



SSA Distance Award Rules

The SSA Distance Awards program recognizes superior pilot performance demonstrated on one or more flights made in the US during a single calendar year. Each flight is scored using the current Carl D. Herold (CDH) handicaps without weight correction. (eg: the basic CDH applies, whether a ship is flown with or without ballast) Handicapped distance for each flight is the basis for "points" awarded. *Note: "SC3" below refers to Sporting Code Section 3, as in effect on the date of flight.*

I. General Rules:

- a. Except as provided by these rules, all flights are subject to SC 3 requirements and provisions pertaining to BADGE flights. (i.e. barograph & film documentation is permitted.)
- b. Flights must originate in the USA; the contest period is January 1 to December 31 each year.
- c. All flights require a pre-flight declaration appropriate to the Type of course flown and claimed. The Types of eligible Distance Award Flights are:

1. Straight Distance to a Goal *[See SC3 1.4.4(a)]*
2. Out & Return Distance *[See SC3 1.4.6(a)]*
3. Triangle Distance* *[See SC3 1.4.6(b)(i) & (ii)]*
4. Distance Using Up to 3 Turnpoints *[See SC3 1.4.4(b)]*

** Triangle courses must also meet the percentage requirements of SC3 1.4.3(d)(iii)*

- d. Application for Distance Awards must be made on an SSA Award Application and be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed by December 31 in the calendar year during which the flight was made to SSA Badges and Records. Include All documentation, Flight Recorder file, Calibration, and a \$10 processing fee.
- e. A flight may fit the requirements for more than one Type of flight (eg: a declared triangle is also valid as Distance Using Up to 3 Turnpoints). No flight, however, may be counted more than once toward a pilot's total score.
- f. The pilot may re-assign the Type of Flight after the fact. (eg: If a pilot flies two O&Rs, one can be moved to a Free Distance Using Up to 3 Turnpoints.) Any such re-assignment must be submitted to SSA by mail, fax or e-mail received on or before the end of the calendar year during which the flight was made.

II. Scoring:

Points for each flight are awarded based on the official distance multiplied by the glider's CDH handicap. A pilot may fly in as many categories and/or classes as he/she wants, as many times as he/she wants; only the best flight in each category counts toward the pilot's point total.

III. Awards:

Pilots with the 10 highest point totals will be noted in SOARING magazine and pilots in 4th through 10th places will receive certificates. At the annual SSA Awards Banquet, the pilots with the top three point totals will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for First, Second and Third place, respectively.