



2026 Sports Class Soaring Regional Championship

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1. List of Key Contest Personnel

Contest Manager	- Rolf Hegele
Contest Director	- John Lubon
Scoring	- Jack Derrickson
Weather Resources	- Skysight, XC Skies, NOAA weather
Registration	- Rolf Hegele
Retrieve Office	- Cell number on Task Sheet
Operations	- Andrew Striker, Dan Miner
Chief Tow Pilot	-

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2. Schedule of Events

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>Official Practice Day</u> Register Prior to Flying Glider Weighing Ends 10:00 <u>Orientation Briefing:</u> 10:00 on Patio <u>Non-Contest Flying</u> Sign Waiver Prior to Flying <u>Welcome Cookout</u> <u>630 on the Patio</u>	<u>Mandatory Safety/Pilots Meeting</u> <u>9:30 AM EST</u> <u>Patio</u> Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio	Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio	Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio City Barbeque 6:30	Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio	Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio	Pilots Meeting 10:00 AM Patio Awards 6:30
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

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3. Contest Procedures

This document describes procedures that (unless otherwise announced) will apply throughout this contest.

Times

- The pilot meeting will be at 10:00 all days
- All gliders Gridded (no staging with area gridding) at 12:00. There will be 3 areas. Grid positions within each area are NOT assigned.
- First launch time announced by CD
- Task opens approximately 15 minutes after last regular entry glider launches
- Contest sunset time is 19:30

Standard values

- Start Line = 5 miles Radius; maximum start height = as denoted on task sheet
- Finish radius = 2 mile; minimum finish height = 2000ft MSL
- Standard minimum task time = 1:30
- Standard minimum task distance = 40 handicapped miles

Glider Weighing – Handicapps will be based on Manufactures Empty Weight. No weighing will be done at this contest.

Launch safety

Critical assembly check: place initials on the left-wing root tape indicating that the items essential for safe flight have been checked and verified to be correct. A glider without these initials can be denied a launch. You are encouraged to have another person help you with these checks.

Spoilers should at all times be in a safe position: either locked closed, or extended and moving so it's obvious the pilot has control of them.

Frequencies:

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| • Contest | 123.3 |
| • Crew communications | 123.5 |
| • AWOS Clinton | 124.175 |
| • AWOS Wilmington | 124.925 |
| • Tower Wilmington | 119.475 |
| • AWOS Lebanon | 120.55 |

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Tasks

Sports Class rules allow Modified Assigned Tasks and Turn-Area tasks. A paper Task Sheet will be distributed to all pilots each day on the grid. The task will also be posted outside the office when complete (take a photo of it). This will usually include several possible tasks, labeled A, B, C, etc. **Task A is always active unless & until a change is announced to all pilots**, either at a grid pilot meeting, in person by the CD, or by a radio call with confirmation. Task start/changes/roll calls will be made on the contest frequency (123.3 MHz).

No contest launch will happen sooner than 20 minutes after the distribution of a task sheet.

Landing

Within 10 miles of the finish, switch to the airport frequency (123.30 MHz). **Do Not announce your radio change on any frequency! The standard radio call at 4 miles was changed in the 2022 SSA contest rules.** The radio call is made in **relation to the edge of the finish cylinder not the center of the finish circle** as it has been in the past rule. So, at 4 miles from the edge of the finish cylinder (or 6 miles from the center of the finish cylinder), transmit “[contest ID] 4 miles”.

This will alert all pilots of your position and give time to properly sequence in the landing pattern. Fly patterns on the south side of the airfield. Use radio calls when they will enhance safety, but keep them to the minimum to avoid radio congestion.

Be aware of the wind, the actions of other airborne aircraft, and those gliders already on the ground. During finishes, wind and landing advisories may be available on the airport frequency, but pilots bear the full responsibility for safe operation. Upon landing, it is **mandatory to roll well clear of the runway**, even at the cost of stopping further from your trailer than desired.

Flight Documentation

If you have an engine, please submit a flight log documenting an engine run prior to the first contest day. **You must submit a flight log from your primary and backup logger you intend to use during the contest (change in the 2023 Rules).** Submit flight documentation via email or drop media in logger in box at the clubhouse within 1 hour of landing at the airfield. After an outlanding, submit via email while you wait for your crew, but not later than 9:00AM the next day. **A flight log file must be submitted for every launch taken every day;** the penalty for failure to do this is the same as for a serious airspace violation. **Flight logs should be emailed to score.slgp@gmail.com.**

A Task Claim form is rarely needed; the only routine case will be when a motor glider uses its engine on course. The Scorer has extra blank Task Claim forms. If you have any questions on your score, penalties or log, contact Jack Derrickson via email (jackderrickson587@gmail.com) or call the office.

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4. Airfield and Database Notes

The contest area contains many airfields; most – but not all – are eligible for an airfield landing bonus. The following airfields are suitable for aero retrieve. Charge is \$150 per hour of tach time, 1/2 hour minimum.

2 Alexander Salamon
4 Bellefontaine
5 Brown County
10 Clinton
12 Dayton Wright
15 Fayette County
17 Green County
18 Grimes
22 Highland County
23 Hook
25 Lebanon
26 Madison County
28 Marysville
32 Moraine
35 Newcastle
38 Oxford
39 Pickaway County
40 Pike County
41 Piqua
42 Randolph County
43 Richmond

Morningstar and Hollister are available for aerotow

Retrieve Procedures

Caesar Creek Soaring Club may use colored dots on the retrieve board in the clubhouse. You can check on the pilot's standing at a glance.

- Green on field
- Blue in air
- Yellow aero tow
- Red trailer retrieve

After out-landing, fill out an Out-landing Form and telephone the Retrieve Office at 513-932-7627 (primary number) or the other number printed on the task form. Do not use the radio for this purpose unless phone contact isn't possible. **You may call your crew directly to arrange a retrieve, but the Retrieve Office must be fully informed (by pilot or crew) before any crew departs the airfield.** The Retrieve Office can assist with maps and driving instructions. Once your crew departs, we will assume you are able to do the retrieve without difficulty. If you have any problems, please call and we will offer help and stay available for as long as necessary. We will not secure the Retrieve Office until everyone is accounted for.

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Contest Database

The contest database can be found on the Worldwide Turnpoint Exchange:

<https://soaringweb.org/TP/Caesar/files.html>

Contest: Sports and Standard Class Nationals, 2019

Dated: 19 May 2019

Parachute Packing

Available at Cubbies

5. Field Diagram and Grid Process

Gridding, launch and re-launch procedures

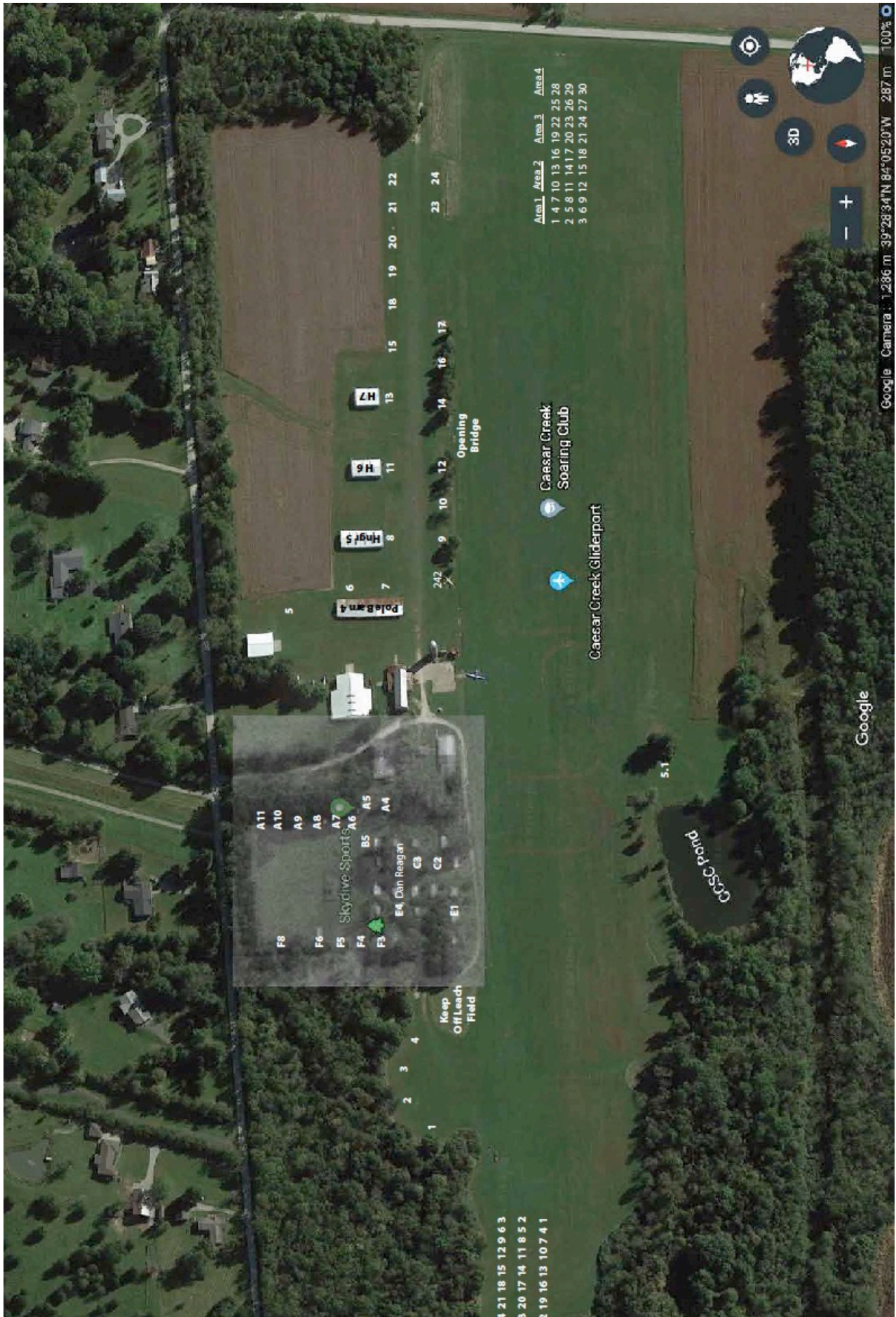
- Gridding time will be determined at the 10 am Pilot's Meeting
- Glider patterns are from the south
- Tow plane patterns are from the north
- You can land on any area of the field, announce your intentions
- Land on either North or South side of the field
- Keep the center of the field open at all times

Except for closing the canopy, you should be completely ready to launch when you are fifth in sequence. Tow pilots will monitor the airport frequency (123.3MHz); note the N-number of your towplane and use it in the rare case when a call is necessary. Do not make routine calls to tow pilots, such as to thank them for your tow (do this on the ground).

Contest tows are to 2500' AGL (3500' MSL). Please release promptly when this altitude is reached.

Should a re-light during launch be needed, use the airport frequency (123.30MHz) to announce your intentions. Roll out and clear the runway. If you wish to re-launch, inform the CD. You will be instructed when to move your glider to the launch end of the runway (which will happen after all gridded gliders are launched). We have ground crew personnel to help.

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Safety Checks

A critical assembly check (CAC) is a verification done after normal assembly to insure that items the pilot considers critical to flight safety are correct prior to takeoff. Completion of the CAC is indicated by initials and a date on the left wing root tape near the leading edge. A CAC is required at this event and will be checked daily: a glider without a mark on the wing root tape will be denied a takeoff.

Scoring

Our scoring office is remote this contest. The way to submit your flights for scoring is by emailing your flight log to ssa.scoring@gmail.com. It is expected for you to email your flight log within one hour of landing back at CCSC. Motorgliders must submit motor run validation logs to this same email address. They can be sent starting Aug 1 (test logs must be made on or after Aug 1 and before the first contest scored start).

Every pilot MUST sign in at the hangar retrieve office as soon as practical after landing every day. No exceptions. That is the only way we know you are down and safe. If you forget and leave for dinner, you may cause a retrieve office volunteer to worry, search for you, and stay later than necessary. Please be respectful of these volunteers and make sure you or someone on your crew signs in for you at the end of the day. We will let you know at a pilot meeting if texting the retrieve office is acceptable or not to check in instead of in person.

Children and Pets

Children on the ramp must be supervised by an adult. Pets are permitted on the field, but must be on a leash at all times, an airport requirement. Please be sensitive to anyone who is not comfortable around pets. Owners are expected to clean up after their animals.

Field Cleanup

Please take care to clean up yours and any other items. A dumpster/trash barrels are located near the contest hangar. Make sure to pull up your stakes at the end of the event! They will ruin one of the airports mowers if you leave them in.

Safety Comments

These are welcome at any time from any contest participant – pilots, crews and others. Anonymous written comments can be placed in the Safety Box, located in the contest hangar.

Contest Fees

Tows to 2500 ft AGL - \$75.00

Aerotow - \$150.00 per Tack Hour ½ hour minimum

Camping \$40.00 for contest period

RV \$60.00 for contest period

Contest Shirts \$25.00 while supply lasts

City Barbeque Tuesday Aug 18 \$20.00

Pizza Friday Aug 21 \$15.00

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