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**History of the World Soaring Challenge Cup – *Team Cup Competion***

1995The FAI World Soaring Challenge Cup was donated by 9 families from New Zealand. The Cup was awarded for the first time at the 24th FAI World Gliding Championships in Omarama/New Zealand to the best Team of a participating country / NAC. The 24th WGC was organised in 3 classes: Open Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class.

Description: The World Soaring Cup has a wooden base and a bronze globe inside a bronze “thermal” spiralling up and around the globe, which shows New Zealand at a prominent position.

Engraving: On metal plaques around the socket and shall state the winning’s team country, the year and the venue.

Regulation: The World Soaring Challenge Cup shall be held by the NAC of the winning team until the next WGC and shall be returned before the start of the championships to the organiser of this event, who is responsible for the engraving.

If the World Soaring Challenge Cup will not be awarded at World Gliding Championships anymore it is to be returned to Gliding New Zealand, at the expense of the holders.

2016 Rules: The scoring for the best team should be done according to the rules for the Team Cup Annex A to Section 3 of the FAI Sporting Code. In accordance with Gliding New Zealand, the rules may be changed by IGC, notified March 2016.

2008 World Gliding Championships have been divided into two events within the same calendar year due to 6 classes. In addition the 13,5 m class has been established as a new world championship class.The WGC 13,5 m class will be held in the subsequent calendar year. Scoring the best Team in so many classes and competitions make it difficult to differentiate. Each WGC except for the 13,5 m class will have a Team Cup competition and will be scored according to Annex A. The podium winners are awarded FAI medals.The winning Team / Country gains the title Team Champion and receives the gold medal. The award “World Soaring Challenge Cup” for the best Team is discontiuned.

The World Soaring Cup will remain by the Team winner Great Britain in Lasham until further instructions.

2017 Proposal to IGC Plenary 2017 – one year proposal by IGC Bureau is:

The World Soaring Cup is to be awarded annually to the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year:

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List of the World Soaring Cup winners, countries and **Team winners**

Year of the event Venue World Soaring Cup

* 1995 24th  WGC Std./15m/Open Omarama / NZ WSC France
* 1997 25th WGC Std./15m/Open Saint Auban / France WSC France
* 1999 26th WGC Std./15m/Open Bayreuth / Germany WSC Germany
* 2001 27th  WGC Std.15m/Open Mafikeng/ ZA WSC New Zealand
* 2003 28th  WGC Std./15m/18m/Open Leszno / Poland WSC New Zealand
* 2006 29th WGC Std./15m/18m/Open Eskilstuna / Sweden WSC Great Britain
* 2008 30th  WGC 15m/18m/Open Lüsse / Germany WSC France
* 2008 30th  WGC Std./Club/World Rieti / Italy Medal / Team winner Germany
* 2010 31st  WGC 15m/18m/Open Szeged / Hungary WSC Poland
* 2010 31st  WGC Std./Club/World Prievidza / Slovakia Medal / Team winner Poland
* 2012 32nd WGC 15m/18m/Open Uvalde / USA WSC Poland
* 2013 32nd WGC Std./Club/World Gonzalez Chavez / ARG Team winner  ?
* 2014 33rd WGC Std./Club/Multi Seat Räyskälä / Finland Team Gold Medal UK
* 2014 33rd WGC 15m/18m/Open Leszno / Poland WSC Great Britain

**The presentation of the World Soaring Cup to the winner of the best Team of a WGCs is discontinued. The trophy has been kept since 2014 at the BGA and has been surrendered to the IGC Trophy Manager.**

**The World Soaring Cup instead will be presented to the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year. The award will come into effect 2018. See decision from IGC Plenary Meeting – Freudenstadt, 2 and 3 March 2018.**

**Team Champions**

2016 34th  WGC Std./Club/Multi Seat Pociunai / Lithuania Team Gold Medal France

2017 34th  WGC 15m/18m/Open Benalla / Australia Team Gold Medal Great Britain

2018 35th WGC Std./15m/Club Ostrow/Poland Team Gold Medal Poland

2018 35th WGC 18m/Multi Seat/Open Hosin/Czech Republic Team Gold Medal Germany

2020 36th WGC Open/18m/ 20m postponed to Stendal Borstel/GER 2021

2021 36th WGC Open/18m/20m cancelled

2020 36th WGC Std./15 m/ Club postponed to 2021 Châlons-en-Champagne/FRA

2021 36th WGC Std./15 m/ Club Montlucons-Gueret / France Team Gold Medal Germany

2022 37th WGC Open/18m/20m Szeged / Hungary Team Gold Medal France

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