**Bakewell Summer Series XC Competition 23/24**

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**Event Description:**

The Bakewell Summer Series XC Competition 2023 is a non-sanctioned and fun cross country paragliding event hosted by Cloud Base Paragliding Club WA (CBWA).

The competition is open to all paraglider pilots in Western Australia and visiting pilots who are current financial members of SAFA. The Event will be an open time event by which any valid paraglider flight flown from Mount Bakewell or CBWA York tow paddocks from 1st Sept 2023 to 31st April 2024 will qualify.

The event caters for all pilot levels from PG2 upwards and is aimed at encouraging newer pilots off the hill for what may be their very first taste of cross country, and also for seasoned XC pilots to compete in a friendly non sanctioned XC competition.

All levels of pilots have a chance of winning or placing in their category. Eligible flights for more restricted PG level pilots will fall within the guidelines of the SAFA Ops manual for individual PG ratings. Flights outside these guidelines are strictly discouraged, and any flight outside of SAFA ops or flights with airspace violations will be deemed invalid.

**Competition Duration:**

The competition will accept any valid flights recorded and entered on Australian XContest from 1/9/23 to 31/4/24. Once scoring is complete and all flights are judged and settled, an announcement of a presentation night will be communicated to all pilots by way of social media (WA Paragliding FB site etc.). An awards function will be held in a soon to be determined Central location in Perth WA.

**Pilot Eligibility:**

Any current financial SAFA pilot member or current financial SAFA visiting pilot member is eligible to enter the event.

Pilots are only to fly and submit flights that fall within any limitations required of them by SAFA in regards to their pilot certificate level.

**Competition Categories:**

**Open Distance** – PG4 and above

**Open Team Distance** – PG2, PG3 flown with a PG5/SO/SSO/Instructor pilot. (Supervising pilots track log required in addition to your own to validate legal flight). Note: You must land immediately if contact with your supervising pilot is lost if you are greater than 25nm from the launch site.

**Restricted Distance** – PG2, PG3 Best distance flight restricted to 40km (25nm). In the event multiple max distance flights are flown by different pilots, a winner will be decided by the host based on flight stats.

**Tandem Open Distance –** Tandem endorsed pilot with any passenger.

**Tandem Open Triangle** – Tandem endorsed pilot with any passenger.

**Open Triangle** – PG4 and above.

**Open Team Triangle** – PG2, PG3 flight greater than 25nm flown with a PG5/SO/SSO/Instructor pilot. (Supervising pilots track log required in addition to your own to validate legal flight). Note: You must land immediately if contact with your supervising pilot is lost if you are greater than 25nm from the launch site.

**Restricted triangle** - PG2, PG3 (restricted within 40km or 25nm off take off)

**Longest soaring flight duration** - PG2, PG3 may be flown in ridge or thermal lift around Bakewell and must end at “Lous” paddock.

**20km Race Fastest Bakewell gate to WP1** – a race open to all PG2 – PG5 pilots. A timed event over a 20km course starting from 800m asl above Bakewell launch to any point around a 20km radius of Bakewell. Handicaps granted to PG2 (-20% time),PG3 pilots (-15% time) to even up the field. You do not have to land at the 20km mark… you may fly on.

**Pilot Handicaps and scoring:**

There are competition categories that cater for each specific PG level. For this reason, only the 20km Race event will be handicapped.

Scoring will be applied in house by CBWA committee members on any eligible flight that is recorded and submitted successfully to Xcontest.com.au during the competition period.

CBWA reserve the right to have the final say on any disputes, and will tally results throughout the competition period. Results will be updated via social media on occasion throughout the competition duration and will release final results including winners and runner-up places at the completion of the event.

**Flight Recording requirements, Record keeping - Australian XContest:**

For any flight to be considered valid in the comp, it must meet Australian XContest requirements for the logging and submitting of valid flight logs. All accepted log file types and conditions for submission to Australian XContest are published on their website. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure their flights are logged correctly and published on XContest.

**How to Submit an Eligible Flight:**

All competitors must create a login to the Australian XContest web site before being able to log a flight into the database. Please visit the Australian XContest website and familiarise yourself with what is required to submit your tracklogs. Once you are signed up and ready to record your first flight log you must ensure that you have a GPS flight computer/variometer or an app such as FlySkyHigh/XCTrack that is capable of recording your flight to an IGC tracklog file. Simply start the log running before you take off and make sure it has captured the entire flight on landing. Extract the file from your chosen instrument and upload it to Australian XContest within the time stipulated to the website.

**Rules for an Eligible Flight:**

All pilots must be current financial SAFA members including visiting pilots.

Flights must be conducted within the pilots PG level restrictions (if any) as per the SAFA pilot Ops manual and qualifications manual.

Flights will only be considered valid upon successful uploading to XContest and will be further assessed (if required) should airspace or other disqualifying breaches are observed.

Validity Period: Only flights from 1 Sept 2023 to 31 April 2024 will be considered.

The CBWA committee will score and record eligible flights in-house, and periodically release updates throughout the competition period via social media. All judging of flights is decided by the CBWA committee and considered final.

Pilots will be notified of flights that have been judged and determined to be outside of the rules stipulated above, and those flights will not be recorded into competition scoring spreadsheets.

**Prizes:**

$5000 worth of prizes has been sponsored by the **HGPAWA** and the **Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.**

Task winners and runner ups will receive both major and minor prizes supplied with our event partners **Cloud Base Paragliding (NSW)** and the **Paragliding Repair Center, Albany, WA.** Links to their websites can be found on our club website [www.cloudbasewa.com.au](http://www.cloudbasewa.com.au)

Please support our events partners by visiting their websites and be sure to check in with them for all your paragliding supplies and services.

For further information on the Bakewell Summer Series, you should visit the event host CloudBase Paragliding Club WA via their website [www.cloudbasewa.com.au](http://www.cloudbasewa.com.au)