



FAI CIVL Category 2 Event

45th New Zealand Hang Gliding Open Championship

LOCAL REGULATIONS

Dates:	02-11 February 2023
Alternate dates:	None
Country:	New Zealand
Location:	Murchison
Web page:	https://airtribune.com/nzhgnats23
Results web page:	https://airtribune.com/nzhgnats23
Sanctioned by:	New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association

OFFICIALS

Position	Name	CIVL ID
Organiser	Tom Mulder	13442
Organiser	Steve Cronin	5271
Organiser	Shane McKay	3503
Meet & Safety Director	Kevin McManus	7733
Scorers	Pending	
Live Tracking Manager	Aaron Darby	5557

CONTACTS

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PROGRAMME

	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Time (HH:MM)
Online registration opening	05 Jul 2023	1300
Foreign pilot registration deadline	03 Feb 2023	2100
On-site registration opening	03 Feb 2023	2000
General Safety Briefing	04 Feb 2023	0830
Competition flying days	04 - 11 Feb 2023	1100-1930
Closing/Award ceremony	11 Feb 2023	1930-2330



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SCORING CATEGORIES

1. Open Class
2. Sport Class
3. Rigid Wing Class 5
4. Kahu Cup (Inter Club)

SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS

Maximum number of pilots: 70

Selection

Eligibility criteria: Advanced and Intermediate Pilots. Novice pilots may attend and fly under the supervision of an instructor when conditions allow however they are not permitted to enter the Sport or Open Class Competitions

Documents to provide during registration

- FAI Membership Number
- IPPI Card (for international pilots)
- Pilot's National licence
- Visitor Membership Licence (for international pilots)
- Signed Release of liability, Waiver of Legal rights
- Personal Tracker Number (if carried)

Insurance

The 2023 NZ Hang Gliding Open Championships are a NZHGPA sanctioned competition and as such is covered by the following association insurance policies:

- Association and Management Liability Insurance - 2 Million Dollars
- Public Liability Insurance - 5 Million Dollars

Any accident resulting in injury during the competition is covered by New Zealand's Accident Compensation Corporation.

ENTRY FEE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

Entry Fee

Comp Pilots:
\$200 NZD if paid prior to 31st Dec 2022, \$220 there after.



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Free Flying Pilots:

Pilots who wish to free fly will be asked to pay \$25 each day they fly with maximum cost being the competition fee.

This fee does **not** come with the benefits of the full comp fee:

- does not include meals
- does not include t-shirt
- Pilots will not be eligible for spot prizes

HG free flyers may fly under one of two scenarios

- Free Fly without registration
 - Pilots are not scored
 - Pilots will launch before the launch window opens
 - Pilots will avoid flying on task course line
 - Pilots will not fly the task
- Free Fly with registration
 - Pilots will be scored the days they fly
 - Pilots may launch with other competition pilots
 - Pilots may fly the task

Payment deadline

04 Feb 2023, 1000

Payment Details:

Fees can be paid by Bank deposit. Bank account details will be emailed with a payment request following your event registration status changing to “waiting for payment”

Refund policy:

The following policy will be adhered to:

90% refund for pilot withdrawal or event cancellation before the 31st December 2022

80% refund for pilot withdrawal or event cancellation after the 31st December 2022

This ensures that outlaid costs are met as we get closer to the event. Any surplus will go towards the worlds team fund.

Services included in the entry fee:

1. Safety/contact information – Yes
2. Map with take-offs, turnpoints, landings, restricted areas – Yes, electronic
3. Turnpoints files – Yes, on website
4. Contest numbers – No
5. Lunch pack – No
6. Water on take-off – No
7. Toilets on take-off – Yes
8. Transport to take-off – No



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9. GPS track-log download – Yes if you require it, however we prefer IGC files to be emailed to the scorer
10. Live-tracking – No, however XC App is free and provides a live tracking function
11. Free internet (Wi-Fi) access at the HQ – Yes
12. Opening ceremony – No
13. Closing ceremony – Yes, a meal and prize giving is part of your entry fee
14. Briefings in English – Yes
15. Daily meteorology briefing – Yes
16. Retrieve by organisers' vehicles free of charge – No
17. Drinks at goal– Depending on budget
18. T Shirt - Yes
19. Tracking devices for Hire - Yes
20. Mid week BBQ - Yes, this is provided as part of your entry fee

Medical Services included into Entry fee:

1. First Aid Kit on take-off – Yes
2. Ambulance on take-off – No
3. Helicopter evacuation – Yes, via NZ's emergency service response -111 or by using the emergency response button on Spot trackers.
4. Mountain rescue team – Yes, via NZ's Land Search and Rescue Services
5. Nearest Hospital – Murchison Community Hospital Health Centre - 58 Hotham Street, Murchison, phone: 03 5231120
6. Nelson Hospital o- Entrance off Tipahi St, 7010 Franklyn Street, Nelson South, Phone: 03 5461800
7. Local medical center - Murchison Hospital and health center - 58 Hotham Street, Murchison.
 - a. Phone: (03) 523 1120.
 - b. After hours Phone: (03) 546 8881

**45th New Zealand Hang Gliding Open Championship****LOCAL REGULATIONS****VENUES**

Headquarters	19 Riverview Road, Murchison 7077, New Zealand -41.794186, 172.339212
Take-off 1 Name	Mount Murchison -41.730748, 172.499116
Take-off 1 Orientation	360 degrees
Take-off 1 Size	Allows a launch of 30 gliders in 30 minutes.
Take off 1 Quality	Excellent rigging and launch sites. No obstructions. Room for 150 gliders. Area is clean enough not to damage gliders – Yes
Take off 2...	Canvas Town, Havelock -41.292664, 173.684295
Take off 3...	Takaka, Nelson -41.026654, 172.861907
Goal 1 Name	Murchison Airstrip
Goal 1 Quality	Area is clean enough not to damage gliders – Yes No Obstacles, but observe for any aircraft that may use the strip
Goal 1 Windsock	– Yes
Goal 2 Name	Glider Airstrip - St Arnaud
Goal 2 quality	Area is clean enough not to damage gliders – Yes No Obstacles, but observe for any gliders launching or landing from the strip
Goal 2 Windsock	- Yes

Airspace and Other Restrictions

<https://gliding.co.nz/pilots/pilot-resources/airspace-files/>

LIVE TRACKING

Is live-tracking mandatory – Yes

Trackers provided by organiser – Yes, at an extra cost of \$75NZD

Pilots are encouraged to bring their own trackers – Yes/No

Dedicated person assigned to watch live tracking – Yes/No

Live tracking server provider name: www.trackme.nz

RULES



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The competition will be conducted according to the following rules:

- FAI Sporting Code Section 7 - Common Rules
- FAI Sporting Code Section 7A - Hang Gliding and Paragliding Cross Country Championship Rules
- FAI Sporting Code Section 7F - Scoring Rules
- Local Rules - 44th New Zealand Hang Gliding Open Championship

SCORING

Scoring formula:

As per FAI Sporting Code, Section 7F - XC Scoring 1st May 2021

Gap 2020 scoring programme will be used with the same settings as the 2022 Nationals. The key parameters are as follows:

Min distance	-	5km
Nominal distance	-	50km
Nominal time	-	1.5 hours
Nominal goal	-	10%
Nominal launch	-	90%

COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

As per FAI Sporting Code Section 7 and 7A. Any complaint or protest should be raised with the Competition Director in the first instance and followed up in writing within 12 hours of the incident taking place, if the matter remains unresolved and needs to be heard by a complaints committee. If required, a complaints committee will be formed by the Meet Director and 3 other senior pilots not directly affected or part of the complaint.

Any complaint on the final day of competition shall be submitted in writing to the Meet Director no later than 1900 hours. Any such complaint will be reviewed and decided upon by the complaints committee prior to the prize giving ceremony.

ORDERED LAUNCH

Should an ordered launch be deemed necessary the order shall be arranged as follows:

- If the ordered launch is on the first flown task of the competition then the order will be the top 10 pilots from the overall results of the 2021 Nationals reversed, followed by the remainder of pilots according to their overall result in the 2021 Nationals.



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- If an ordered launch is required on any other day of the competition then the order will be the top 10 placed pilots from the overall results of the tasks flown to date in the current Nationals, reversed, followed by the remainder of pilots according to their overall result at that point in the current Nationals.
- Pilots not in the top 10 may wish to take one of 5 early bird slots, with the opportunity to launch anytime prior to the main launch window is open. Any pilot wishing to take an early bird slot is required to make this known to the Meet Director within the stipulated time frames given at the briefing. Names will be drawn from a hat if there are more than 5 pilots wanting to take an early bird slot.
- Any early bird pilot who is unable to launch before the main launch window opens is permitted to return to their original launch order.

PILOT SAFETY

At all times Pilots are to remember they are the Pilot in Command of their glider and are to take all steps to keep themselves and others safe at all times. If the air any pilot is flying is beyond their capabilities then they should fly away from this air into more friendly conditions. If the unsettling conditions persist and the pilots fears for their safety they should consider abandoning the task and landing.

Individual pilots in the air can not cancel or stop the task, however they should land if they feel the conditions are unsafe, taking note of the circumstances and concerns and pass these on to the Meet Director.

CANCELLED AND STOPPED TASKS

The Meet Director may only Cancel a task if no pilot has yet launched. Once at least one pilot has launched the Meet Director can only Stop the Task. The rules for how a task is stopped, and then scored are as per 12.3 in FAI Sporting Code, Section 7F XC Scoring.

Once the Meet Director Stops the task he is to note the time at which this decision is made, then inform pilots via their drivers and radio channels. All pilots receiving the stopped task message should unzip their harness (if safe to do so) and dangle their legs from side to side to alert other pilots in their vicinity that the task has been stopped, and then land in a place that is safe to do so.

CHANGED TASK

If a task is changed then ample time must be given to allow pilots to rig in time for the new launch window open time. This is especially important if there is only one start gate making the task a 'race to goal'.



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Tasks are only to be set in areas where the 6000ft forecasted wind strength is between 0-30km/hr. On days where the forecast winds exceed this limit no task is to be set.