

OLC Report 2005 for the IGC-Meeting 03+04.March2006

Last Amendments made Monday, 27.2.2006

Major points

- Managing the FAI/IGC-Gliding weeks
- Signing of a Cooperation letter with the Soaring Society of America (SSA)
- Creation of a national OLC for Israel
- Negotiations with FAI, that lead to signing of a Letter of Intend, to share our Knowhow for similar competitions with other air sport commissions, in a Light of Partnership Cooperation.

Some major Data

Also in 2005, the OLC showed again an increase of the scored km's. An overview of the last 4 Years (OLC-worldwide):

Year	Competitors	Flights	KM Total
2002	3.575	20.663	5,9 Mio. km
2003	7.634	52.830	16,3 Mio. km
2004	8.564	55.449	16,3 Mio. km
2005	8.920	58.803	17,4 Mio. km

Structure

At present state, the Gliding-OLC consists of 29 National OLC-Competitions, that are all combined in the OLC-International. Furthermore, there are 6 Continental Scorings.

The rules, and partly also additional informations, are provided in following languages:

German
English
French
Italian
Polish
Spanish
Czech

Still valid without any changes: *The OLC-Guidelines*

- is a competition for everybody and shall motivate to fly Cross Country.
- promotes the sport of gliding in established gliding clubs.
- boosts the team spirit in clubs (club scoring, regional scoring, other special scoring).
- is based on a simple interactive interface to the participant.
- is an Internet based and up to date information system for the sport of gliding with daily scoring.
- allows real-time replay of flights from other pilots.
- scores flights with simple rules.

- scores across glider classes without a separation between motorized/non-motorized
- doesn't need official observers, checks are carried out through partner-check
- does not check compliance of flights with airspace regulations

Additions 2006

- ***FAI-OLC***

Many OLC participants asked us to score by area. We feel for you, because yo-yo flights over the Alps just don't command the same amount of recognition amongst the sailplane community as do large FAI-style-triangles over the Alps for example.

Therefore we also have the worldwide FAI-OLC this year, in which flights get scored in style of FAI rules, even though we lowered the configuration-threshold from 750km to 500km (the feedback we are getting from pilots who made great flights this season in the Southern Hemisphere is fantastic).

- ***OLC-Alps***

All flights (from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland) in which more than 50% of the scored track overlies the Alpine area get combined and scored in a 'border-less' contest. This OLC-Alps can very well be a template for an OLC-Rockies, in which flights from both US and Canada would be combined. We got it in our heads, let see (if there is an interest and) how we can realize this idea.

- ***OLC-League worldwide (in the northern hemisphere)***

This league system has created continuing activity throughout the season in the clubs in Germany, Austria and Switzerland and has brought some unexpected revitalization in many of the clubs. As a side benefit there are also the following advantages:

- One can fly a great scoring flight in little more than 2 1/2 (two-and-a-half) hours instead of budgeting a whole day as with conventional (high-) scoring flights.
- A league flight can be excellent preparation for centralized glider contests since it is speed based.
- Flying the League system means team sport, similar to the Tour de France, in that the best pilots can be supported by their club mates to win for the club.
- If your take off location is situated in a thermally inactive area you can tow or slowly fly to an area of high lift in which to execute your two-and-a-half hour speed-scoring flight for the league.
- We are able to issue sports news from April until the end of August to the newspapers every Wednesday morning, containing the league results. That gives us more exposure and media coverage and is a big chance to create contact with the non-flying public, and gives them a chance to relate to and compare some of the results and possibly eventually participate in our sport.

Last but not least, the OLC-League System enables us to create Multi-national Leagues, for example a Champions-League for Europe.

Perspective

The success of OLC is based on the fact, that the OLC is a worldwide ,daily updated Information database of gliding.

In this respect, we try to further broaden this basis by integrating additional countries.

In this respect, we would like to invite countries with independent online competitions (for example: Netcoupe/France, Charron.line/Belgium) to integrate their competitions into this worldwide platform, without giving up their own national identity.

We would like to invite IGC in this respect, to help with the realisation of this integration.

The OLC-core team works free of charge. No money is paid at all to anybody involved. The cost of Data-transfer, Server hosting and external aid, is covered by Sponsoring and the Segelflugszene e.V Club.

NAC's who run their National decentralized competition with the help of our system, normally pay OLC 4 € per competitor on a yearly basis.

This money covers partly the cost of data transfer and the fixed overhead of OLC.

The OLC in it's present state, is a onetime chance for the world gliding movement, to present the sport of gliding without delay to the worldwide public, without any national borders

Partnership OLC/Segelflugszene with FAI/IGC

- Negotiations with FAI, to create similar systems for other air sport commissions(for example Ballooning)with the help of OLC/Segelflugszene are on hold at the present state, since it is of highest priority for OLC/Segelflugszene , to stay independent in terms of Economics and Leadership.
- Due to the very possitive feedback o the FAI / IGC-Gliding weeks, the Team OLC/Segelflugszene suggests, to run thuch a competition on a yearly basis. We are prepared, to change/modify the layout of the gliding week site, since last year we were very limited due to the lack of time.
- Due to the Value of the OLC for the World Gliding movement, the Team OLC/Segelflugszene is asking IGC, that OLC can become a member of IGC, like OSTIV, under the framework of the MoU with FAI, signed in Mmay 2004.

Thanks in avance,

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