

MASA Trophy 2023 rules

Purpose:

The purpose of this event challenge is to create a low key, proper 'FunFly', between MASA affiliated clubs and is designed to allow pilots of all skill levels to participate. Each club participating will need to form a team to represent their club.

Events will be held bi-monthly, alternating between Northern and Southern clubs. Teams are encouraged to travel to each and every event. The more events your club participates at, the higher your club score will be. The scoring will be accumulated over 5 rounds for the northern chapter and 4 rounds for the southern chapter. The Northern club and Southern club with the highest scores at the end of their season will battle it out in a Grand Final.

Pilot entries (changes for 2023)

In 2022 we were limited to each pilot only using one aircraft for all the tasks they entered, but the clubs could enter up to 9 pilots (3 pilots per task). This gave an advantage to clubs who were able to bring more pilots with aircraft specialising in a particular task.

This year to even up the field, pilots will be able to fly different aircraft for different tasks. The reason for last year's rules was to lift the pilot precipitation. This resulted in a total of 61 different pilots throughout the year. I hope that clubs that entered multiple pilots to the competition will continue to support with multiple pilots.

Event Days

Events will be run as shown on the masa calendar which the dates are below

Northern Chapter

- Barossa Valley Model Aero Club – 26th February
- Skyhawks Aeromodellers – 7th May
- Moonta Model aero club - 2nd July
- South Hummocks Model Aero Club – 27th August
- Concorde Model Flying Club – 29th October

Southern Chapter

- South Coast Model Aerosport Club – 19th March
- Noarlunga Model Aerosport – 28th May
- Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club – 23th July
- Holdfast Model Aero Club – 10th September

Grand Final – 19th November at a grand finalist club.

The Grand Final will be between the highest scoring Northern and Southern clubs. The winning club declared the MASA Trophy Champions for that year.

Grand Final (cont)

If the Grand Final is cancelled due to weather, then the team that finished with the highest cumulative score at the end of round 4 shall be declared the 2022 champions. Any lost rounds due to weather will be deducted from both chapters to keep the scoring the same. The grand final will not be rescheduled.

If there is a draw on points then both teams will be declared the 2022 champions.

First and runner up prize will be at a toss of a coin.

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Cancelling due to weather

If weather conditions cause an event to be abandoned, that event will generally not be rescheduled, but if there is a possibility and all clubs agree rescheduling may be possible.

Benefits:

All participating clubs will benefit by increasing the overall pilot skill level by placing every pilot slightly out of their comfort zone and building on their situational awareness. Doing something different is a great confidence booster. Clubs will also benefit from the cash generated from hosting an event, MASA Sponsorship, camping fees and canteen/BBQ takings etc.

Responsibilities:

The host club is responsible for providing the venue, and catering (as they see fit). The host clubs' Safety Officer is responsible for providing the Pilots Briefing at 10am on the event day. The Host Club is also to provide the Contest Director. The MASA event coordinator is responsible for supplying the tasks to be performed prior to each event in the 'off months', task hardware (if any), score sheets, tallying the scores and organising with MASA any awards to be made at the end of each event with the ultimate being the MASA trophy at the end of the Grand Final. The MASA Trophy is to be awarded by the MASA President or their representative. There are no Sheep Stations involved and the entire competition is about having fun and getting to know members of other clubs. No protests will be entered into. The CD's word is final.

Height Restrictions:

Some tasks have timed climbs which may exceed a club's maximum height. If so, the club's Safety Officer is to be the one who determines when an aircraft has reached the club's height level. Their call is final.

Team Makeup: Each team will have a Team Captain/Pilot, Pilots and Assistants if required. If you are not directly involved with a team, you are not permitted on the 'Air Side' of the field during a task.

Entry Forms:

Entry forms will be available from the MASA website

https://j.b5z.net/i/u/10237934/f/Club_News/MASA/MASA_Trophy_Entry_Form.pdf and will be a permanent page in the MASA Newsletter. The Team Captain is to ensure that the pilot entries are given to the judges before the Pilots Briefing. Entries close at 9:50am on the day of the event. If you are late you miss out. To assist the event coordinator we ask for each club to email the names of the pilots and what task they are flying in before the event. Please email to president@masa.org.au

Event Tasks:

Event Tasks will be released in the off month of competition. This will give clubs time to pick team members and practice the tasks prior to the event. The tasks are aimed at fixed wing only if demand exist in the future other disciplines may be included.

There will be three tasks nominated for each event and one round for each task. The first task will

Event task (cont)

start immediately after the Pilots Briefing and continue back to back. To speed up the process some task maybe asked to be run in the same flight if the same pilot is doing them.

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Task Descriptions:

Each task description will indicate what is required to complete the task.

Where necessary, a pilot is to call 'Now' when they begin a task and 'Finish' when they have completed a task. Other tasks, start and finish, will be determined by the aircraft leaving the ground and touching down again. Each Task Description will indicate what is needed.

Eligible Aircraft:

All aircraft are eligible. *there is no need to nominate an aircraft this year.*

Scoring:

Each team member's score for each task will be added up and the total score will be averaged out for a final score for the event. For Example: If a team has one member and their total score for an event is 100, then the score will be 100 divided by 1 which equals 100.

If a team has 4 members and the total score for each member, for an event, is 100, then the score will be 400 divided by 4 which equals 100. This way a team with less members is not disadvantaged for having less members.

Prizes:

There will be a first and runner up prize at the end of the Grand finale. Prizes will be the same as last year, first will be an Eflite apprentice and second a Spektrum DX6e. Prizes donated by Model Flight once again. For 2023 there will be ongoing encouragement awards throughout the year with funds donated by MAAA.

Aim
To provide a little bit of
friendly rivalry, a lot of fun
and
Club interaction.
Enjoy