 **IGC – FAI Challenge Cups**  Author : Gisela Weinreich

**1.1 Rules**

World Gliding Championships in following classes

* Open Class, 20 m Multi Seat class, 18 m class, 15 m class, Standard class, Club class and
* 13,5 m class
* Women’s WGC Club class, Standard class, 15 m and / or 18 m class so far
* Junior’s WGC Club class and Standard class

**1.1.2 Administration** Five World Gliding Championships will be held until further notice, two WGCs in the first year, three WGCs in the following year. Each FAI World Gliding Championships will take place every two years. **The World Championships calendar** has been changed as indicated below: 2023 a) WGCs Club-, Standard- , 15m class b) WWGCs Club-, Standard- , 15 m class and/or 18 m class 2024 a) WGCs Open-, 18 m-, 20 m Multi Seat class b) JWGCs Club- , Standard class c) WGC 13,5 m class 2025 a) WGCs Club-, Standard-, 15 m class b) WWGC Club-, Standard-, 15 m and 18 m class

**The Final of the 11th FAI/SGP** was held at Pavullo / Italy at the end of August 2023. The Sailplane Grand Prix events, the Champions and awardees are chronicled on the FAI SGP Website and well archieved there. The Soaring Grand Prix Champion will not receive a FAI Challenge Cup so far.

**1.1.2.1**  **Return of FAI Challenge Cups** The FAI Challenge Cups shall be kept by the winners until the next World Gliding Championships of the appropriate class will take place and shall be returned to the organisers of the WGCs before the start of the next championship. The holder of the Challenge Cup is requested to bring the Cup either personally or through the respective Team Captain to the Organiser of the next championship, or to arrange for the trophy to be shipped in time. This also applies to the Special FAI Challenge Cups such as Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge-Cup, the Göran Ax Memorial Trophy and the Team Cup Trophy ( awardees Team World Champions of the WWGCs and JWGCs). The Organiser of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the FAI Challenge Cups and Special Cups are available in time for the Prizegiving Ceremony and that the engravings have been carried out. It is advisable that WGC organizers contact the NAC of the Cup holder in good time to organize the most convenient way to return the Cup. The Chief Steward should follow-up on this. **1.1.2.2**  **Engraving** The engraving shall include the year and the place of the event, the name and the country of the winner. It is recommended to the holder of the Cup to organise the engraving before the start of the next WGC. The Organisers of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the engravings have been carried out . **1.1.3 Special FAI Challenge Cups** Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup . The Cup will be presented to a pilot flying at the World Gliding Championships that is competed in the **Open, 18 m and 20 m Multi Seat Class** so far. Rules see “History of the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup” and in this appendix. World Soaring Cup - Challenge Cup . The WSC will be presented to the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year. Rules see “Chronicle - IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR – WSC and in this appendix. Göran Ax Memorial Trophy Is set up to award a pilot in the **Open Class** in WGCs who achieves the highest accumulated kilometers in a World Gliding Championship. The FAI Challenge Team Cup Trophy will be awarded at FAI Women’s World Gliding Championships and Junior’s World Gliding Championships to the **Team Champions** awarded the Gold medal according to the current IGC Annex A rules **8.5.**

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**Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup**

1. The CUP will be presented to a pilot flying at the World Gliding Championships that is competed in the Open -, 18 m – and 20 m Multi Seat classes.
2. *The winner of the CUP will have flown the longest* ***Marking Distance*** *during the WGCs,**regardless of type of task.* ***(It does not require a special calculation, but can be taken from the list of results)***
3. *If there is a tie for the longest* ***Marking Distance*** *flown, the winner of the CUP will be the pilot that attained the longest* ***Marking Distance (task)*** *at the highest SPEED.*
4. *If there is a tie between pilots in the longest* ***Marking Distance*** *flown and no highest SPEED is achieved, the tie will be broken and the CUP will be won by the pilot having the earliest out landing time.*

**Göran Ax Memorial Trophy**

*The Göran Ax Trophy is awarded to the pilot who achieves the highest accumulated Marking Distance in the Open Class during an entire World Gliding Championship.*

*Training days are not counted.*

*A tie is broken by the higher overall placement at the end of the competition Engraving**The engraving shall include the year and the place of the event, the name and the country of the winner. It is recommended to the holder of the Cup to organise the engraving before the start of the next WGC. The holder of the Challenge Cup is requested to bring the Cup either personally or through the respective Team Captain to the Organiser of the next championship, or to arrange for the trophy to be shipped in time. The Organisers of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the engravings have been carried out.*

**The World Soaring Cup – Rules** A Qualifying Competition is any FAI-sanctioned World Gliding Championship that becomes valid in a given Championship calendar year. The IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will be selected from the Champions in all the classes in all Qualifying Competitions. The selection will be made after the date of the Closing Ceremony of the final Qualifying Competition of the Championship calendar year.In each class in each Qualifying Competition.

* *The World Champion’s Final Score (FS) is the final score of the World Champion.*
* *The Maximum Possible Score (MPS) is the sum of the winning scores of every valid competition day.*
* *The World Champion’s World Soaring Cup Score (CS) is : CS = 100 x FS / MPS*

Each Championship Calendar Year, the World Champion with the highest WSC Score will be given the title of the **IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** and awarded the **World Soaring Cup**. Ties will result in Co-Champions.

**The WSC** will be awarded to the new IGC **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE Year** as soon as practical at the conclusion of the final WGC of the Championship Calendar Year. The winner has the option of having the WSC shipped to him/her by FAI or receiving the WSC at the IGC Plenary meeting normally held in February/March. The Champion Pilot of the Year will receive a **World Soaring Cup Diploma** issued by FAI and signed by the International Gliding Commission President.

The current IGC **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** will surrender the **World Soaring Cup**  on or before December 15th in the year he/she has held the WSC. FAI to make arrangements for shippng the WSC either to FAI Home Office in Lausanne or to the new IGC **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR.**

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A historical record of the IGC  **WORLD SOARING CUP** will be keptin the FAI/IGC archives and everycurrent and former IGC **CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR** will be chronicled on the FAI/IGC website. As used above, a **Championship Calendar Year** is the year for which the World Gliding Championship was awarded by the Plenary.

**Airmanship Trophy for** Fairplay It is at the discretion of the Competition Director and the athletes / competitors to reward a great helpfulness and comradely behaviour of a pilot or team towards a competitor who, without such support, would very likely have to end the competition, with a trophy in recognition of FAIRPLAY. The trophy presented by the CD is not a FAI challenge cup. It will remain in the possession of the honoured personor crew.

**1.1.4 Change of rules** If any FAI World Gliding Championships class is discontinued as a FAI World Gliding Championship Class, the FAI Gliding Commission shall decide how and if the respective FAI Challenge Cup shall be awarded in the future.

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