

Nationals Newsletter #3 February 2026

Overdue tasks to complete for 2026 Nationals

Are you intending to compete at the 2026 NZAC Aerobatic Nationals this March in Masterton?

Are you competing in Intermediate category or higher?

Are you yet to submit your Free Known sequences to the Contest Director?

If the answers to any of the above questions are YES then you need to get cracking and put finger to keyboard (or pen to paper for any technologically challenged participants)!

So far, entries are the usual suspects in all categories, about 16 so far, and we've received most Free Known sequences.

Enter on the www.aerobatics.nz website on the Nationals event page. Or here; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9wWBzEQbPIOZfaMoK44r5OUTYdywFRreV_0WyWQumoWPgFtA/viewform?usp=dialog

Remember we need those Trophies engraved:

We need these back. If you won something last year, please engrave it with your name in the same style as previously, then polish it and either bring it back with you, or send it to us c/- the Wairarapa Aero Club.

If your plane needs maintenance, get onto it asap.

If you need a BFR or Aerobatic competency check, you may find the instructors are busy so make contact with one and get it done sooner rather than later.

We have quite a few competitors staying on the airfield, so it should be a great vibe in and around the Aeroclub, if you haven't found accommodation yet, put a request on the chat group or find a motel. All the needed information is on the previous two newsletters or on the website first and then you can contact Me or Grant for extra info. We are looking forward to another great week of aerobatics.

Cheers Morris. Contest Director. Mike Fowler Assistant CD, Grant Benns/Steve Geard Chief Judges.



Event Timetable – March 2026

- Mon 9th-10th March. Arrivals / Practice. *Put box markers out. Tech inspections.*
- Tue 10th March. 1200-1300 Lunch/Briefing. 1300-1800 In Box practice allowed. Lone Star dinner.
- Wed 11th March. 0800: Briefing (Aero club briefing room).
0900: Practice.
1230: Lunch.
1330: Competition begins. Knowns all categories. *LLDA or Judging courses?*
1900: Box closed. Bar opens at 1800. Welcome BBQ at Clubrooms.
- Thurs 12th March. 0800: Briefing (Aero club briefing room).
0900: Once Knowns are complete, Free-Knowns/Known 2's commence.
1230: Lunch.
1330: Free-Knowns and Known 2's until complete.
1900: Box closed. Bar opens 1800
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2000: Free Unknown design session, Pizzas delivered to Clubrooms.
- Fri 13th March. 0800: Briefing (Aero club briefing room).
0900: Unknowns (Inter/Adv/Unl). Primary and Rec fly Known 3.
Once Unknowns complete, Free Unknowns (Inter/Adv/Unl).
1230: Lunch.
1330: Free Unknowns until complete.
1900: Box closed. Bar opens at 1800. BBQ hosted by the Wairarapa Aero club
- Sat 14th Mar. 0800: Briefing (Aero club briefing room).
0900: Free Unknowns until complete (Inter/Adv/Unl).
1200: Lunch.
1300: Free Unknowns until complete then 4-minute Free-Style.
1700: (1800 if necessary) Box closed. De-brief at Aero club.
1700: Bar opens.
1830: 3 course catered buffet dinner at Legend Aviation or Aero Club
1900: Prize Giving.
- Sun 15th Mar: 1000 -1300 possible last competition flights if weather delays are encountered.
Presentation and lunch. Collect box markers, tidy up Aero club & hangar, & depart.