

THE 23rd ANNUAL U.S. NATIONAL SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 The Twenty-Third Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships will be sponsored and conducted by Texas Soaring Association at Grand Prairie Airport, Texas and sanctioned by the Soaring Society of America, Inc., under authority delegated by the National Aeronautic Association, and in accordance with the Sporting Code of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (Section 1 and Section 3, Class D).
- 1.2 The rules and regulation published at the official start of the contest will remain in force throughout the period of the contest and will not be changed for any reason whatsoever at any time during the contest.
- 1.3 The Championships will be open to U.S. citizens whether normally resident at home or abroad. Resident aliens and foreign entrants will be welcomed and will be accorded the same privileges and facilities as the competitors but they will not be eligible to compete for the title of National Soaring Champion. However, they will be eligible to compete for goal prizes and any other prizes they may earn by virtue of their placing when the final scores are tallied.
- 1.4 *Date* The period of the contest will be from 0900 CST on Tuesday, July 31st to 1800 CST on Thursday August 9th, 1956.
- 1.5 *Entries*
- 1.5.1 *Pilots.* Any person may fly in the contest provided he has:
- (I) at least a valid CAA Private Glider License. A foreign pilot

flying a foreign sailplane must have a certificate of competence from his particular country. If a pilot is too young to hold a CAA Private Glider License he may fly provided his student pilot certificate has been endorsed for cross-country by an instructor and an instructor is present to supervise his flying.

- (II) a current membership of the Soaring Society of America, Inc., or has a valid FAI Sporting License from his National Aero Club in the case of foreign entrants.
- (III) at least the distance leg of the Silver "C."
- (IV) Satisfied the organizers that he is in current flying practice and can produce a properly authenticated log book as evidence.

NOTE: In the interest of safety the organizers reserve the right to flight-check competitors in TSA two-place sailplanes which will be available for that purpose.

- 1.5.2 *Sailplanes* No sailplane will be accepted in the contest unless it possesses a valid CAA Certificate of Airworthiness. In addition, a committee appointed by the Contest Chairman shall have the power to reject any sailplane which it considers to be unsuited for competition. A fully-qualified CAA Inspector will be a member of this committee if possible. Sailplanes of foreign registration must display a valid certificate of airworthiness is-

sued by the responsible authority in the country of registration.

- 1.5.3 *Clubs* Any club may enter, for the Club Championship, one or more sailplanes and three or more pilots. All pilots must have been regular members of the club at least three months prior to the start of the contest, and they must register with the organizers that they are entering the Club Championship. (A club is defined as an organization having elected officers from its membership and operating either club-owned soaring craft and equipment or craft and equipment owned by its members based principally at the site of the club's normal operations. An organization consisting of a group of clubs—an association of soaring clubs—does not qualify). The Club Championship award will be governed by Paragraph 1.7 (V).
- 1.5.4 *Teams* A single sailplane may be entered by two or more pilots as a team which will be considered as the equivalent of one pilot and sailplane, and all rules and regulations shall apply to such a team as if the sailplane were entered by a single pilot, except that the team cannot be awarded the National Soaring Championship.
- 1.6 *Entry Fee* The entry fee shall be \$15.00 per sailplane, and will entitle each sailplane to one free tow each contest day. Additional tows will be paid for at the current rate. There will be no entry fee for pilots.
- 1.7 *Contest Winners* There will be five championship classes as follows:
- (I) *National Soaring Champion*
The U.S. citizen earning the highest final score will be declared the U.S. National Soaring Champion.
 - (II) *Two-Place Soaring Champion*
The U.S. citizen earning the highest final contest score in the