

Glider Hi-Start Rules.

Currently there are three classes of model for which a Hi-Start can be used:

Under 36" Glider: there is no limit on date or construction of these models apart from the note on control surfaces, below.

Lulu, full size, built as per plan.

Any glider up to 52" wingspan.

No automatic control surfaces may be used apart from optional auto rudder and dethermaliser. Automatic hook functions not allowed.

The Hi-Start itself must consist of 7.5 metres of 1/8" rubber and 22.5 metres of line. A pennant to be fixed below the ring. A line with pin to start d/t system may be added.

The Hi-Start must be safely fixed to the ground by the use of two strong pegs joined together (spiral dog retaining pegs are suitable) and must be supervised when in use, and rolled up when not in use. (NB: These are "Peterborough Rules" approved by FFTC for competition use. Solo flyers may make their own arrangements, but must ensure safety.)

Contests are normally flown to a sixty second max, with a fifteen second attempt. Three flights or five, depending upon conditions. All competitors use the same Hi-Start for competitive flights, but may use their own, or the one supplied, at the CD's discretion for trimming flights.)

Once a competitor has taken hold of the line, he/she must launch within two minutes or call an attempt.

If a model hangs on the line for more than a minute, the flyer may bring it down by twanging the line or pulling the line down, but must call an attempt. If this happens again after an attempt, the score for the flight will be zero.

In the event of a flyoff, competitors must ballot or toss a coin for running order, and are allowed two minutes in which to fly.

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