



The USA On-line Contest

GOAL. The goal of the 'US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Online Contest' ([HOLC](#)) is to encourage cross country flying by the timely scoring of cross-country flights, free from the burden of preflight declarations, to allow an easy and up-to-date comparison of cross country flights. You can find the latest international rules [here](#).

1. Documentation. IGC-approved GNSS Flight Recorders or regular GPSes (see hardware requirements [here](#)) that can link to software to create IGC-formatted files. Official observers are not required. You can use Compe-GPS (www.compegps.com) or SeeYou (www.seeyou.ws) or the free program Maxpunkte (www.maxpunkte.de - sorry the web site is in German but you can use Google to translate it, the program is in English) to automatically post your flight records to the HOLC web site or to create OLC files on your computer which you can then post to the HOLC web site. You can find more software [here](#).
2. Evaluation. Official distance after the flight start point, up to three turnpoints and the finish point are determined using the track log, so that the scored points for the flights are maximized (by the software above). The entire flight from start time until finish time has to be performed in free flight without any means of propulsion. Compe-GPS, SeeYou or Maxpunkte will optimize the flight after the fact for you automatically.
3. Scoring points. Your flight will be automatically optimized for the highest score when you use SeeYou or Compe-GPS or Makpunkte to submit the flight to the HOLC. You use Maxpunkte or SeeYou to create an OLC file from your IGC file that you then upload to the HOLC. Or you can use SeeYou to directly load your data to the HOLC.

All tasks are tracked, so that after the starting point (take-off or start gate) up to three turnpoints and the goal (end of track) are positioned so that the score from the starting point to the goal is optimized.

A track is valued as a triangle if the distance between starting point and landing (or ending point) is less than 20% of the total distance, defined by the turn-points. The track is scored as the distance around the three turnpoints reduced by the distance between starting-and ending.

The distance between the start gate (take-off) via up to 3 turnpoints to the end of track is scored with a minimum of 1.5 points per kilometer (km).

Triangles, with the definition, that the shortest leg is a minimum of 28% of the total distance (FAI triangle) is scored with 2 points per km.

All other triangles are scored with 1.75 points per km.

The highest possible score will be used. The result is rounded to 2 decimals and is the total score for this track. Tracks with less than 15 points only are listed in the daily results, they don't count for the total

results.

4. Flight claiming. Flight claims will be only accepted [here](#). Claims have to be submitted by 24:00 (UTC) on the Tuesday following the week after the flight local time of the finish point. The IGC-file has to be submitted as part of the flight claim (it gets included in the OLC file or when you click the appropriate check box in SeeYou). By submitting the flight the participant certifies that the flight took place as claimed.

5. Scoring period for 2005/2006. The scoring period starts October 12th, 2005 and ends September 15, 2006. For more information on why these dates were chosen, see here: <http://ozreport.com/holfaqdates.php>.

6. The US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Online Contest Champions for 2005/2006 will be the three participants who scores the highest number of points with three flights in paragliders (Class 3), flex wings (Class 1), and rigid wings (Class 5).

7. Publishing data. The participant agrees that his flight data and flight-routes will be published on the internet at <http://www2.onlinecontest.org/holc/> .

8. Validation. Flights and scores will be accepted if no objections have been filed against them within one month after the corresponding weekly deadline. The protest must be sent to the national evaluator, and must arrive no later than one month after the flight took place, or one week after the end of season.

9. Participation and Registration Participants are individual pilots. There is a small participation fee. It has yet to be determined for 2005/2006. Registration can only be made online via the forms provided [here](#) and has to be made once a year. By their registration the participants agree to the competition rules.

10. All three of your flights used in the US portion of the Online contest must have started within the US. **You are free to tow to any height and are not restricted by the international DHV - Online Contest rule of 1 km AGL.** Otherwise the [DHV-Online Rules](#) govern the US Online Contest.

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