IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

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1.1 Rules
World Gliding Championships in following classes
- Open Class, 20 m Multi Seat Class, 18 m Class, Standard Class, Club Class and
- 13.5 m Class
- Women’s WGC Club Class, Standard Class, 15 m or 18 m Class so far
- Junior’s WGC Standard Class , Club Class

Special FAI Challenge Cups
- Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup. The Cup will be presented to a pilot flying at the World Championships that is competed in the Open, 18 m and 20 m Multi Seat Class so far. Criteria see History of the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup.
- World Soaring Cup - Challenge Cup. The WSC will be presented to the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year. Rules see “Chronicle - IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR - WSC
- Göran Ax Memorial Trophy
  Is set up to award a pilot in the Open Class in WGCs who achieves the highest accumulated kilometers in a World Gliding Championship.

The FAI Challenge Team Cup will be awarded at FAI Women’s World Gliding Championships and Junior’s World Gliding Championships to the team scoring the highest number of points according to the current IGC Annex A rules 8.5

1.1.2 Administration
Since 2008 World Gliding Championships have been divided into two events within the same calendar year at different places due to 6 classes in competition. 6 World Gliding Champions will be awarded in two events.
- WGC Club Class, Standard - and 15 m Class
- WGC Open Class, 18 m Class and 20 m Multi Seat Class

In the subsequent calendar year the 13.5 m Class WGC, the Women’s WGC and the Junior’s WGC will take place so far. Due to the pandemic Covid 19, the FAI sporting calendar 2020 had to be adjusted. The FAI World Gliding Championships had to be cancelled or postponed.

The FAI Challenge Cups and FAI Challenge Team Cups shall be kept by the winners until the next World Gliding Championships take place and shall be returned to the organisers of the WGC before the start of the next championships. This is applied to the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup and Göran Ax Memorial Trophy as well.

The World Soaring Cup will be awarded to the new IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE Year as soon as practical at the conclusion of the final WGC of the Championship Calendar Year. The winner has the option of having the WSC shipped to him/her by FAI Home Office in Lausanne or receiving the WSC at the IGC Plenary meeting normally held in February/March.

The current IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will surrender the World Soaring Cup to the FAI Home Office in Lausanne on or before December 15th in the year he/she has held the WSC. FAI to make arrangements for shipping the WSC either to FAI Home Office in Lausanne or to the new IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR.

A historical record of the IGC WORLD SOARING CUP will be kept in the FAI/IGC archives and every current and former IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will be chronicled on the FAI/IGC website. As used above, a Championship Calendar Year is the year for which the World Gliding Championship was awarded by the Plenary.
1.1.4 Engraving
The engraving shall include the year and the place of the event, the name and the country of the winner. It is recommended to the holder of the Cup to organise the engraving before the start of the next WGC. The Organisers of World Gliding Championships should ensure that the engravings have been carried out.

1.1.4 Change of rules
If any FAI World Gliding Championships class is discontinued as a World Gliding Championship Class, the FAI Gliding Commission shall decide how and if the respective Cup shall be awarded in the future.

Changes of the FAI Sporting calendar due to the pandemic - Covid 19 in the year 2020 / 2021

36th FAI WGC Open class, 20 m Multi Seat class, 18 m class at Stendal-Borstel / Germany postponed to 2021 had to be cancelled based on the decision of the German authorities due to Covid 19 pandemic.

36th FAI WGC Club class, Standard class, 15 m class postponed to 2021 could be carried out at Montlucons-Gueret / FRA in August 2021

The 11th FAI WWGC 2021 at Husband Bosworth postponed to 2022.
The 12th FAI JWGC 2021 at Tabor / CZE postponed to 2022
The 4th FAI 13,5 m class at Pociunai, Kaunas / LTU postponed to 2022