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**IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR**

**FAI World Soaring Challenge Cup**

1995 History of the World Soaring Cup: The Cup was donated by glider pilots of New Zealand to be awarded to the best Team in a WGC competition for the first time at the 24th WGC in Omarama/New Zealand. The Cup was presented to the winning Team Great Britain at the 33rd WGC 2014 in Leszno Poland for the last time. 2018 Decisions from IGC Plenary 2018 Meeting- Freudenstadt: 8.2.1 The World Soaring Cup (WSC) is to be awarded annually to the

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**The World Soaring Cup** needed a refurbishment.After completing a laborious work the Cup returned in the former splendor thanks to the sponsorship of a german glider pilot.

**Rules for the competition – IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR**

A Qualifying Competition is any FAI-sanctioned World Gliding Championship that becomes valid in a given calendar year. The IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will be selected from the Champions in all the classes in all Qualifying Competitions. The selection will be made after the date of the Closing Ceremony of the final Qualifying Competition of the calendar year.

* In each class in each Qualifying Competition.
* The World Champion’s Final Score (FS) is the final score of the World Champion.
* The Maximum Possible Score (MPS) is the sum of the winning scores of every valid competition day. Each calendar year, the World Champion with the highest WSC scores will be given the title of the IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR and awarded the World Soaring Cup. Ties will result in Co-Champions.

The World Soaring Cup will be awarded to the new IGC PILOT OF THE YEAR in January of the year following the performance resulting in the award of the WSC. The winner has the option of having the WSC shipped to him/her by FAI or receiving the WSC at the IGC Plenary Meeting normally held in February/March. The current IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will surrender the WORLD SOARING CUP to the FAI Home Office in Lausanne on or before December 15th in the year he/she has held the WSC. A historical record of the WORLD SOARING CUP will be kept in the FAI/IGC archives and every current and former IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will be chronicled on the FAI/IGC website.

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2018 Michael Sommer, Germany 35th WGC Open Class Hosin/Czech Republic

FAI Challenge Cup Manager’s report to IGC Plenary 2019