

The Gold Badge



- 1. A gain of 3000 meters after release from tow (9,843 feet)**
- 2. A 5 hour flight with no other objective (If you already did this for your Silver Badge – you do not need to do it again).**
- 3. A distance flight of 300 km. (186.41 miles)**



The Gold Badge: The N stands for the USA. Gulls represent the three tasks of the Badge.

For each task:

You will need an Official Observer and a barograph or flight recorder.

Who is an Official Observer? An Official Observer is a member of SSA, Hold at least an SSA B Badge, and has a working knowledge of the FAI Sporting Code as it pertains to gliders.

Release from tow at or below the maximum altitude permitted for the task (See each task below)...Mark the release from tow with a tight right turn.

After the flight, you and your Official Observer will fill out the SSA Application form and worksheet. Send the Application and worksheets, plus the .igc file from your flight recorder to the SSA. After SSA approval you will receive a letter of congratulations and your Gold Badge when all three tasks are completed.

ALTITUDE: The objective is to gain at least 9,843 feet after release from tow.
Release from tow at any height and location that will allow you to find lift.
Establish a low point, then climb at least 9,843 feet.

DURATION: The objective is a flight of at least 5 hours after release from tow. (Same as the Silver Duration Leg – You do not need to do it again)

Flight recorder is not required if your Official Observer can certify the exact times of takeoff, release from tow and landing – AND that the entire flight was under continuous observation.

DISTANCE: The objective is to make a cross country flight of at least 300 km (186.41 miles)

For distance flights greater than 100 kilometres where the LoH exceeds 1000m using barographic data or 900m using GPS height data, an adjustment of 100 times the excess LoH shall be subtracted from the length of the course to give the official distance.



SSA Award Application

Submit by mail to:
SSA, PO Box 2100
Hobbs, NM 88241
Attn: Badge Claims

For any flight documented by approved data recorder, please attach both pages of a completed SSA Badge & Record Worksheet.

I. PILOT INFORMATION: *non-members please enclose \$20 fee for processing FAI badge claims*

(a) Pilot: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SSA Member #: _____
(b) Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(c) E-mail: _____

II. PILOT CERTIFICATION: *I hereby certify this flight was conducted in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code, in compliance with all the glider manufacturer's and national operating limitations, and in accordance with national flight regulations respecting airspace use, night flight, etc. I apply for the award(s) checked below.*

Pilot Signature: _____ Date: _____

Altitude Claim(s):	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Symons Wave (\$40 fee applies)</i>
Duration Claim:	<i>Silver/Gold</i>			
Distance Claim(s):	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Diamond Goal</i>	<i>Diamond Distance</i>
Diplome Claim:	<i>750 km</i>	<i>1000 km</i>	<i>1250 km</i>	<i>Other Diplome: _____ km</i>
Other Awards	<i>Barringer Trophy</i>		<i>Century Award (Pilot age 20 or younger)</i>	
<i>*See program rules</i>	<i>*State Record(s)</i>		<i>*SSA Distance Award (\$10 fee applies)</i>	

III. FLIGHT DATA SUMMARY

(a) Flight Date: _____ Is the aircraft a motor glider? YES NO
(b) Aircraft Make & Model: _____ N#: _____
(c) Take Off Site: _____ State: _____ Elevation: _____ MSL
(d) Time of release (or last motor glider Means of Propulsion use), Local time: _____
(e) Landing Site: _____ State: _____ Elevation: _____ MSL
(f) Landing time (end of the ground roll), Local time: _____

IV. OBSERVER CERTIFICATION: *Check ONE and complete:*

- GPS data supports this application; I provided supervision of this flight as required by Sporting Code Section 3, and have attached the SSA Badge & Record Worksheet I completed.
- This application is for Silver Duration only and I provided the continual attention required to confirm 5 hours were flown, with Loss of Height less than 3280' from release to landing.

OBSERVER'S NAME (please print) _____ SSA MEMBER #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SSA BADGE & RECORD WORKSHEET

COMPLETE ALL ITEMS use N/A for "Not Applicable."

The written declaration below is valid for all but World Records, if completed *and signed before takeoff* and, if using an IGC Approved Flight Recorder, *after (1) turning the FR on; (2) entering an electronic task if desired - then leave the FR on!*

PRE-FLIGHT DECLARATION & EQUIPMENT CHECK

FLIGHT DATE: _____	OO NAME: _____
PILOT NAME: _____	AIRCRAFT Make/Model: _____
IN-FLIGHT CREW: _____	AIRCRAFT Registration #: _____

OO: Complete for GPS Claim

- 1a. Recorder serial # & installation checked;
recorder sealed to the glider
OR
2. Recorder serial # & installation checked and
aircraft continuously observed until takeoff.

TASK required for all distance flights except (1) Straight Distance from release to landing or Finish Fix; or (2) Free records

Way Point	Location Name	Latitude (DD:MM.mmm)	Longitude (DDD:MM.mmm)
1. Start Point	_____	____:____:_____	____:____:_____
2. Turn Point	_____	____:____:_____	____:____:_____
3. Turn Point	_____	____:____:_____	____:____:_____
4. Turn Point	_____	____:____:_____	____:____:_____
5. Finish Point	_____	____:____:_____	____:____:_____

Pre-Flight signatures are required, with date and time Certified by the OO

Pilot Signature: _____

Date & time of

OO Signature: _____ **OO's Signature:** _____

POST-FLIGHT EQUIPMENT CHECK

OO: Complete for GPS Claim

- 1a. If Recorder/aircraft seal applied pre-flight, the seal was intact post-flight
OR
- 1b. If no pre-flight Recorder check was done, continuous observation was provided from landing until the post-flight installation check.

Each of the following is required:

2. Performed or supervised download & retained the original data file(s)
3. File security checked using proper software
4. Take off & landing time(s) & location(s) confirmed (provide details on page 2)

FLIGHT DATE: _____	OO NAME: _____
PILOT NAME: _____	AIRCRAFT Registration #: _____

OFF-FIELD LANDING: Certification by 1 Observer or 2 other witnesses As Needed

I hereby certify I witnessed the above pilot and aircraft at the date, time and location shown below:

Date: _____ Local Time: _____ Location: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

OO CONFIRMATION OF TAKE OFF & LANDING TIMES & LOCATIONS Required

Take off Time (Local): _____ Take off Site: _____

Take off Site Elevation MSL: _____ Nearest City: _____ State: _____

Confirmed by: Circle OO's Personal Observation Soaring Site log Witness

Landing Time (Local): _____ Landing Site: _____

Landing Site Elevation MSL: _____ Nearest City: _____ State: _____

Confirmed by: Circle OO's Personal Observation Soaring Site log Witness

CONFIRMATION OF RELEASE LOCATION As Needed

Required if the time & location of release are not evident in R-recorded data. List the location as accurately as possible; if overhead at an airport, list published airport coordinates.

I hereby certify the following as the release location for the flight listed at the top of this page:

Latitude (DD:MM.mmm): _____ Longitude (DD:MM.mmm): _____

Tow Pilot / Launch Supervisor Name: _____

Tow Pilot / Launch Supervisor Signature: _____

ALTITUDE EVALUATION Required

Refer to the SSA Badge & Record Guide to find altitudes MSL, corrected for both instrument error and non-standard pressure

ALL CLAIMS: Release: _____ **ALTITUDE CLAIMS:** Low Point: _____ High Point: _____

DISTANCE CLAIMS: Start Altitude: _____ Finish Altitude: _____

OO 's Claim Submission Checklist Required

- 1. Flight Recorder calibration is current
- 2. Recorded data proves soaring performance consistent with the Badge leg(s) and/or Record(s) sought
- 3. Materials submitted to SSA:
 - **BOTH pages of this worksheet**
 - **SSA Award Application** and, if applicable: record form(s), SSA Distance Award Application
 - Data recorded in flight (eg: CD, memory stick or memory card)
 - A copy of FR calibration data
 - The OO's written explanation for any unusual aspect of the flight or its documentation

SPORTING CODE DISTANCE FLIGHT DEFINITIONS - OCTOBER 1, 2015

SC3 1.4.2 - SOARING PERFORMANCE TYPES

d. STRAIGHT DISTANCE A COURSE without TURN POINTS allowed for the Silver, Gold, and Diamond distance badges (see 2.2.1a, 2.2.2a and 2.2.3b).

e. GOAL DISTANCE A COURSE without TURN POINTS from a declared START POINT to a declared FINISH POINT.

f. 3 TURN POINT DIST. A COURSE from the RELEASE POINT or a declared START POINT to any type of FINISH POINT, using one to three declared TURN POINTS in any order (note that turn points may include the start point and/or finish point).

g. OUT & RETURN A CLOSED COURSE having only one declared TURN POINT.

h. TRIANGLE A CLOSED COURSE via 2 or 3 declared TURN POINTS. When 3 TURN POINTS are used, the COURSE distance is the sum of the legs between the TURN POINTS.