

Badge and Record Committee
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Wanted to give you some updates on many changes coming soon if you have not already heard. The new Sporting Code will be effective on October 1, 2015 and has some changes. First, it was simplified, it is much easier to find and understand the rules. It is better organized but it also changes our references to the rules in the SSA documentation. Two other major changes are mechanical barographs are no longer accepted, and they changed the requirements for the Silver Distance. I have attached the new version of SC3.

The Silver badge definition is now

a. SILVER DISTANCE A distance flight (as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h) to a finish or turn point
at
least 50 km from release or MoP stop.

The Silver distance should not be flown with guidance from another pilot.

I have been modifying our documentation that is on our website for the new rules and will post them on October 1. Additionally, David Cleveland has been very helpful in modifying the SSA Application and Worksheet forms for the new rules and have made all the forms, including the FAI forms electronically fillable. Members can now open the forms, fill them out electronically and print from the website.

I have placed an article in the next soaring magazine to let the members know about SC3 changes. I have also been requested by Tom Knuaff to show the current list of US National Records in the January Issue in hopes of a little motivation to our membership, I think this is a good idea and will do that.

I also updated the Badge and Records page in Soaring magazine to explain that I can accept email documentation for badges and how it can be accomplished. I will only accept PFD scanned documentation and the igc file. I have had some members scan documents as jpg or other formats and they are just not readable. Zip files are also not accepted, it sometimes will not let the Flight Recorder files pass security checks when unzipped. I also included the information required for notification of Record flights and how to obtain a Sporting License.

If the committee would like to see a copy of the new forms and documentation before I post them on October 1st, please let me know and I will email them to you.

Anything else you would like me to do, please let me know. I will be on vacation from September 11 – September 28.

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