



The South African Model Aircraft Association

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Model Gliding Association of South Africa National Championships GEMS - Gauteng 20 to 23 September 2019

Bulletin 1

Organising committee:

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Event:

Classes:

2 Meter - 8 min working time, 6 min flight time
Open/F3J - Thermal duration - 10 minute working time, 10 minute flight time
F3K - DLG hand launch - run by F3K MGA representative
F5J - Electric duration - run by F5J MGA representative

* Open/F3J will serve as the first qualifying round for the team to represent South Africa at the F3J World Championship in Slovakia in 2020. There will be two more F3J qualifying rounds, one in November and one in January 2020 followed by team trails in February 2020.

* 2 Meter and Open/F3J will be flown from electric winches with 150m turnaround, Open/F3J landings will be scored as per current F3J rules. In addition height limited (150M) electric launch gliders will also be allowed. Their direction of launch must be upwind, parallel to the winch lines until the motor is cut.

Schedule:

Friday 20 September 2019	08H00 to 17H00	Field set-up and practice
Saturday 21 September 2019	08H30	Pilot's briefing
	09H30 to 17H00	Competition rounds (2 Meter, Open, F5J, F3K)
	19H30	Nats dinner
Sunday 22 September 2019	08H30 to 17H30	Competition rounds (Open, 2 Meter, F3K, F5J)
	17H30	MGA AGM and prize giving
Monday 23 September 2019	Alternative/ Bad weather day	

Rules:

The competition will follow the latest FAI rules for F5J and F3K except for special amendments agreed to by those representatives for these classes.

2 Meter will follow the rules as per 2010 2M challenge as can be found on:
(<http://mgasa.blogspot.co.za/2010/01/2m-challenge-for-201.html>)
and as per the rules above.

All and any rule deviations to be agreed on by all pilots and the MGA before 1 September 2019.

Frequencies:

All current SAMAA frequencies are allowed, however pilots are encouraged to utilise the 2,4 GHz band. Any of the MHz frequencies have to be confirmed on the entry form and are not interchangeable.

Protests:

All protests should be presented to CD within ten minutes after the end of the round being contested. Jury to be confirmed. The R500 protest deposit will only be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Trophies:

Trophies will be awarded to the top three pilots in every class as well as the top junior. Victor/Victrix Ludorum as well as overall Champion will also be awarded.

Entries:

All pilots have to be SAMAA members at the time of the competition. Pilots should enter in teams of three - if not please let the organisers know as soon as possible so they can allocate teams. Entries close on 10 September 2019. Late entries may be accepted until 16 September with an additional late entry fee of R200.

Conduct:

Competitors participating in the 2019 MGA Nationals must abide by the MGA and SAMAA rules and regulations, and abide by the Sporting Code rules of each of the individual classes. Furthermore, participants must agree to abide by the decisions of the contest directors/officials, and the jury, and must act in a sportsmanlike manner in all dealings with fellow competitors, officials, organisers, hosts and members of the public.

Fees:

Entry fee (1 class)	R500
Additional classes	R100 each
Nats dinner	R150 per person (Cash bar)
On field catering for breakfast and lunch to be confirmed	

Venue:

GEMS Glider field: <https://goo.gl/maps/CiE4EmiTKAuiRds9>
GPS: 25°59'40.5"S - 28°21'59.6"E

Weather:

Traditionally, fine and brisk with the occasional thunderstorm (average three days of precipitation in September) and strong winds. In 2012, extremely cold weather with winds and snow was experienced. Who knows? This is South Africa.

Liabilities:

The organisers, their agents, or the landowners shall not be held responsible for any damages or injuries that may occur.



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