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**History of the FAI World Class Challenge Cup**

2001 At the World Air Games in Lillo/Spain the competition of the World Class has been organised for the first time at World Gliding Championships. The FAI World Class Challenge Cup was donated 2001 by the Finnish Aeronautical Association. The Cup was damaged during transportation to Lillo/Spain and could consequently not be awarded that year.

2003 A similar Cup was awarded to the winner at the WGC World Class in Nitra 2003. Retroactively it has been awarded to the champions of the WGC World Class 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Description: The FAI World Class Challenge Cup is crystal cup. The following is engraved: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, World Class Challenge Cup.

2013 At the 32nd World Gliding Championships in Gonzalez Chavez/Argentina the FAI World Class Challenge Cup was awarded to the winner Sebastian Riera, Argentina. It was the last competition of that class at WGCs. The World Class is discontinued as a World Championship Class.

The FAI World Class Challenge Cup remained in Argentina.

2014 The World Class was replaced by the 13,5 m Class as a World Championship Class at Pociunai/Lithuania.

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List of FAI World Class - World Champions and events

* 2001 Olivier Darroze, France Lillo / Spain
* 2003 Sebastian Kawa, Poland Nitra / Slovakia
* 2006 Christophe Rusch, France Vinon / France
* 2008 Laurent Couture, France Rieti / Italy
* 2010 Laurent Couture, France Prievidza / Slovakia
* 2013 Sebastian Riera, Argentina Gonzalez Chavez / Argentina

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