permitted except by provision of the Contest Director. The Contest Director may restrict participation in aerobatics and other special events to particular pilots of his choosing.

2.04 *Team Entries:* A glider may be entered by 2 or more pilots as a team, and they will be considered as the equivalent of one pilot and glider, and all rules and restrictions shall apply to such group and glider as if the glider were entered by a lone pilot, except the group cannot be awarded any of the individual Championships.

2.1 *Free Tows:* There will be one free airplane tow per contest day per glider. Additional tows must be paid for by the contestant.

2.2 *Tow Altitude:* Maximum airplane tow altitude for contest flights shall be 2,000 feet above the field and will be subject to change only by the Contest Board for weather reasons.

2.21 *Retrieve:* Contest towplane may not be used for cross country retrieves.

2.22 *Fights:* A contestant may make more than one attempt in any one day, but may claim points for his best flight only.

2.3 *Contest Numbers:* Each glider and respective barograph, pilot, team, or club shall use the last 3 digits of their glider registration number as their contest number.

2.4 *Order of Take-Off:* Take-off time will be by pilot's choice and will be issued to pilot or crew on application to the starter. If a pilot is not ready or waives his allotted take-off time, this allotment then becomes available for selection by another pilot. It shall be the responsibility of the pilot and crew to provide adequate man-