

ESGC Ladder and Trophy Rules 2024

The 'ESGC Club Ladder' rules are equivalent to the BGA National Ladder Rules, as published on the BGA National Ladder web site, and as amended from time to time by the National Ladder Steward, with three qualifications, as follows:

1. The ESGC Club Ladder will be sorted in order of confirmed points, then in order of unconfirmed points.
2. The ESGC Club Ladder and ESGC Club Trophies are open to ESGC members only, for flights originating only from WRM.
3. Flights that contravene the ESGC Flying Orders Manual may be penalised or disqualified, at the sole discretion of the Ladder Steward, in consultation with the CFI.

Please also note that:

The "ESGC Ladder Year" runs in line with the BGA National Ladder, currently January 01 to December 31.

The **Club Ladder** is a points-based ladder and is scored according to BGA National Ladder points scoring rules, using the BGA National Ladder web-based points calculator. Pilots should be aware that BGA National Ladder rules periodically change, that undeclared flights and late submissions are penalised on the BGA National Ladder, and they should regularly refer to the BGA National Ladder <https://bgaladder.net/> web site for further information.

The **Club Trophies** are speed-based trophies, and bear no relation whatsoever to the number of BGA National Ladder points gained for the task flown. If using '**club tasks**' they do not need to be declared in advance, and there is no advantage obtained by pre-declaration. However, other pilot declared tasks need to be declared & all flights unlike National Ladder flights are subject to a semi-cylindrical start zone of 5 km radius centred on WRM and at right angles to the outbound track. The start height to be Max 1000m above the airfield elevation at WRM.

The **Club Trophies** are awarded on an annual basis, according to the individual trophy rules as stated below.

The **Club Records** are also speed-based records, and bear no relation whatsoever to the number of BGA National Ladder points gained for the task flown. They do not need to be declared in advance, and there is no advantage obtained by pre-declaration. However, unlike BGA National Ladder flights, they are subject to a 1000m max height start zone, as described above. Any record attempt will be timed from the last point logged within the start zone @ 1000m or below.

The Peter Wilby 'Club Ladder Trophy'

The pilot's six highest scoring flights as scored on the BGA National Ladder.

The Mark Roberts 'Wooden Glider Trophy'

For the highest total points score, scored as the 'Club Ladder Trophy' above, for flights in wooden gliders only (not metal or other materials). To claim points for any such flight, the pilot may not have flown a solo 300 km at any time before the flight.

The 'Newbery Ladder trophy'

For the highest total ladder points score, scored as the 'Club Ladder Trophy' above but limited to pilots that have never flown a 300 km or greater ft. (Aimed at novice pilots)

The Steve Jones 'Chairmans Trophy'

For the highest total ladder points score by an intermediate pilot, scored as the 'Club Ladder Trophy' above but limited to pilots that have not flown a 400 km or greater flight in the previous 10 yrs.

The Paul Foulger '300k Trophy'

For the flight with the highest handicapped speed around a completed triangle, or an out and return (O/R), between 300km and 360km, flown from WRM via the pilot's pre-declared choice of one or two BGA turning points. Handicapped speed as per BGA National Ladder.

The Eric Richards '200k President's Cup'

For the flight with the highest handicapped speed around the current club 200 km closed circuit triangle from WRM - TIB – OAK - WRM in either direction, OR around any other pre-declared closed circuit FAI 28% triangle of between 200 and 240 km, starting at WRM, via BGA turning points. Handicapped speed as per BGA National Ladder.

The 'Club 100k Trophy'

For the flight with the highest handicapped speed around either of the club 100 km closed circuit triangles

1/ WRM – RDN – NMT – WRM in either direction OR

2/ WRM – MEN – DEP – WRM in either direction,

OR around any other pre-declared closed circuit FAI 28% triangle of between 100 km and 120 km, starting at WRM via BGA turning points. Handicapped speed as per BGA National Ladder.

The Jeff Cork 'Longest Flight Trophy'

For the longest handicapped distance flown in one flight from WRM.

The Paul Robinson '(Guppy) O/R Trophy'

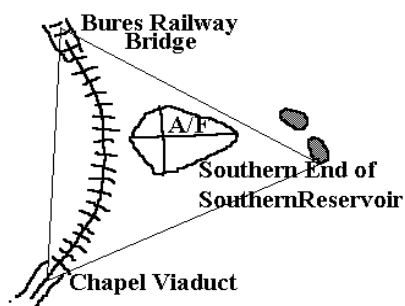
For the highest scoring (Distance/speed) handicapped O/R flight from WRM using a BGA turning point. Handicapped distance/speed points as per BGA National Ladder.

The 'Shell Trophy'

Awarded for the most enterprising flight flown from WRM in past year. Not necessarily awarded every year.

The Bob Adams 'Tiny Triangle Trophy'

For the flight with the highest handicapped speed around the "Tiny Triangle", scored as below:



At least one complete triangle to be flown (3 legs).

Time is defined as from take off to landing.

Distance flown is defined as number of logged completed legs x 6 km.

All legs to be flown in the same sense (clockwise/anticlockwise).

The Tiny Triangle TP GPS co-ordinates are defined as:

TT1: 51 58.296N 000 46.132E - Bures Railway Bridge over Station Hill

TT2: 51 56.140N 000 50.025E – Centre of Reservoir Dam

TT3: 51 55.337N 000 45.404E - Chappel Viaduct over A1124

The Bob Ivermee 'Rose Bowl'

Awarded to a recently qualified Bronze pilot who has made the most progress towards gaining x/c endorsement/Silver badge etc. Decided by club CFI & instructors.

The 'Instructors Cup'

Retained by the winner. Awarded to a pilot that has soloed in the previous year & has made/will make further progress in their flying & also make a positive contribution to the club. Voted on by the Instructor team.

The Dave Gilder 'Members Cup'

Awarded to a member other than a committee member who in the opinion of the committee has made the greatest contribution to the club over the past year. Nominations made by any member & chosen by the Chairman together with previous 2 years winners.

The 'Sodit Trophy'

Normally awarded annually but never presented to the pilot whose exploit is most in keeping with the trophy title. The trophy is retained for display in the clubhouse.

The 'Zebedee Trophy'

Normally awarded annually but never presented to the pilot whose landings are most in keeping with the trophy title. ie. A pilot that likes to get more landings the take-offs in a flight. The trophy is retained for display in the clubhouse.

Ladder Steward JG. 23rd March 2024.