

2004 SRA Pilot Opinion Poll Results

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Percentages usually do not add up to 100% because multiple selections can be made on many questions. Also, some questions are not answered by all survey submitters.

Analysis Categories		All	
Summary of detailed data representing All respondents.		171	
1.0	Demographics	All	
1.1	What class(es) in National contests did you fly this year?	All	81 47%
		1-26	1 1%
		World	5 3%
		Sports	18 11%
		Standard	15 9%
		15Meter	22 13%
		18Meter	23 13%
		Open	2 1%
		Motorglider	5 3%
		Senior	20 12%
1.2	What class(es) in Regional contests did you fly this year?	All	128 75%
		1-26	1 1%
		World	3 2%
		Sports	37 22%
		Standard	33 19%
		15Meter	60 35%
		18Meter	2 1%
		Open	4 2%
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		Motorglider 1% Senior 8 5%
2.0	Emergency Locating Transmitters (ELT)	All
2.1	Do you have an airframe mounted (impact activated) ELT in your glider?	Yes 53 31% No 116 68%
2.2	Do you have a portable (user activated) ELT in your glider?	Yes 29 17% No 136 80%
2.3	Should ELTs be made mandatory for all participants at all SSA contests?	Yes 71 42% No 96 56%
2.4	If yes, should ELTs be made mandatory in:	2005 44 26% 2006 37 22%
3.0	Reverse Seeding for Sports Class Regionals	All
3.1	Should entry to a Sports Class Regional continue to be determined by reverse seeding?	Yes 105 61% No 54 32%
3.2	Should Sports Class Regional entry via reverse seeding be restricted to pilots from that region?	Yes 70 41% No 85 50%
3.3	Should Sports Class Regional entry via reverse seeding be restricted to a maximum of 5 pilots?	Yes 49 29% No 105 61%
4.0	Foreign Pilot Entry in USA Nationals	All
4.1	For an oversubscribed USA Nationals, foreign pilots should be selected for the entry slots available to them on the basis of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of application • SSA seeding • Seeding position in their home country 	Date 65 38% SSASeeding 60 35% HomeSeeding 41 24%
5.0	Finish Cylinder and Finish Gate	All
5.1	Which type of finish do you prefer?	FinishCylinder 69 40% 80

		FinishGate 47% NoPreference 22 13%
5.2	Should both finish types be retained, for use at the CD's discretion?	Yes 130 76% No 40 23%
6.0	Increased Weighting of Distance in TAT and MAT	All
6.1	Should the weighting of distance in TAT and MAT be increased to allow a non-finisher with long distance to beat a finisher with a much shorter distance?	Yes 68 40% No 102 60%
7.0	Reduce Day Devaluation when Pilots Start Late	All
7.1	Should day devaluation due to landouts be reduced when large numbers of pilots start late, long after the task has opened?	Yes 58 34% No 110 64%
8.0	WGC-style Scoring	All
8.1	Should SSA contests adopt the scoring and devaluation formulas used at the World Gliding Championships?	Yes 104 61% No 54 32%
9.0	Standard Class Nationals 9 psf Wingloading Limit The SSA Rules Committee has received several requests to eliminate the 9-psf wing loading limit in the Standard Class Nationals. Please respond to these questions only if you have competed in the Standard Class Nationals in the last two years, or if you plan to compete in the Standard Class Nationals in the next two years.	All
9.1	Should the 9 psf wing loading limit be eliminated for the Standard Class Nationals?	Yes 45 26% No 42 25%
9.2	Should the 9 psf wing loading limit for the Standard Class Nationals be made optional at the contest organizer's discretion (announced by the preferential entry cutoff date)?	Yes 28 16% No 59 35%
10.0	Open Class Weight Limit Please respond to this question only if you have competed in the Open Class Nationals in the last two years, or if you plan to compete in the Open Class Nationals in the next two years.	All
10.1	Should the SSA adopt the current international Open Class weight limits and allow 2-seat motorgliders to fly at up to 850 kg as long as they do not carry disposable ballast?	Yes 34 20% No 13 8%
11.0	Turnpoints for AT and MAT	All

	The current turnpoint cylinder for Assigned Task and Modified Assigned Task is a one mile radius "mini turn area" in which each pilot's distance is measured to his best-scoring fix within the cylinder.	
11.1	Would you prefer a one mile radius turnpoint cylinder in which each pilot's distance is measured to the center of the cylinder?	Yes 38 22% No 130 76%
!!!	Before finishing the rest of this poll it is suggested that you save your answers thus far by submitting this form and returning to complete it. The submittal verification page will have a return link.	All
12.0	Goals for Contests Some people have requested that the SSA develop a list of contest goals against which any proposed new rule could be judged.	All
12.1	For SSA Regionals, please rank the following contest goals in order of importance. (1 = most important, 8 = least important)	All
12.1a	Increase participation	1 26 15% 2 29 17% 3 21 12% 4 22 13% 5 14 8% 6 9 5% 7 10 6% 8 6 4%
12.1b	Improve safety	1 25 15% 2 17 10% 3 21 12% 4 22 13% 5 17 10% 6 17 10% 7 15 9% 8 1 1%

12.1c	Ensure fairness	1 14 8% 2 31 18% 3 19 11% 4 23 13% 5 19 11% 6 12 7% 7 17 10% 8 1 1%
12.1d	Promote technological development	1 5 3% 2 3 2% 3 3 2% 4 4 2% 5 10 6% 6 12 7% 7 14 8% 8 82 48%
12.1e	Make it fun	1 28 16% 2 25 15% 3 33 19% 4 20 12% 5 18 11% 6 8 5% 7 2 1% 8 2 1%

12.1f	Keep cost of participation low	1 6 4% 2 11 6% 3 16 9% 4 15 9% 5 23 13% 6 35 20% 7 25 15% 8 4 2%
12.1g	Measure cross-country skills	1 26 15% 2 17 10% 3 15 9% 4 14 8% 5 20 12% 6 18 11% 7 22 13% 8 4 2%
12.1h	Teach cross-country skills	1 6 4% 2 3 2% 3 7 4% 4 15 9% 5 15 9% 6 25 15% 7 31 18% 8 35 20%

12.2	For SSA Nationals, please rank the following contest goals in order of importance. (1 = most important, 9 = least important)	All
12.2a	Increase participation	1 8 5% 2 11 6% 3 11 6% 4 14 8% 5 24 14% 6 19 11% 7 14 8% 8 13 8% 9 19 11%
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12.2i	Select USA Team pilots	1 29 17% 2 31 18% 3 17 10% 4 9 5% 5 6 4% 6 12 7% 7 12 7% 8 9 5% 9 9 5%
12.3	Please give your definition of what makes a contest "fun".	104 61%
13.0	Other Issues	All
13.1	Are there any other issues that you would like the SSA Rules Committee to address, or any questions that you would like to see included on future SRA polls?	57 33%

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