

# **The Trans-Tasman Paragliding Challenge**

## **Rules and Guidelines**

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## Section 1 Terms and definitions

1. Described below are terms and the meaning they have in this document:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<u>Challenge</u>	<i>The Trans-Tasman paragliding challenge.</i>
<u>Home nation</u>	<i>The country in which the challenge is held.</i>
<u>Visiting nation</u>	<i>The country which is not the home nation.</i>
<u>Team</u>	<i>The pilots, registered at the start of the competition, which represent their country in the challenge.</i>
<u>Associated competition or associated event</u>	<i>The host competition that the challenge runs concurrently with.</i>

## Section 2 Purpose and scope

2.1 The Trans-Tasman Paragliding Challenge was conceived to encourage pilots from Australia and New Zealand to gain more experience in team flying, competitions, and flying in different terrain. The challenge will provide the opportunity and incentive for pilots to gain international experience.

2.2 The purpose of this document is to define the guidelines under which the challenge will operate. The document sets out:

- 2.2.1 The structure, size, and responsibilities of the teams,
- 2.2.2 How team scoring and the winning team is determined,
- 2.2.3 Where and how the challenge will be held,
- 2.2.4 How the rules may be changed or adapted, and problems resolved.

2.3 It is **not** the responsibility of this document to recommend or specify the following:

- 2.3.1 How each country selects its team members for the challenge,
- 2.3.2 The exact details of how the scoring system operates.

## Section 3 The competition

3.1 The Trans-Tasman Challenge is not a separate competition, but runs concurrently with another competition. It is recommended that the challenge be held concurrently with the host nations national event. An alternative event may host the challenge provided:

- 3.1.2 Agreement between the Australian and New Zealand paragliding committee's is achieved, as detailed in section 6.

3.2 Notification of the host nations associated event should occur at the earliest possible stage and at a minimum of 6 months before the competition commences.

3.2 The Trans-Tasman Challenge is an annual event and will be held alternatively in Australia and New Zealand.

3.3 The challenge should in no way, financially or otherwise, interfere or detract from the associated competition. It is intended that the challenge be self-funding through its own sponsorship.



## Section 4                    The Team

4.1 A team is four, five or six pilots, of either gender, representing Australia or New Zealand given that:

- 4.1.1 Pilots are current members of their national association,
- 4.1.2 Pilots have residency in the country which they represent.

4.2 Each year the number pilots in a team is determined by the visiting nation. For example if New Zealand is visiting Australia for the challenge and is able to put together a team of five pilots, then Australia will likewise nominate five competing pilots as the Australian team (see table 1).

4.3 If the team is comprised of six members, an extra pilot may be registered as the reserve pilot. The reserve pilot is not eligible to score for the team until they replace an original team member. The reserve pilot may replace a team member given that:

- 4.3.1 The team member they are replacing is withdrawn from the associated competition,
- 4.3.2 The replacement occurs before a task begins and is permanent for the duration of the challenge.

○ 4.4 Each member of the team must enter as an individual in the associated competition. Team members compete as individuals in the associated competition and are eligible for any prizes based upon individual merit. Team members (as are all competitors) are governed by all the rules and regulations of the associated event.

4.5 Each team will nominate one person as the team leader. This person may or may not be a team member but he/she is the team representative. The responsibilities of the team leader are:

- 4.5.1 Ensure that the entire team is properly registered, both in the associated event and in the Trans-Tasman challenge,
- 4.5.2 To represent the team in the resolution of problems as detailed in section 6,
- 4.5.3 To interface between the competition director and team members on issues regarding the challenge,
- 4.5.4 To delegate parties for team responsibilities. eg media interviews
- 4.5.5 To ensure that the Trans-Tasman Paragliding Trophy is made available for presentation at the closing of the challenge.

○ 4.5 At the official registration time of the associated event the visiting nation will register the number of pilots in the team and the names of the team members. Upon completion of the visiting nations registration the home nation will register the corresponding number of pilots as detailed in table 1.

4.6 Should the visiting nation only present 2 or 3 pilots for the challenge, this does not constitute a full team. However the challenge is still valid and will be held. The number of pilots from the home team, and the number of pilots contributing towards the team score is given in table 1.

**Table 1. Team numbers and scoring**

# Pilots from Visiting Nation	# Pilots from Home Nation	# of pilots scoring towards team score
6	6	4
5	5	4
4	4	3
(3)	4	3
(2)	4	2



## **Section 5            Team Scoring Guidelines**

- 5.1 The scoring system used for the challenge is that of the associated event. In the situation where there are two scoring systems operating concurrently, one system will be selected prior to the beginning of the competition. Selection will be achieved based on criteria given in section 6, problem resolution.
- 5.2 The team score is calculated on a per task basis. The team score is the cumulative total of the top performing team members' individual scores, as given in table 1.
- 5.3 The team score is deemed official when the individual scores in the associated event or task have been finalised.
- 5.4 The Trans-Tasman Challenge is valid after one scoring task. There is no upper limit to the number of tasks which may contribute to the teams final score.
- 5.5 The teams final score is the summation of the team scores from all the valid scoring days. The team with the higher final score is the winning team and shall be awarded the Trans-Tasman Paragliding Trophy.

## **Section 6            Rule changes / problem resolution**

- 6.1 Changes to the rules and guidelines in this document may be made by negotiation between the New Zealand paragliding competition committee and the Australian paragliding committee, or their appointed delegates. The negotiation process will:
  - 6.1.1 Be in writing, and the transmission media be facsimile or electronic mail,
  - 6.1.2 Be complete only upon the agreement of both parties.
- 6.2 Changes to the rules must be completed one month prior to the challenge being held.
- 6.3 Changes to the rules may not be made once the associated event has begun.
- 6.4 Issues or problems which arise before, during, or after the challenge which are not covered in this document may be resolved at the time they arise, given that the following process is followed.
  - 6.4.1 Problems are resolved by negotiation between team leaders from New Zealand and Australia.
  - 6.4.2 Prior to the beginning of the negotiation, team leaders shall select between them an independent third party witness. The third party should have no patriotic interest in the challenge.
  - 6.4.3 Problem resolution occurs when the two team leaders come to an agreement on a solution to the problem.
  - 6.4.4 Should an agreement between the team leaders not be reached the third party may cast a deciding vote. The third party may wish to abstain from voting, in which case the problem will remain unresolved and will be dealt with by the above paragliding committees upon the completion of the challenge.
  - 6.4.5 Problems, and meetings that arise from these problems, must be documented in minute format.

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