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**History of the FAI 15 m Class Challenge Cup**

1978 For the first time the competition of the 15 m class was integrated in the 16th World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France.

1981 The FAI 15 m Challenge Cup was crafted and donated by goldsmith and glider pilot Heinrich Schönke, Bünde/ Germany. It was first awarded to the champion of the 15 m class, Göran Ax, Sweden, at the 17th WGC in Paderborn / Germany. Retroactively it was awarded to the winner of the 15 m class World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France 1978, to Helmut Reichmann, Germany.

Description of the FAI 15 m Challenge Cup: The Trophy is a fine silverware cup 35 cm high and has a weight of 945 grammes. A wreath made of ebony with gold plated oak leaves decorates the waist of the cup above the round ebony socket. On the cup following text is engraved: Fédération Aéronautique, Challenge Cup World Champion, 15 m Class.

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List of FAI 15 m Class World Champions and events

* 1978 16th WGC Helmut Reichmann, Germany Chateauroux/France
* 1981 17th WGC Göran Ax, Sweden Paderborn/Germany
* 1983 18th WGC Kees Musters, Netherland Hobbs/USA
* 1985 19th WGC Doug Jacobs, USA Rieti/Italy
* 1987 20th WGC Brian Spreckley, Great Britain Benalla/Australia
* 1989 21st WGC Bruno Gantenbrink, Germany Wiener-Neustadt/AT
* 1991 22ndWGC Brad Eduards, Australia Uvalde/USA
* 1993 23rd WGC Eric Napoleon, France Borlänge/Sweden
* 1995 24th WGC Eric Napoleon, France Omarama/NZ
* 1997 25th WGC Werner Meuser, Germany Saint Auban/France
* 1999 26th WGC Giorgio Galetto, Italy Bayreuth/Germany
* 2001 27th WGC Werner Meuser, Germany Mafikeng/South Africa
* 2003 28th WGC John Coutts, New Zealand Leszno/Poland
* 2006 29th WGC Janusz Centka, Poland Eskilstuna/Sweden
* 2008 30th WGC György Gulyas, Hungary Lüsse/Germany
* 2010 31st WGC Stefano Ghiorzo, Italy Szeged/Hungary
* 2012 32nd WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Uvalde/USA
* 2014 33rd WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Leszno/Poland
* 2017 34th WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Benalla / Australia
* 2018 35th WGC Sebastian Kawa, Poland Ostrow/Poland
* 2020 36th WGC postponed to 2021 Châlons-en-Champagne/FRA
* 2021 36th WGC Sebastian Kawa / Poland Montlucons-Gueret / France
* 2023 37th WGC Sebastian Kawa / Poland Narromine / AUS

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