



## **Jerilderie June Long Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

### **Rules of operation for winch and electric launch glider**

#### **Background**

At the 2018 LSF Annual General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, a motion was passed to allow electric models to compete over the LSF Tournament June long weekend in 2019. The details of implementation of the motion were specifically left to the LSF executive to determine based on trialling of rules at local state competitions.

#### **Trialling**

Following the motion passed at the 2018 AGM and in order to have the best possible rules for Jerilderie 2019 the LSF executive set a timetable comprising phase one and two for trialling possible rule options.

Phase one has now concluded and trials have been run in NSW, SA and VIC. Feedback has been received from individuals in each state.

The LSF would like to thank everyone that has been involved in trialling different options and have provided feedback. It has been greatly appreciated.

#### **Feedback**

The feedback has been mixed. While there is support for ensuring inclusion of winch and electric together, there has been consistent feedback that rules to allow winch and electric launch to fly in the same rounds in all conditions are not yet mature enough for a major event.

The LSF executive has considered feedback and our own personal experiences and determined that the motion passed at the 2018 AGM will be met by concurrent running of two competitions at Jerilderie 2019.

Open Thermal Grand Champion (winch launch) and F5J Grand Champion (electric glider), with the Open Thermal Grand Champion (winch launch) event also serving as the team trial for the 2020 F3J world championships.

#### **2019 Tournament program**

The program over the weekend will run as follows. Full details of exact timings will be issued closer to the event time.

*Friday 7th June, 2019 – An F5J Friday Competition plus free practice for Open Thermal and F3K*

The F5J Friday competition will be a single day competition. During this time the racecourse will be under the control of the tournament director (TD) and F5J competition director (CD). Free practice will be at the direction of the TD and CD.

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10th June, 2019 – Concurrent running of two competitions: Open Thermal Grand Champion (winch launch) and F5J Grand Champion (electric launch). Full details of operations on the following page.*

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9th June, 2019 – F3K run during lunch breaks or at other suitable times based on conditions*

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## **Concurrent LSF tournament operations - Saturday 8th to Monday 10th June, 2019**

### **Entry**

A pilot will only be able to enter one event. Either open thermal winch launch **OR** F5J electric launch. Not both.

### **Open Thermal event**

As with past years the event will be flown to the latest Australian Thermal Rules. Launching will be by 150m winch (or hand tow) per the rules.

The draw for the Open event will be done on a team basis and all pilots must be part of a team. A team will comprise a minimum of three and a maximum of five flying members.

### **F5J event**

The F5J event will be run to the current FAI F5J rules with no fly-off. Augmented stability systems not allowed.

This is an event for individuals (no teams). Helpers will be automatically allocated to pilots in the draw process. There is no obligation to use the allocated helper.

### **Flight lines**

There will be one flight line. One half for winch launching and the other half for F5J launching. Audio will be provided by the use of FM radios positioned along the flight line. A digital display clock will be at the centre.

### **Preparation time**

For Open Thermal the preparation time between flight groups will be three minutes.

For F5J the preparation time is effectively five minutes because the F5J pilots cannot launch until two minutes after the Open Thermal working time has started. See below for further details.

### **Start procedure**

The start will be indicated by a clock and by an audio signal.

### **Open Thermal start procedure**

There will be a three minute countdown to the start of 12 minutes working time. At this point a horn will sound and the clock will show 12:00 (12 minutes). It is expected that all Open Thermal pilots will launch (as high as they can) within the first two minutes. After 1 min 30 secs the clock display will change to 00:30 to indicate the countdown to the start of the F5J working time.

### **F5J start procedure**

A countdown to the start of the F5J working time will commence at 1 minute and 30 seconds into the Open Thermal countdown. At this point the clock will read 00:30 (30 seconds) and an announcement "F5J is starting" will be made. The clock and audio will continue to count down for 30 seconds to the start of the F5J working time. At this point a horn will sound and the clock will display 10:00 (10 minutes). F5J will launch as low as they dare. The clock will steadily count down for the remainder of working time.

### **End of Working Time**

The working time for both classes ends at the same time. Most of the Open Thermal pilots will land well before the end of working time leaving the landing area clear for the F5J pilots.



## **Summary**

The LSF executive has decided these rules of operation represent the best option for the 2019 tournament and will provide inclusion for all pilots while providing the most fair running of the 2019 tournament and F3J world championship selection trial.

The LSF executive look forward to you joining us at a great Jerilderie 2019.

On behalf of the LSF executive

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