



IGC – FAI Challenge Cups

Part 4 – History of the FAI 15 metre Class Challenge Cup

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- 1978 The 15 m class was integrated for the first time in the 16th World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France.
- 1981 The FAI 15 m Challenge Cup was crafted and donated by goldsmith and glider pilot Heinrich Schöнке, Bünde/ Germany. It was first awarded to the champion of the 15 m class, Göran Ax, Sweden, at the 17th WGC in Paderborn / Germany. Retrospectively it was awarded to the winner of the 15 m class World Gliding Championships in Chateauroux / France 1978, to Helmut Reichmann, Germany.

. On the cup following text is engraved:

Description of the FAI 15 m Challenge Cup The Trophy is a fine silverware cup 35 cm high and has a weight of 945 grammes. A wreath made of ebony with gold plated oak leaves decorates the waist of the cup above the round ebony socke.

Engraving:

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Challenge Cup World Champion, 15 m Class.*



Rules and Regulations: see Part 1 – IGC FAI Challenge Cups 1.1 – 1.1.4

List of FAI 15 m Class World Champions and events

1978	16 th WGC	Helmut Reichmann, Germany	Chateauroux/France
1981	17 th WGC	Göran Ax, Sweden	Paderborn/Germany
1983	18 th WGC	Kees Musters, Netherland	Hobbs/USA
1985	19 th WGC	Doug Jacobs, USA	Rieti/Italy
1987	20 th WGC	Brian Spreckley, Great Britain	Benalla, Australia
1989	21 st WGC	Bruno Gantenbrink, Germany	Wiener Neustadt/Austria
1991	22 nd WGC	Brad Edwards, Australia	Uvalde/USA
1993	23 rd WGC	Eric Napoleon, France	Borlänge/Sweden
1995	24 th WGC	Eric Napoleon, France	Omarama/New Zealand
1997	25 th WGC	Werner Meuser, Germany	Saint Auban/France
1999	26 th WGC	Giorgio Galetto, Italy	Bayreuth/Germany
2001	27 th WGC	Werner Meuser, Germany	Mafikeng/South Africa
2003	28 th WGC	John Coutts, New Zealand	Leszno/Poland
2006	29 th WGC	Janusz Centka, Poland	Eskilstuna/Sweden
2008	30 th WGC	György Gulyas, Hungary	Lüsse/Germany
2010	31 st WGC	Stefano Ghiorzo, Italy	Szeged/Hungary
2012	32 nd WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Uvalde/USA
2014	33 rd WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Leszno/Poland
2016	34 th WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Benalla / Australia
2018	35 th WGC	Sebastian Kawa, Poland	Ostrow/ Poland
2020	36 th WGC	<i>Postponed to 2021 due to Covid</i>	Châlons-en-Champagne/France
2021	36 th WGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Montlucons-Gueret / France
2023	37 th WGC	Sebastian Kawa / Poland	Narromine / AUS