

1st Bulletin: Western Cape Regionals (WCR) Cape Gauntlet 19 to 27 Jan 2024

Incorporating the 'Cape Gauntlet'

Western Cape Regionals Jan 2024 Cape Gauntlet

The Western Cape Regionals will be held at the Cape Gliding Club (CGC), flying out of the Worcester Airfield (FAWC) from 19 Jan to 27 Jan 2024. Fri 19 Jan will be a practice day, with the 1st racing day being on Sat 20 Jan. Prize giving will be on Saturday 27 Jan at 6pm on the airfield.

The WCR management team:

Competition Director: Peter Farrell

Safety Officer: Graham Hibbin

Chief Launch Marshall: Alison Navarro

Soaring Spot: Peter Wyld

Weather Forecasting: Ian Forbes, Colin Sindle

Task setting: John Coutts

Scrutineering / Admin: Greta Allen

How to Enter

To enter for this event please go to [SSSA Glider Comps](#). You'll have to create a login and 'Book' an entry. Please also load your proof of payment for your entry fees. If you've not made your payment before entering, you can return to the Glider Comps website later to upload your proof of payment.

Entry fees are **ZAR xxxx for Open Class, ZAR xxxx for 15m Class and ZAR xxxx for Club Class**. Banking details are as follows: Please note Entry Fees paid after 31 Dec 2023 will attract a late entry penalty of ZAR 500. **Please note that these fees have not yet been finalised – I will notify you in due course.**

Bank Details for local payments:

Bank Name: ABSA

Branch Code: 632005

Branch Name: Worcester

Acc No: 1219500609

Bank Details for International payments:

Cape Gliding Club

ABSA

Account NR 1219500609

Swift code: ABSAZAJJ (add CCT if more numbers are required)

Sort code:ZA632005

Account type: CURRENT /CHEQUE

Please check [Soaring Spot](#) regularly for Bulletins and more information

We will be asking you to upload a logger file and your logger details to the Glider Comps website when this functionality has been added. I'll let you know to load these details down the line.

Safety Briefing

There will be a mandatory safety briefing on Fri 13 Jan at 6pm in Chris Hughes' Hangar. Registration and scrutineering of required documentation by Greta will take place before the safety briefing. Please submit your documentation by email to Greta to save time at the safety briefing, her email address is cgcadmin@cgc.org.za

Daily briefings will be held in Chris' hangar at 10 am consisting of the usual Weather, Tasks, Safety issues and previous day's winners. Tasks will be distributed on WhatsApp daily. Two WhatsApp groups will be set up. Firstly, a general group for 2-way discussion called 'WCR 2024 News' and secondly a broadcast group (one-way traffic only) for distribution of tasks and briefings called 'WCR 2024 Comp' These WhatsApp groups will become the primary / official communication medium between WCR management and contestants. Once these groups are in place, please let us know if you need any crew etc added to the groups.

Air Space, Waypoints, Flarm and Radio Frequencies:

Links to airspace and waypoints file will be loaded to Soaring Spot by 1 Jan 2023 We will be using the airfield radio frequency of 124.800 Mhz and a Competition frequency of 123.400 Mhz

Flarm: As we will be flying most of the tasks on the ridges **FLARM is mandatory** for WCR and you must have updated your FLARM software within 12 months of the competition. Further, you are required to register your FLARM device on OGN here: <https://ddb.glidernet.org/>. This will be used for ensuring you have a FLARM, that it is switched on, for Safety reasons and for Recording flight times. Note that Flarm configured in 'Steath mode' is not permitted.

If you are not from CGC, to add your Flarm details to the [OGN Devices database](#), create an account here: <https://ddb.glidernet.org/?a=u> and "Add Device" for each of your planes' Flarms (or PilotAware / FANET / OGN) devices. After 24 hours or so, your correct planes' registrations should start showing up (on glider tracker websites, KTRAX, OGN Viewer, etc.)

If you get an " **This device is already registered**" message and the OGN database shows the registration as ZS-XXXN or similar, then please contact Colin on csindle@gmail.com if the details are incorrect or you want him to remove it from the CGC account. Alternatively, send him the plane type, proper registration, and CN number.

Worcester Magic

Please read the two published documents below regarding soaring the Worcester ridges. It'll give you a good idea of some of the 'secrets' to increasing your speed, as well as getting home safely. And, of course, experiencing what has come to be known and the 'Worcester Magic'

[Basic procedures for ridge flying around Worcester](#)

[Ridge running from Worcester. Further and faster](#)

SSSA Membership and FAI licences:

As this WCR is registered for IGC ranking event, you are required to have paid your SSSA membership fees (SA residents only) and to have an FAI licence. Only the Open Class and the 15m Classes will be ranked. The Club class will not be ranked, and these contestants will not require an FAI licence, but you do need to pay your SSSA membership fees beforehand.

For local SA pilots, a note from Carol: SSSA fees for pilots is Rxxxx and the FAI licence is an additional Rxxxx, so total Rxxxx. Please also provide Carol with your license number as FAI will not issue the licence without it. Please make your payments to SSSA, Standard Bank, a/c 022 529 373 and put your name as the reference – then send your proof of payment and pilot licence no. to Carol Clifford at bobcar@global.co.za Please note that these fees have not yet been finalised – I will notify you in due course.

For foreign visiting pilots: You will have to pay SSSA membership fees of ZAR 800 and have your license 'Validated' if you are flying a locally registered plane. You will also need to produce your FAI license. The SSSA bank account for SSSA fees is: Soaring Society of SA, Standard Bank 022 529 373, SWIFT SBZAZJ Please send your proof of payment to Carol as above

Accommodation, Meals & Drinks:

Hangarage and accommodation: Camping is available on the airfield and some accommodation, but it may be booked up, however there may be cancellations. There are several B&B's available in the area, for more information on these options please contact Greta on cgcadmin@cgc.org.za

Breakfast, dinner and takeaways are available. Michel will do cooked breakfast up to mid-morning every day in Chris's hangar. You can have a sit-down meal or order a takeaway breakfast. In the evenings Braai Packs will be available for those who want to braai on the airfield. At this stage, contestants will need to provide their own sides for the evening braai's.

Alcohol will be available in the clubhouse. This will be run on an honesty system - there will be a tick list on the bar fridge. Your braai packs will be available on the same system in the same fridge.

A final bulletin with rules, airspace and turn point files, airfield procedures, official contact numbers, where to upload your Logger Files etc will be sent in the weeks leading up to WCR Cape Gauntlet.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Cape Gauntlet

That's all for now but please make sure you check Soaring Spot regularly for any news and updates