

Guidelines for the Bob McCullough Instructing Trophy for Services to Gliding Instructing

Award Guidelines for Services to Gliding Instructing

1. Purpose of the Award

- To recognize and honour individuals who have made significant contributions to gliding instructing.
- To promote excellence and dedication within the gliding community.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- **Professional Experience:** Must have a minimum of 5 years of experience as a gliding instructor.
- **Certification:** Must hold relevant and current gliding instructing certifications and licenses.
- **Community Impact:** Demonstrated positive impact on the gliding community through instructing.
- **Mentorship:** Actively involved in mentoring new gliding instructors and students.
- **Safety Record:** Maintained a strong safety record with no significant incidents attributable to negligence.

3. Nomination Process

- **Nominator:** Nominations can be submitted by peers, students, or gliding clubs.
- **Submission Form:** Complete a nomination form that includes the nominee's details, qualifications, and a summary of their contributions.
- **Supporting Documents:** Include letters of recommendation, testimonials, and any relevant documentation supporting the nomination.
- **Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted by a specified date each year.

4. Evaluation Criteria

- **Excellence in Instruction:** Demonstrated ability to teach and inspire students effectively.
- **Innovation:** Contributions to improving instructional techniques and materials.
- **Dedication:** Consistent and long-term commitment to gliding instructing.
- **Leadership:** Leadership roles within gliding clubs or organizations.
- **Community Engagement:** Active involvement in promoting gliding and supporting the community.

5. Selection Committee

- **Composition:** A committee of 3 members consisting of experienced gliding instructors, representatives from gliding organizations, and/or past award recipients.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Committee members must disclose any potential conflicts of interest and recuse themselves if necessary.
- **Review Process:** The committee reviews all nominations and supporting documents, deliberates, and selects the award recipient.

6. Award Presentation

- **Ceremony:** The award will be presented at a specific event, e.g., annual gliding association meeting or awards night.
- **Award Package:** The recipient will receive a trophy, plaque or certificate and have their name inscribed on the perpetual trophies.
- **Public Announcement:** The award recipient will be announced on the organization's website, social media, and in relevant publications.

7. Post-Award Responsibilities

- **Ambassadorship:** The award recipient may be invited to serve as an ambassador for gliding instructing, participating in events and promotional activities.
- **Mentorship Role:** Encourage the recipient to continue mentoring new instructors and sharing best practices within the community.

8. Review and Amendments

- **Annual Review:** The guidelines will be reviewed annually to ensure they remain relevant and effective.
- **Amendments:** Any changes to the guidelines must be approved by the selection committee and announced to the community.

By following these guidelines, the award for services to gliding instructing can be a prestigious recognition that encourages excellence and dedication within the gliding community.