



2025 North Island Akro Fest



WHERE	Mercer Airport, North Waikato
WHEN	Saturday November 8 th (weather backup Nov 9 th)
ENTRY FEE	\$80 (flying in 1 category) \$120 (flying in 2 categories)



Competitors are flying to win the Langley Marshall Trophy, which has been contested for 30-odd years and memorialises Brian Langley and Paul Marshall, passionate Northshore Aero Club aerobatic instructors and NZAC stalwarts. This magnificent trophy is awarded to the pilot scoring the highest overall percentage across all completed sequences at the North Island Akro Fest.

Past winners have typically (but not always) been from the lower categories, so everybody has a chance to win the trophy.

This one-day competition will provide for two competition sequence flights per competitor, in your selected category. You may enter more than one category; however only the scores from your highest category will count towards the Trophy.

Category	Sequence (refer to NZAC website)
Primary	Known + Known III
Recreational	Known + Known II
Sports	Known + Free
Intermediate / Advanced / Unlimited	Known + Free Known

Sequence Descriptions

Known

All categories will fly the 2026 Known sequences, found on the NZAC website or on <https://openaero.net> (and look in library/NZAC/2026).

For **Primary** and **Recreational**, you will also get to fly an additional sequence – please be sure you have downloaded and practised the correct sequence:

Primary – Known III

Recreational – Known II

Free / Free Known

For the Sport category, you have the option of designing your own Free sequence in OpenAero, or re-flying your 2026 Known sequence (you can opt for this on the entry form).

For INT and above, you must create your own Free Known sequence using the figures of 2025 CIVA Free Known using OpenAero.

Creating a 'Free' for newbies

If you are new to creating your own Free or Free Known using OpenAero, have a read of the article on the NZAC website 'Aerobatic Sequence Design Part 2'. The NZAC Competition Rules (website - Resources/Rules) provide limits and requirements of sequences and figures, and as you build your sequence in OpenAero, the Alert box will also guide what you can and can't do.

Flying-in early and getting in some practice/critiquing

If you want to arrive early to take the stress out of getting to Mercer in time on Saturday morning, and/or to get in some sneaky unofficial practice, let us know – Friday will be available for coaching/critiquing, weather permitting. Some help setting out the Box markers would be nice too...

Saturday night

We may be finished on Saturday - we may need to fly on Sunday too. Either way, we will plan a good feed and socialising somewhere nearby on Saturday night, so no need to rush home. Transport provided.



Airfield Amenities

Hangarage, overnight parking and fuel is available on the airfield.

Landing fees and hangarage fees are payable to Mercer Airport and will be invoiced to the aircraft operator.

Accommodation on the airfield is problematic due to demand from other users – contact us to see what can be arranged elsewhere.

Helpers required both days to assist with ground duties

No experience required for many of the roles – get involved to learn more about our sport.

Please register too - no membership or entry fee required for Helpers, and you get a free lunch!

Food and Drink

Lunch, water, tea and coffee are included in the entry fee (and free for registered helpers).

Entry

Online Entry is via the Google Form - click [HERE](#) to enter

Entries close October 24th (late entry penalty of \$50 after that date)



Contact Contest Director, Steve Geard, for more details.

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