



The IGC Grand Prix Project

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The World Gliding GP Championships Omarama 19-25 December 2008

- Organised jointly by GNZ and ASL
- 18 high level competitors
- Part of their expenses paid by the organisers
- Experienced officials designated by IGC
- Good weather (5 competition days out of 6 possible)
- Media promotion (tracking + video)
- Encouraging audience despite poor marketing
- One fatal accident
- Follow up at the Wanaka NZ Air Games
- The event was a success
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The feedback from the pilots

- All enjoyed the competition
- They will participate again
- Some concerns about the starts
- Penalties for overspeed and excess of altitude
- Some complaints about the scoring system



How will we continue ?

- Looking for a reliable tracking system
- Setting up a business plan
 - - need to define the audience
 - - need to do a better marketing
 - - need to define the relationship between all partners
 - - searching for a sponsor
 - - long term agreement with ASL ?
- Fine tuning of the rule



The next Qualifying GPs (1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009)

- Torino (Italy) 17 – 21 June 2008
- Lasham (UK) 1-7 September 2008
- Saint Auban (France) 1-7 September 2008
- Nitra (Slovakia) 7-13 September 2008
- Narromine (Australia) 30 November - 6 December 2008
- Santiago (Chile) TBD 2009
- Zar (Poland) 26 April - 2 May 2009
- Feldkirchen (Austria) 17 -23 May 2009



Rules for Qualification

- If > 10 participants: two first pilots qualify
- If $=$ or < 10 participants: only one pilot qualifies
- + GP World Champion
- + One wild card for the Organisers



The next Final

- 1st July to 31 December 2009
- Separate from the WAG gliding event