

International FAI Gliding Badges

4.1 STATUS OF BADGES. The FAI badges are standards of achievement which do not require to be renewed. The qualifications are the same in every country.

4.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

4.2.1 Silver Badge

Distance: a flight over a straight course of at least **50 km**. (3 1. 1 statute miles) Any leg of more than 50 km of a longer pre-declared course may qualify, **subject to the requirements of 2.3.4.3 on altitude difference, applied to the whole course flown,**

Duration: a duration flight of at **least 5 hours**.

Height: a flight with a gain of height of at least **1,000 m. (3,281 feet)**

The Silver Badge is intended primarily to develop the self reliance of the new soaring pilot. The distance flight should be flown without navigational or other assistance given over the radio (other than permission to land on an airfield) or help or guidance from another aircraft.

4.2.2 Gold Badge

Distance: a free distance flight of at least **300 km**. (186.4 statute miles)

Duration: a duration flight (1.3.3) of at least **5 hours**.

Height: a flight with a gain of height (1.3.5) of at least **3,000m**. (9,842 feet)

4.2.3 Diamonds: There are 3 Diamonds, which may be worn only on a

Silver or Gold badge.:

Free distance flight (I.3.1.1) of Diamond distance at least **500 km**. (311 statute miles)

Diamond goal' a goal flight (1.3.2) of at least **300 km** over an out-and-return (1.4.2, 1.8.7) or triangular course (1.4.3, 1.8.7), flown in the designated sequence (1.6.4).

Diamond height: a flight with a gain of height (1.3.5) of at **least 5,000M**. (16,400 feet)

4.2.4 1,000 km Badge and Diploma

Distance: a free distance flight (1.3. 1. 1) of at least **1,000 km**. (622 statute miles)

The FAI awards a **special diploma** to pilots achieving the 1,000 km Badge.

4.2.5 2,000 km Badge and Diploma

Distance: a free distance flight (1. 3. 1. 1) of at least **2.000 km** (1,244 statute

miles). The FAI awards a special diploma to pilots achieving the 2,000 km Badge.

4.3 GENERAL CONDITIONS: The pilot must be alone in the glider on each flight.. A flight may count towards any badge or diamond for which it fulfils the conditions. Flights qualifying for badges shall be controlled in accordance with the requirements of this code.

4.4 REGISTERS OF BADGES: An NAC shall keep a register of badge flights which it has validated, and shall inform FAI of the names of pilots who are:

t a) **holding all 3 diamonds**, b) holding the 1,000 km Badge, c) holding the 2,000 km Badge.

FAI shall keep a register of these names.