



AusGlide 2022 - WGC2023 Pre-Worlds Australian National Gliding Championships Standard, 15m & Club Class

27 November to 10 December 2022 - Narromine NSW

OUTLANDING – SAFE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

1. SAFETY FIRST

Every effort will be made by the contest organisers to provide a safe, fun environment for you to compete in. However, as we all know there is always a potential for an outlanding to occur. In the event of an outlanding it is the responsibility of the pilot to conduct the flight in the safest possible manner.

Follow your training and adhere to GFA procedures.

Always plan ahead and always have an option available in case things do not go to plan.

Remember, when you run out of options and height at the same time you have either crashed or are about to crash. Do not rely on luck to keep you safe.

Fly within your comfort zone and do not let the pressure of competition cloud your judgement.

2. NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

Reference: SDP010 Australian_Nationals_Rules_Rev3 Nov 2022 Section 32.9

32.9 A Competition Floor is defined at 500ft above airfield reference height. Any trace which descends below the Competition Floor will be reviewed by the Scorer or safety committee (under advice from the Steward), whether or not it resulted in an out-landing. If the safety committee decides that the flying was unsafe then a penalty will be applied by the Penalties Committee for hazardous flying.

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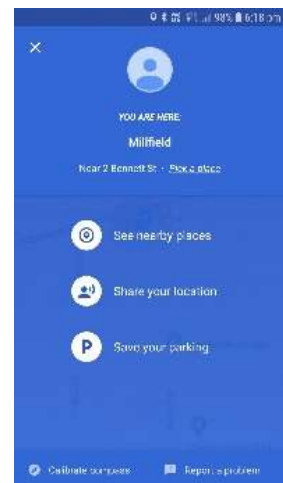
3. COMMUNICATION

If an outlanding is imminent an attempt should be made to make contact with a fellow competitor as follows. The communication should not take priority over the safe operation of the aircraft. Use the competition safety frequency (122.025)

- a. Prior to outlanding inform via general broadcast that an outlanding is imminent. State your call sign and identification. State location if possible.
- b. After landing broadcast status, i.e. Alpha Bravo Charlie landed safely. Confirm your location if possible and also your intentions to proceed.

If you have mobile signal transmit your location to the contest director (and your crew) using the Google Maps "Share Your Location" feature as follow's.

- a. On the map screen tap the blue circle which is your position.
- b. An options screen will appear.
- c. Select "Share Your Location"
- d. Select which app and contact to share with.
(via messages to the CD)



Note: An SMS may transmit where a phone call may not go through.

4. GPS TRACKERS

If you are carrying any satellite tracking device such as a SPOT then the contest director should be included in the message contacts list. It is imperative the organisation is aware of your whereabouts and status.

5. CONTACT THE LAND OWNER/MANAGER

Technically you are trespassing when you outland in a farmers field. Every effort must be made to locate and communicate with the local landowner and/or farm manager. Approach them in a friendly manner and ask permission for your retrieve vehicle to enter the property. It is very rare that this request is refused. The farmer may ask that you don't drive over a stubble paddock due to fears of fire caused by the retrieve vehicle exhaust system or catalytic converter. Accept and act on any reasonable request made by the farmer.



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6. AEROTOW RETRIEVES

An aerotow retrieve can only be arranged via the contest director. Again every effort must be made to obtain the permission from the local farmer.

If an aerotow retrieve is granted then it is up to the pilot to make sure that paddock is suitable in terms of size and surface, obstructions etc. Should a tow pilot arrive and decide that the paddock is not suitable then the cost of tug flight is to be paid by the downed pilot.

The tug will approach the paddock using 122.7 as the contact frequency. The glider pilot should monitor that frequency and be ready to launch as soon as possible after the tug arrival

7. CREWS RESPONSIBILITIES

Before leaving site to retrieve a glider the crew **MUST** inform the contest director that the retrieve has been commenced.

On arrival back at site the crew **MUST** inform the contest director and received positive response that the message has been received.