

power to move the glider on, along or off the take-off line as required.

2.5 *Take-Off Cards:* Each pilot shall give the starter a take-off card at the time of take-off, declaring the purpose and classification of the flight. Information on these cards is, upon request, to remain confidential and not to be released until all pilots have been launched.

2.51 *Landing Cards:* Properly filled out landing cards must be turned in to the chief scorer as soon as possible.

2.6 *Suspension of Operations:* Operations may be cancelled by the Contest Director, subject to Contest Board approval, for reasons of obviously unfavorable weather except when a contest flight has already been launched. In this case, additional flights may be cancelled only if safety is involved.

3.0 *Contest Board:* There shall be a Contest Board consisting of the Contest Director, Contest Meteorologist, SSA representative, and two non-competing representatives chosen by the pilots. This Board shall govern the competitive features of the meet, supervise the award of all competition prize funds, and awards for competitive performances in soaring, monitor compliance with competition rules and sanction requirements, interpret the contest rules, and determine disciplinary action and penalties with regard to the sporting nature of the competition.

3.1 *Traffic and Safety:* The Contest Director alone shall have full authority for the enforcements, and imposing of penalties, for his flight, traffic and safety regulations.

4.0 *Contest Points:*

*Open Days:* One point per mile will be awarded for airline distance.

*Task Days:* On task day flights, points will be awarded at the rate of 1 point per airline mile flown, times a speed factor of 1 plus (V/100), with V equal to

$$\frac{\text{Distance flown}}{\text{Landing time - take-off time (in hours)}}$$

for a completed task. Except that should the task be to pilot's choice of goal (No. 4

task) no speed points will be given and the 20% bonus for completed goal flight would apply. Incomplete task flights receive one point per mile measured from the course.

4.01 *Task Days:* On task days, points will only be given for the task as set by the Contest Board from the following choices:

- (1) Distance and speed (no Bonus points) to one designated goal.
- (2) Distance and speed (no Bonus points) to a designated goal with return to the starting point.
- (3) Distance and speed (no Bonus points) around a triangular course.
- (4) Distance to goal (no Speed points) pilot's choice of goal from a list of goals supplied by the Contest Board. The 20% Bonus for a completed goal flight will apply.

4.02 *Open Days:* On open days a pilot may choose his class of flight from one of the following:

- (1) Straight airline distance.
- (2) Straight airline distance to predesignated goal. Bonus applies only if pilot lands at the goal. Should the landing be other than the specified goal, straight airline distance will be awarded.
- (3) Distance to Goal and Return to the starting point. Bonus points will be given only if the return is completed, and it is the pilot's responsibility to prove his turning point. Straight airline distance will be given if the pilot fails to identify the turning point or goes beyond it.

4.03 *Measuring Mileage:* The distance, on all task days and return leg of the Goal and Return flights of open days, will be measured by drawing a line from the landing field perpendicular back to the course, and taking the distance from the point at which the perpendicular line crosses the predetermined course.

4.1 *Bonus Points:* There shall be a bonus of 20% of points earned to be awarded for completed goal flights, and a bonus of 40% of points earned for a

completed goal and return flight.

4.2 *Fractions:* If a contestant's score for a day adds up to a fraction of less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ , it shall be dropped; if it adds up to more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  it shall be added as 1 to the contestant's score.

5.0 *Recognition:* It shall be the pilot's responsibility to establish proof of recognition at turning for goal and return flights, except that on task days the Contest Board may provide the necessary observers and identification panels.

6.0 *Prize Status:* All prizes and awards must be posted not less than 32 hours prior to the competition for that prize. All such prizes and awards must have their status accurately described as to whether they are on hand, in escrow, promised, or uncertain. No pilots may claim more than his choice of two cash prizes unless unclaimed by other contestants.

7.0 *Goal:* A goal for one-way flight shall be the area within a circle of 3,000 feet radius with its center as that point accurately described on the take-off card as the goal.

7.1 *Goal (Goal and Return):* A goal for distance and return flight shall be the exact point as accurately described on the take-off card and the pilot must make a 360 degree turn over this point before starting the return flight.

7.2 *Point of Release:* The point of release for the purpose of contest points shall be the actual center of the take-off site, if release has been made within 2 miles of this point. If, in the opinion of the starter, the release was made beyond this limit, then point of release shall be the point as described by the starter, tow pilot and glider pilot.

7.3 *Point of Release (For Record Flight):* For the purpose of record flight, point of release shall be the actual point of release as described by the glider pilot, tow pilot, starter, or official observer.

8.0 *Final Rules:* The rules for the 22nd National Soaring Contest, as accepted by the SSA Rules Committee, are final and will not be subject to change thereafter.