



**20 Metre Two Seat Nationals**  
**Feb 18–25, 2023**

Local rules

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## Part A – Competition

### 1. Location

YCOR – Corowa Airport, Mason Rd, Bowenville, Queensland

### 2. Dates

Registration	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9:00 – 14:00
Official practice	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
Competition period	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023– Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
Presentation dinner	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

### 3. Agreed issue of rules

The agreed issue of the general rules is the Australian National Gliding Championships Competition Rules as published on the GFA Website – [Document SDP010 Australian National Rules Revision 3, November 2022.](#)

### 4. Registration

Registration Office will be in the Soar Corowa Office 1 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:00 – 14:00.

All pilots are required to register at the competition office by 5PM Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Each pilot will be required to present documented proof of compliance with the entrance requirements as per the Australian National Gliding Championships Competition Rules as published on the GFA Website. The Organisers reserve the right to charge an additional amount to each pilot to cover the cost of any additional charges or levies which may arise from time to time.

### 5. Insurance

The Gliding Australia’s Broad Base liability policy provides Clubs and financial members with \$1,000,000 for anyone occurrence which is the minimum liability limit required to participate in Gliding Australia endorsements competitions.

### 6. Scrutineering

All gliders must be weighed prior to first competition flight. Weighing will be conducted on concrete, outdoors adjacent to the Clubhouse. Weighing will be available from 8AM – 5PM Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. On arrival at the club, please give us an indicated time when you need to weigh

Please ensure your glider is at maximum anticipated TOW together with pilot and parachute when you arrive at the weighing station.

Random weighing may occur each competition day.

At scrutineering, gliders will be weighed, maintenance release checked, Flarms checked and cloud flying instruments disabled. Pilots are asked to provide a Flarm Range Analyser file.

## 7. Daily briefing

The mandatory initial briefing for all pilots and crew will be held in the briefing area at 1030 hrs. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mandatory daily briefing at 0930 unless advised otherwise.

## 8. Pilot Qualifications

Pilots flying P1 must hold a GPC or Sporting License, otherwise MUST have the written approval of their CFI.

## 9. Classes

20M Two Seat Class

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# Part B – Operations

## 10. Personnel

Competition Director	Jenny Thompson
Safety Officer	Aaron Stroop
Scorer	Ian Steventon
Tug Master	Jenny Thompson

## 11. Water

Water ballast is provided.

## 12. Launches

Visiting pilots must purchase tow tickets in advance from the office @ \$60/tow. Self Launchers will be charged \$10 per day.

## 13. Task Format

As per Nationals Rules.

## 14. Turnpoints

Turnpoints will be available on the [Soar Corowa website](#).

## 15. Start procedure

Start procedure will be a Start Line 5km each side of a nominated point (5km radius), remote from the airfield, unless advised otherwise at the Daily Briefing. Please read your Task Sheets carefully.

Gliders are to remain on CTAF (132.45) whilst in the vicinity of the Corowa CTAF.

Start Gate times will be notified on 132.45 ONLY.

## 16. Finish procedure

The finish will be noted on the task sheets each day.

The finish will operate on CTAF 132.45. Competitors are to advise by radio of their approach when they are 10NM (approx 18km) inbound and again when 10km and advise their circuit intentions on the finish CTAF frequency. The 10nm call is **to the airfield**, not the finish line.

Finishes MUST NOT be below the height nominated on the Daily Task Sheet and must allow for a straight in land long or enough height to allow a normal circuit. Circuit direction and other information will be provided at each daily briefing.

The finish line will close at last light or when all gliders are accounted for, whichever is the earlier.

## 17. Official time

Official time is Australian Eastern Daylight Time.

## 18. Protest

Refer to the Nationals Rules. Each protest must be accompanied by an amount of \$50, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

## 19. Maps

The WAC series map (1:1,000,000) covering the contest area are Melbourne (3470) and Canberra (3457)

## 20. Airspace

Controlled airspace is shown on the Albury VTC chart. Controlled Airspace limitations will be notified at each daily briefing.

The airspace file as published includes a 500M buffer. Incursions into the buffer will incur a points penalty. Incursions into active Airspace will lead to disqualification for the day and a SOAR report will be required.

## 21. Radio

All aircraft flying from the competition site must be equipped with a serviceable VHF radio.

The frequencies authorised for use by competitors will be announced at the initial briefing.

CTAF	132.45
Safety – gagging	122.025
Retrieves	122.7
Finish	132.45

## 22. FLARM – Mandatory in all competition gliders

A FLARM unit operating on the designated Australian FLARM frequency and programmed with the ICAO aircraft designator is mandatory and must be carried and be operational throughout every competition flight.

### **23. Search and rescue**

SAR action will be taken at last light plus one-hour Eastern Standard Daylight Time (ESDT) if no outlanding advice has been received by the flight office. To avoid unnecessary SAR action, competitors must comply with the General Rules.

### **24. Local flying during the competition period**

All local flying is discouraged, and in any event, must be authorised by the Competition Director or their delegate.

### **25. Aerotow retrieves**

The availability of aero tow retrieves shall be by arrangement with the Tug Master/Competition Director. The flight office is to be notified prior to the tug aircraft leaving on a retrieve. The tug pilot retains the right to reject an aero tow retrieve if on arriving they feel that the site is unsuitable for the current conditions. In such cases, the glider pilot will be responsible for the cost of the flight. The costs of all aerotow retrieves will be payable to the Contest Organisation.

The organisers will be using Lowcrop Aero for notification of retrieves.

### **26. Marshalling**

Launch order and take-off direction will be posted in a nominated position prior to briefing. Gliders should be marshalled before briefing. Gliders not marshalled when launching is about to commence will be held until launching of all classes is completed. There will be no marshalling while launching is in progress.

### **27. Release checks**

Pilots will be responsible for doing their own release checks. Release checks will not be provided on the grid or during the launch.

### **28. Two Seat Gliders**

Every pilot who will be competing in a two-seat aircraft must complete and sign an entry form. However, there will be only one entry fee per glider.

### **29. Oxygen**

Oxygen filling will not be provided.

The Competition Organisers strongly encourage the carriage and use of a supplemental oxygen system and wish to remind pilots of the competitive advantage that can be gained by the use of supplemental oxygen even at altitudes well below 10,000ft. Whilst Part 91 of CASA regs have elevated the minimum height when oxygen is required to 12,500 ft, it is recommended that glider pilots should continue to use 10,000ft as a minimum for competitions as a safety enhancement.

### **30. Airfield etiquette**

Dogs allowed subject to being restrained while the airfield is active.

All pilots are REQUIRED to monitor 132.45 during retrieve after landing as the CD or Safety Officer has authority to control runway retrieves in order to provide safe landing options for all competitors.

### **31. Award of Championship**

There will be one Champion awarded, provided that:

- At least three contest days have been flown
- At least eight gliders are registered and fly in the class
- At least four of the registered gliders achieve 20% of the winner's score.

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