

1-26 Association Cross-Country Soaring Sweepstakes

Sponsor

The Cross-Country Soaring Sweepstakes program is sponsored by the 1-26 Association, a Division of the Soaring Society of America. This is a North American program with winners awarded separately in the three Divisions of the 1-26 Association: Eastern, Central, and Western. Refer to the 1-26 Association Log or the 1-26 Association Web site for a map that defines the Divisions.

Purpose and Eligibility

The Sweepstakes is provided for the membership as a means to encourage greater numbers and more ambitious cross-country flights in the 1-26 and particularly to stimulate interest among our newer members in this aspect of soaring. Entrants must be members of the 1-26 Association.

Categories

The Sweepstakes Program includes four pilot Categories based upon the experience level of the pilot as of 1 January of the Sweepstakes year:

- Bronze: Pilots with less than the FAI Silver Badge distance leg. Pilots may compete in Bronze for only two years. After that they must earn an FAI Badge Distance leg to compete in the Sweeps.
- Silver: Pilots who have FAI Silver Badge distance and less than the FAI Gold Badge distance leg.
- Gold: Pilots who have FAI Gold Badge distance and less than the FAI Diamond Badge distance leg.
- Diamond: Pilots who have the FAI Diamond Badge distance.

General Rules

1. All flights shall be made in a Schweizer 1-26.
2. Flights may be straight-line distance flights or distance achieved using turn points.
3. Flights must be at least 31 miles in total distance.
4. Flight Claims must be submitted within 7 calendar days of the flight. A 7-day waiver can be granted for an additional 7 days once for each pilot per year.
5. Flights using turn points need not be closed course flights. Turn points need not be declared before the flight. The number of turn points is limited to nine.
6. Turn points may not be repeated. No turn point may be less than 6.0 miles from any other turn point or from the start point.
7. Flights submitted may be made from January 1 through December 31 in the Sweepstakes year. Final submission of December flights must be made by January 7.
8. Flights must originate in the Division for which the claim is made. The pilot is not required to be a resident of that Division. A pilot may enter from more than one Division.
9. Flights made as part of the 1-26 Championships are eligible and must be submitted within 7 days after the last day of the contest.

Flight Documentation Rules

1. Verification, Certification, and Scoring of the flight shall be accomplished by the Sweepstakes Manager using the SOAR system developed by the 1-26 Association.
2. Pilots shall enter using the forms provided online: sweeps.126association.org/sweepsform.php. This includes Name, 1-26 Serial Number, Date of Flight, Division where flight originated, and Category (Diamond, Gold, Silver, or Bronze) and provides a means for electronically submitting the required flight IGC file.

Awards

1. Awards will be made to the top three pilots in each of the three Categories within each Division.
2. Pilots in each Category and Division will be ranked according to the largest accumulated distance from six or fewer flights. In the case that a pilot submits more than six flights in a Division during the year, the longest six flights submitted will be scored.