

WESSEX XC LEAGUE

rules & guidelines

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Purpose of the League

- To encourage cross country flying within the club.
- To record all flights made by our members.
- To recognise cross country achievements with the award of trophies.

Philosophy

- Cross country flying is possible on all types of wing, but you should be Pilot rated. Entries by Club Pilots will be accepted, but you will be expected to pass the pilot paper as soon as possible to prove your understanding of airspace. An air map and altimeter are all you need to fly XC, but don't forget your wing, harness, helmet, reserve, mobile phone and wallet.
- Flying without a GPS is not a restriction but it offers the best method of recording and validating flights.
- The rules are designed to make entry to the league as easy as possible.
- The league relies on trust. It counts on the good sportsmanship and honesty of participants, which means anyone found cheating will be eliminated from the league.

To enter the League

- Join the Wessex Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club.
- Register with the National League for a fee, or just register for the Wessex club and it's free. If you have difficulty, contact the league secretary.

League Secretary xcleagues@wessexhpgg.org.uk

Online Entry Form, sign up here <http://tinyurl.com/6dyxvct>

General Rules

- Coastal flights and ridge-runs are admissible with a maximum of one turnpoint.
- Any flight including 50% or more distance on sea cliffs will be classed as a coastal flight.
- No enhancement factors will be applied if the majority of the flight is along a sea cliff.
- Only one coastal or ridge run flight (the best) from **each** site submitted will be allowed.
- Coastal flights will not be allowed for the Airmail Rookie Award.
- Only flights within the UK and in compliance with air law and club rules are admissible.
- The season starts on November 1st and ends on Oct 31st.
- The minimum distance will be 5 km.
- There is no limit to the number of flights that can be entered but only the best 6 will score in the Wessex leagues and the best 6 in the Go-for-It league.

- All flights are measured on the basis of Ordnance Survey Landranger maps or Lat/Long (Nxxx(deg.) xx.xxx(min) Wxxx xx.xxx). If you are unable to provide this information then contact the league secretary for assistance.
- Flight data must be submitted within 14 days of the date of the flight for inclusion in the leagues.
- Flights entered with more than a 14 day delay will be admitted at the League Secretary's discretion
- The League Secretary reserves the right to consider the validity of each claim individually and to interpret any or all of the rules in a way which will benefit anyone making a sensible claim.

Turnpoints

- Turnpoints will only be accepted for flights of 10 km or more based on tracklog data.
- The start point can be the site grid reference or a defined point from the flight track. Up to 3 turnpoints can be submitted. The finish point can be the landing place or a defined point from the flight track. This means a maximum of 5 grid references can define a flight.

Declared Flights

- Proof of a declared goal prior to the flight is essential. This can be by text or email which are dated and timed as evidence of declaration prior to flight.
- Details for sending declarations are in the National League rules <http://www.xcleague.com/xc/info/rulesflights.html#p3.7>
- A correct declaration is: surname, BHPA number, take off grid reference, turn point grid reference(s) (for out and return and triangle flights), goal grid reference with approx. distance.
- It is not necessary to land at your declared goal.
- Only one goal may be declared per flight.
- No declared flights admissible to the Airmail Rookie Award.

Enhancement Factors

- All enhancements to scores will be in line with those stipulated in the National League <http://www.xcleague.com/xc/info/rulesflights.html>
- Enhancements will not be used for non-league awards, only the true distance. This means if two pilots did a similar flight, the longest distance without any enhancement would win.

Submission of Flights

- Flight data should be submitted to the National League website.
- Where difficulties exist please send details to the League Secretary.

Submission of flights without a tracklog

- A witness for take-off and landing will be acceptable with contact telephone number, date, time and location.

- A witness can be another pilot landing with you or passing over you, or a member of the public.
- For a witness flight no turn points can be claimed.

The Wessex Area

- Defined as any launch site within an area bounded
 - to the west by grid line 360000 (runs through Maiden Newton)
 - to the east by grid line 425000 (runs through Barton on Sea)
 - to the north by grid line 130000 (runs through Salisbury).
- Launch sites outside these boundaries will qualify for the Go-for-It League

Updates 11 May 2013

- Removed incorrect references to solo flights in some leagues.
- Tandem league now all UK flights, not just Wessex region.

Updates 18 August 2013

- Clarified that longest flight leagues are measured by open distance.

Updates 26 November 2013

- Added no coastal flights counted to the table description of the Airmail Rookie Award. This rule was already described under General Rules.

Club Trophies and Awards

PARAGLIDERS	
THE PRIZE	THE RULES
Wessex League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights from sites in the Wessex region only.
Go-for-It League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights from anywhere in the UK.
Wessex Weekenders' League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights made on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday from sites in the Wessex region only.
Longest Wessex Flight	The single longest open distance flight from a site in the Wessex region only.
Longest UK Flight	The single longest open distance flight by a Wessex pilot in the UK.
Wessex Tandem League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights by a tandem pilot from sites in the UK. Flights do not have to be with the same passenger.
Lemmings Trophy	The highest scoring out-&-return or triangle flight from a site in the Wessex region. If no entries meet the criteria then the trophy will be awarded to the best attempt.

PARAGLIDERS and HANG GLIDERS	
THE PRIZE	THE RULES
Airmail Rookie Award	The total distance of flights in the UK from a pilot who has done their first XC this season. Coastal flights will not be counted towards a pilot's total.
Volvo Award	The most spectacular, non-serious incident or the most incident prone pilot, as judged by the current holder. Involving a car if possible.
Wessex Top Dog Trophy	Discretionary award for a significant achievement or event.

HANG GLIDERS	
THE PRIZE	THE RULES
Wessex League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights from sites in the Wessex region only.
Go-for-It League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights from anywhere in the UK.
Wessex Weekenders' League	The total distance of the 6 longest flights made on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday from sites in the Wessex region only.
Longest UK Flight	The single longest open distance flight by a Wessex pilot in the UK.
Longest Wessex Flight	The single longest open distance flight from a site in the Wessex region only.
Barnett-Dignand Trophy	The highest scoring out-&-return or triangle flight in the Wessex region, or the best attempt.