

2009 ASA Contest Series Schedule and Rules

Schedule

10 weekends, 23 days, 5 sites:

- Turf (3): March 21/22, May 2/3, July 25/26
- El Tiro (3): April 4/5, August 8/9, Sept 5-7 (w/SWSC)
- Sampley (2): April 18/19, August 22/23
- Willcox (1): May 23-25 (Sat - Mon)
- Springerville (1): June 12-14 (Fri – Sun) (see note in Rules wrt 'weather call')

Month	Day	ASA Event	Days	SW Regional Contests	Other Event
March	7,8				
	14,15				
	21,22	Turf	2		21st - Kickoff party
	28,29				
April	4,5	El Tiro	2		
	11,12				
	18,19	Sampley	2		
	25,26			R12 Warner Springs	
May	2,3	Turf	2	4/27 – 5/2	
	9,10				
	16,17				Zuni Pow-Wow
	23,24,25	Wilcox	3		5/16 – 5/25
June	30,31				
	5,6,7				
	12-14	Springerville	3	Parowan Practice	
	20,21			6/13 – 6/21	
July	27,28			R9 Parowan	
	3,4,5			6/28 – 7/4	
	11,12				
	18,19				
Aug	25,26	Turf	2		
	1,2				
	8,9	El Tiro	2	R9N Logan	
	15,16			8/10 – 8/15	
Sept	22,23	Sampley	2		
	29,30				
	5,6,7	El Tiro	3		SWSC (joint)
	12,13				SWSC
Oct	19,20			Masters, Warner Springs	
	26,27			9/21 – 9/26	
	3,4				

Rules

- Andy Durbin is the Scorer and is the final arbiter on all scoring rules and issues.
- Ted Wagner is the Contest Manager (CM) and is the final arbiter on all non-scoring related issues.
- Pilots unable to resolve an issue with the Scorer or CM may take their issue to the ASA Board. (Hint: the Scorer and CM comprise one half of the Board.)
- The [2007 ASA turnpoint database](http://soaring.xinqu.net/TP/ASA/) (<http://soaring.xinqu.net/TP/ASA/>) (with 273 turnpoints) will be used. For the contest weekend at Springerville, the CM may elect to add turnpoints to the contest series database to assist safe tasking in that area. These turnpoints will be published no later than one week before the contest.
- Pilots who do not submit their log file to the scorer at the end of a contest day must post their log file(s) on the ASA web page before 6pm on the first day after the contest weekend, or be subject to receiving no score at the Scorer's discretion. (When practical, the Scorer will have the ASA laptop at the contest site for uploading log files.) The Scorer will make best effort to post the scores within 24 hours after all pilots have posted their log files.
- The Grand Prix (GP) format will use the handicapped turnpoint radii as per Steve Koerner's description (here: [http://www.wingrigger.com/handicap turnpoint radius for grand prix.doc](http://www.wingrigger.com/handicap%20turnpoint%20radius%20for%20grand%20prix.doc)). The scores will be calculated on a 1000-point speed basis using raw speeds. No points will be awarded for landouts. A GP day with no finishers will be a "no contest day".
- The non-GP format (hereafter, "regional format") days will use SSA Regional Sports Class rules with the Carl Herold (SSA) handicaps, as in previous ASA contests, without regard to the use of water ballast.
- The final Contest Series results will be based on the best one-half-plus-one contest days for each pilot. Example: if the Series ends with 18 or 19 contest days, the best 10 scores for each pilot will count towards the results.
- The Contest Director (CD) will determine, at the time of task call, which race format will be used for the day. CDs are encouraged (but not required) to use the GP format on days otherwise suitable for Assigned Speed Tasks (ASTs). When the GP format is selected, the CD will make a reasonable effort to establish task legs as close to 50 miles in length as practical.
- The contest weekend at Springerville is subject to a CM "weather call" that will be announced on the ASA web page between 11am, June 10th and 11am, June 11th. If the soaring forecast indicates that the top of the lift will not reliably exceed [TBD, tentatively 15,000' MSL] for at least two of the three days, the contest weekend will be moved to Sampley (all three days).
- The final contest weekend will be a joint operations weekend at El Tiro with the Southwest Soaring Championships (SWSC). The SWSC will use an Open Class format with its own scoresheet; the ASA participants will have their flights scored separately (and in addition to) the SWSC according to the regional format.
- Pilots not registered for the Series, whether ASA members or not, may participate in contest weekends and be scored as guest pilots for a fee of \$5 per contest day, not to exceed \$20. These scores will appear in daily score sheets, but not the final ASA standings.
- Non-contest-registered (guest) pilots who are not ASA members must be otherwise qualified to participate in SSA regional contests.
- "A" and "B" competition classes will be supported, with "B" class tasks suitable for intermediate and novice pilots and/or "club class" gliders. "B" class pilots may not use water ballast.
- All pilots must report their glider make, model and contest configuration to the scorer before the first contest day, along with their intended competition class (if not "A" class).

- A pilot who changes gliders or glider configurations after the first contest day must coordinate this change with the Scorer.
- The Scorer will produce a rotating grid/launch order for each contest day. "B" class gliders will always launch first. The CD shall determine the grid positions of guest pilots, when participating.
- All pilots are requested to report their anticipated contest schedule participation to the Contest Manager prior to the first contest day, and to provide updates when they are appropriate. This will help the CM coordinate tow support and other logistics with the contest sites.
- A pilot may enter the Contest Series (paying all appropriate fees) at any time before the final contest day.
- CD assignments:
 - CD duties will be on a volunteer basis per contest day.
 - Pilots are encouraged to volunteer to CD for specific dates prior to the opening contest day. The CM will assign CDs after the first contest day for those dates lacking a volunteer.
- CD responsibilities [list to be expanded as necessary]:
 - Research the latest soaring forecasts for the task area prior to the pilots meeting
 - Coordinate with the tow pilots or commercial operation wrt grid and launch time
 - Select contest format (GP/regional) and task in accordance with the weather forecast
 - Announce/communicate the pilot's meeting time at least one hour prior to the meeting
 - "Chair" the pilots meeting in traditional format (previous day winner; weather briefing; announce task, format, grid and launch time; etc)
 - Monitor the launch operation and set and announce task open times
 - The CD is encouraged to provide the task and race format at the pilots meeting but may delay this until grid time if the weather is indeterminate

CM Suggestions

- Use of SPOT messenger
 - The SPOT device is highly recommended for x/c soaring. It doubles as a tracker for your CM and crew, and an emergency locator should you need it.
 - The ASA webmaster will post all member SPOT shared pages on a new page on the ASA web site this spring.
 - If enough pilots are using a SPOT messenger, the CM will coordinate with the owner of glidingmaps.com to use their contest tracking feature for ASA contest weekends.
- All pilots are strongly encouraged to establish a login on the OLC web page and submit their flights to OLC at the same they submit their flights to the ASA web page. Club affiliations are available for the ASA, Tucson Soaring Club and Prescott Soaring Society.