

Stanwell Park Paragliding Cup 2018/19

Competition Objectives

This free paragliding competition is aimed at all pilot levels. Goal is to enable pilots flying at Stanwell Park Area to broaden their horizon by exploring the XC potential the site offers towards the North and South in a safe manner without putting themselves or other pilots at additional risk. It is not an XC course or Thermalling Clinic. Participants can however improve their knowledge about the Stanwell Park Flying Site, XC potential in different wind and flight directions, usage of their own GPS instruments and mechanisms of uploading track logs to an online scoring platform.

After all, it is about having fun and to fly safe!

Powered Paragliding (PPG) is not part of this competition.

Competition Dates and Comp Director

Start Date: 01. October 2018

End Date: 30. April 2019

There is no entry fee and no registration required for this competition. All flights to be valid for this competition must have their take off at one of the official launch sites of Bald Hill at Stanwell Park, Lawrence Hargraves Drive.

Competition Organiser / Director:

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Competition Format

This competition is held in an Online Contest (OLC) format.

This is an open distance OLC about how many kilometres the pilot flies in a straight line from take off to landing. In addition pilots can do flights with one or more turn points like Out & Return flights, Triangles etc. to increase the scoring distance.

Pilot and Comp Entry Requirements

The Competition is open to all current financial members of the HGFA plus the participant must hold a current membership of an affiliated NSW Flying Club. Recommended Pilot Rating: **PG 3 and above**

PG2 Pilots are advised to consult with the Stanwell Park Hang and Paragliding Club SO, SSO or a CFI before participating in this OLC.

The Competition Organiser in conjunction with the Protest Committee reserves the right to decline any pilot from participating in this OLC. Tandem Flights from professional operators are not eligible.

All gliders used must be certified in line with current valid standards (EN or LTF). Uncertified gliders are not allowed. Pilots must carry a reserve parachute and should carry a UHF Radio. Please note that a VHF Radio is compulsory if entering airspace (e.g. Albion Park). Pilots are encouraged to check VTC for relevant airspace.

Every participant in this OLC is responsible for their own transport.

Categories & Prizes:

- **Best Female** Pilot and **Best Tandem** Flight
- Top 3 Pilots in **Fun Class**
- Top 3 Pilots in **Sports Class**
- Top 3 Pilots in **Serial Class**
- Top 3 Pilots in **Open Class**
- Top Team



This competition and prizes are possible through the generous contribution of the **New South Wales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (NSWHPA)** and the support from the following sponsors:

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The organiser likes to thank as well the Stanwell Park Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club (www.flystanwell.com) for their ongoing support.

Flight Logging & Scoring System

All scoring is done via HighCloud.net using AIRSCORE (Special thanks go here to Geoff Wong). The competition is called **Stanwell Park OLC 2018/19**

Every pilot is able to upload as many flights during the comp period – scored will be the best 5 flights submitted online.

Flights for this comp can be uploaded using the following link:

http://highcloud.net/xc/submit_track.php?comPk=247

Online scores / current standings in the comp can be checked here:

http://highcloud.net/xc/comp_result.php?comPk=247

AIRSCORE optimizes uploaded flights for maximum distance flown and awards bonus scores for completed out & return flights and triangles.

All flight logs uploaded must be in a verified IGC format. Flights will be frequently checked by the competition organiser. In case flights do not match this OLC's flight criteria, the competition organiser has the right to void or delete these flights. Pilots experiencing problems with flight uploads (incomplete logs, log duplications, errors, etc.) should contact the competition organiser immediately.

With approval of the comp director, pilot's can fly paragliders of different classes during the competition. All flights must be uploaded to the OLC under the correct glider scoring class. If any flights are under dispute of being lodged incorrectly, these will be scored in the highest paraglider glider class the pilot has used during the competition (except for tandem flights). Tandem Flights will be scored as a normal flight but qualify as well for the tandem flight category.

Glider SCORING CLASSES are determined by the **flat aspect ratio** of the glider flown:

FUN Class	= Gliders with A/R less than 5.7
SPORTS Class	= Gliders with A/R of 5.7 to 6.5
SERIAL Class	= Gliders with A/R of 6.51 to 7.0
OPEN Class	= Gliders with A/R 7.01 and higher

Stanwell Park – Take Offs, Site Rules, Pilot Safety and Responsibilities

Stanwell Park and its official Take-Offs (radius 300 m) are used as the start points for this OLC. Stanwell Park and its world famous Bald Hill Lookout offer outstanding coastal flying opportunities. On good days local pilots fly a 40 km + out & return "Milk Run" North to Gary Beach, then South to Bulli Pass and back. Longer distances have been reported.

There are some particular site rules, no fly zones, take-off and landing information which need to be checked and understood before flying at Stanwell Park. Detailed information, live wind and weather links are available at www.flystanwell.com

As the pilot in command, every pilot participating in this OLC is fully responsible for their own safety. Flying along the cliffs and ridges can expose the pilot to new challenges. Pilots are encouraged to making themselves familiar with site particulars and possible emergency landing areas (e.g. beaches, headlands, etc.) along their planned course lines before flying.

Please note that on some beaches along the coast there is limited or no mobile phone reception. Carrying a safety floating device (in regards to water landings) is recommended. Pilots are to supply their own maps.

It is as well recommended to consult with a Duty Pilot, SO/SSO or Instructor at Stanwell Park prior to flying the site. This is particularly important when planning an XC flight and allowing the pilot to make an informed decision. If in doubt – don't fly!

If a pilot is not a member of any NSW Flying Club, they are encouraged to join the Stanwell Park Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club online at www.flystanwell.com

It is the pilots own responsibility to check that the pilot and glider details on the OLC scoring platform are correct. If any discrepancies arise or changes are required, please contact the competition director immediately.

Teams

This OLC offers as well team scoring. Teams will consist of **maximum 3 pilots** which can be of any paraglider class. Teams need to email their participants (name and HGFA number) and a team name to the competition director so the teams can be set up on the HIGHCLOUD.NET online scoring platform. Once scoring has commenced team members can only be changed under the discretion of the competition director.

Cloud Flying | Aggressive and Dangerous Flying

Cloud flying is illegal under VFR/VMC Civil Aviation Regulations. It is also regarded as cheating and is not permitted. Pilots must not fly so that wisps of cloud are visible below them. A pilot found to be deliberately breaking this rule will get the flight disqualified on the 1st offence and will be asked to leave the competition for a subsequent offence. Testimony of two or more pilots will be used as a basis for deciding whether or not a pilot is guilty of this offence. A pilot wishing to testify against an offending pilot should contact the Comp Organiser. A pilot found guilty of aggressive or dangerous flying will lose their points for their particular flight and on the 2nd offence will be removed from the competition.

Tasks and Protest Committee

This is an OLC with open distance = no task setting. Hence there is no task committee. Protests must be lodged in writing and need to be addressed to the Competition Organiser (accompanied by A\$ 20 cash as protest fee, to be donated to the SPHPC) who will then consult with the protest committee consisting of Mark Mitsos, Tony Sandeberg and Cameron Thomas. All decisions taken by the protest committee are final.

Important Phone Numbers

- Stanwell Surf Patrol 02 4294 1223
- Helensburgh Police 02 4294 1013

SO / SSO / CFI's at Stanwell Park

- Mark Mitsos (SSO) 0408 864 083
- Antony Preen (CFI) 0412 271 404
- Martin Wysocki (CFI) 0409 959 691
- Greg Hurst (CFI) 0417 908 496

Other Club Contacts

- Cameron Thomas 0412 500 012
- Peter Wennesten 0414 333 393
- Tony Sandeberg 0413 593 054