

GNZ First Competition Award

Background:

The Gliding New Zealand (GNZ) Sailplane Racing Committee and Executive recognize that gliding competitions can be particularly demanding for first-time competitors. This award has been developed to encourage and support early cross-country pilots in their first competition.

Award:

For all recipients, GNZ will defray the cost of entry into a GNZ Sanctioned contest (Regionals, Club or Multi-Class Nationals) of their preference, noting that the Sports Class if offered is an ideal class for first time competitors. GNZ will contribute \$100 towards competition launch fees.

Protocol:

- Pilots follow the normal procedure to claim FAI Silver Distance by completing a GNZ OPS 04 form and returning it (with supporting evidence) to the GNZ Awards Officer.
- Successful FAI Silver Distance claimants will receive an award letter from the GNZ Awards Officer in conjunction with recognition of the distance flight. The Awards Officer will also send a copy of this letter to the GNZ Treasurer.
- After their chosen competition, awardees should make their claim to the GNZ Treasurer, by providing a copy of an invoice from the competition organisers showing the cost of their launches and confirmation of payment.

Conditions:

1. Eligibility requirements – at the time of uptake, awardees must:
 - a. Not have previously flown in gliding competitions,
 - b. Be a Flying Member of GNZ affiliated club and be a NZ resident (ie not for visiting pilots),
 - c. Fulfill entry conditions to a GNZ Sanctioned Contest as outlined in the GNZ Competition rules.
2. Awardees must uptake the award within 24 months of receipt, after which automatic forfeit will occur.
3. GNZ reserves the right to terminate, withhold, or amend this award at any stage.