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**History of the FAI 18 m Class Challenge Cup**

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2001 At the World Air Games in Lillo/Spain the competition of the 18 m Class was organised for the first time.

2003 At the 28th World Gliding Championships in Leszno/Poland the 18 m Class was integrated in the competitions of the Open Class, Standard Class, 15 m Class. The 28th WGC accordingly took place in 4 different classes.

2006 The FAI 18 m Challenge Cup was donated 2006 by the Swedish Soaring Federation at the World Gliding Championships in Eskilstuna/Sweden and was awarded to the winner of the 18 m class, Phil Jones, Great Britain. The 18 m Cup was awarded retroactively to the champion of the first WGC at Lillo, to Steven Jones, Great Britain and to the winner of the 18 m class 2003 at Leszno, to Wolfgang Janowitsch, Austria.

Description of the FAI 18 m Challenge Cup: The Cup is a 22 cm wide and 9 cm high silver bowl on a wooden angularly formed base. The engraving on the silver bowl is: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, Challenge Cup World Champion, 18 m Class.

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List of FAI 18 m Class World Champions and events:

* 2001 World Air Games Steven Jones, Great Britain Lillo/Spain
* 2003 28th WGC Wolfgang Janowitsch, Austria Leszno/Poland
* 2006 29th WGC Phil Jones, Great Britain Eskilstuna/Sweden
* 2008 30th WGC Olivier Darroze, France Lüsse/Germany
* 2010 31st WGC Zbigniew Nieradka, Poland Szeged/Hungary
* 2012 32nd WGC Zbigniew Nieradka, Poland Uvalde/USA
* 2014 33rd WGC Karol Staryszak, Poland Leszno/Poland
* 2017 34th WGC Killian Walbrou, France Benalla/Australia
* 2018 35th WGC Wolfgang Janowitsch, Austria Hosin/Czech Republic
* 2020 36th WGC postponed to 2021 Stendal-Borstel / GER
* 2021 36th WGC cancelled due to Covid 19 Stendal-Borstel / GER
* 2022 37th WGC Christophe Abadie, France Szeged/Hungary

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