

Victorian State Aerobatic Championships

2025 Welcome Pack

Molly says it's time to go flying – watch out for eagles!



The Friendly Comp

Dear Competitor,

Welcome to the 2025 Victorian State Aerobatic Championships! The Friendly Comp [™]

This pack contains information about the competition and other activities scheduled for the week.

The Victorian Championship is known as The **Friendly Comp**.

We emphasise making things as easy and professional as possible. Please do not hesitate to approach competition officials with questions.

We understand this could be your first competition! "Anyone with a silver beard will be happy to help," said Charles and Russell...

Importantly, we are determined to provide everyone with a fair and friendly experience, focusing on a safe, Aresti-style aerobatics competition.

We trust you will have an enjoyable competition and a fabulous week in Tocumwal.

Thank you for your participation in our AAC Victorian Chapter competition.

Fly hard, have fun and most importantly, fly safely!

Kind Regards

The AACVC Committee

The AACVC is a not-for-profit organisation run on a volunteer basis by passionate club members.

Contest Officials & Event contacts:

Contest Director	Geoffrey Johnson cd@aacvc.com.au
Safety Director	Russell Banks sd@aacvc.com.au
Contest Secretary	Charles Greatrex cs@aacvc.com.au
Chief Judge	Geoffrey Johnson cj@aacvc.com.au
Chairman of the Jury	Russell Banks
Contest Moderator	Charles Greatrex
Chief Scorer	TBA
Radio Operator	Lee Gordon-Brown
Admin	Stjepan Nikolic
Emergency services	"Triple Zero" 000

Schedule of events:

Pilots are responsible for ensuring they're in their aircraft and ready to go in time for their flight.

Wednesday 24th September 2025:

0900 – 1800 Official Practice

1600 – 1700 Registration Opens. All pilots are to present current aircraft maintenance release, license and medical.

1700 – 1800 Selection of Unknown Figures for Programme 2 and 3 (INT and UNL)

Thursday 25th September 2025:

0800 – 0830 Daily Briefing

0900 - Flying commences:

Unlimited Free Known, Programme 1

Advanced Free Known, Programme 1

Intermediate Free Known /Graduate Known, Programme 1

Lunch Break

Sportsman Known, Programme 1

Friday 26th September 2025:

0800 – 0830 Daily Briefing

0900 - Flying commences:

Unlimited Free Known, Programme 2

Advanced Free Known, Programme 2

Intermediate Free Known /Graduate Known, Programme 2

Lunch Break

Sportsman Known, Programme 2

Saturday 27th September 2025:

0800 – 0830 Daily Briefing

0900 - Flying commences:

Unlimited Free Known, Programme 3

Advanced Free Known, Programme 3

Intermediate Free Known /Graduate Known, Programme 3

1400 - 1500 (2 pm to 3 pm) Sportsman Known, Programme 3

Sunday 28th September 2025:

0800 – 1800 Weather Day or Pack Up/Departure

Competition Regulations and Sportsmanship:

The Victorian Championships, known as the Friendly Comp, is organised and run on a volunteer basis by AACVC club members. We are all here to fly to the best of our abilities in front of a panel of judges and to put the maximum points on the board. We expect sportsmanship from all involved to always be at the top level. Let's keep it friendly, so we all look forward to returning each year.

The 2025 Victorian State Championships will be conducted under the following rules:

- AAC Regulations 2021
- FAI Sporting Code – Section 6, Part 1 2024
- Aresti Catalogue (Condensed) for Power Aerobatics
- Australian CAR/CASR

The following variations to the AAC Regulations 2021 will also be in force:

- 2.11.5 The AACVC committee will select judges
- 2.54 There will be no boundary judges
- 2.14.2 The AACVC committee will determine any appropriate expenses to be reimbursed to contest officials
- 2.21 The AACVC may make any further changes as necessary to ensure the competition runs smoothly.

Notes:

- 1) None

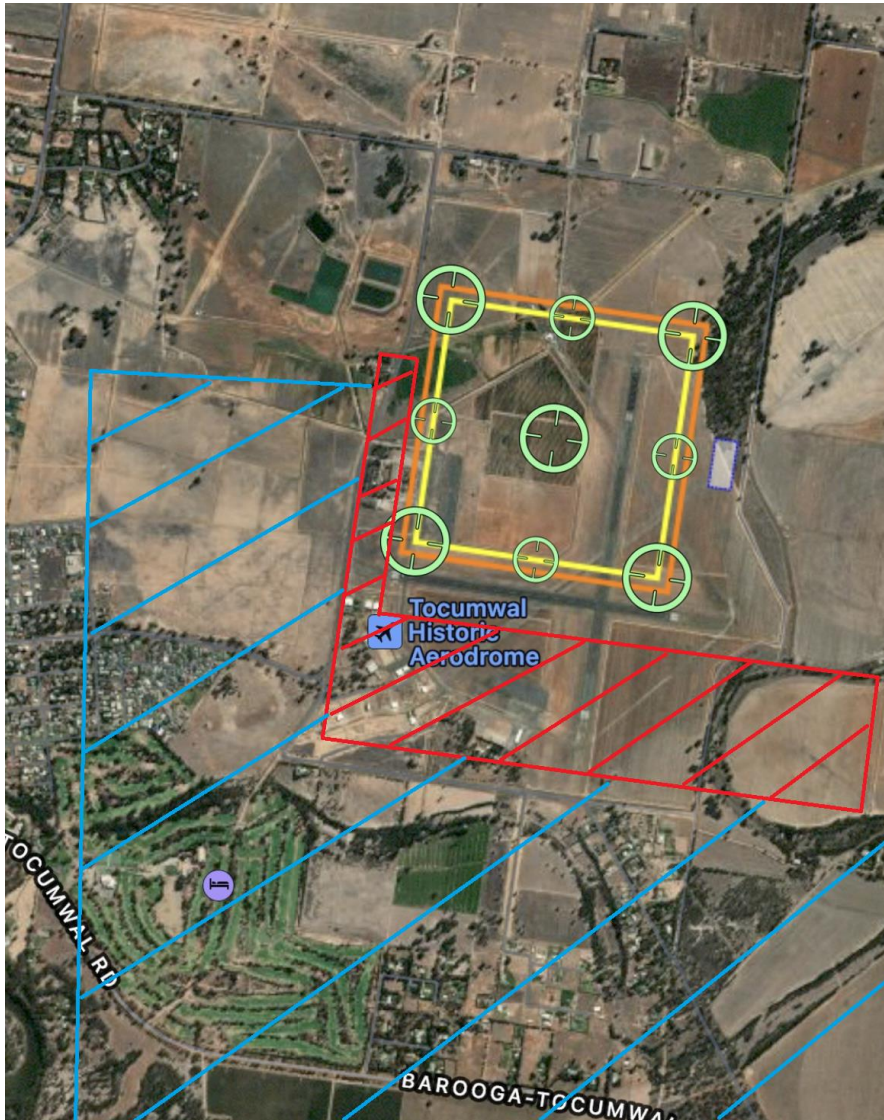
Bad Weather:

The contest jury will consider all options to complete the competition.

Sunday, September 28th, is reserved for categories that have not completed two competition flights.

The Aerobatic Box:

The aerobatic box is a 1km x 1km box marked on the ground using yellow markers. It is clearly visible from the sky and used as your reference for flying your sequences. The box is marked as per the map below:



Fly Neighbourly:

The town of Tocumwal is noise-sensitive. All pilots must abide by the fly-neighbourly policy to avoid unnecessary noise pollution for the residents. In the diagram above, areas marked in red, particularly when you are inbound to land, must be flown with a low RPM setting where possible to minimise noise.

Blue areas should be avoided where possible and should only be flown over if you are above 1000' and use a low power and rpm setting to minimise noise.

All circuits and aerodrome operating procedures must be flown following current ERSA requirements. Also, be sure to check the NOTAMs for YTOC.

Be helpful:

If everyone helps out, the competition will run smoothly and efficiently.

As part of the competition, you will be asked to assist in some capacity, either on the judging line as a judge or penciller or by helping to put out or pack up the box markers, sweep out the hanger, clean the bus, etc.

So please help when you are asked, or better still, if you see something that needs to be done, make yourself useful and help.

Being on the judging line is an excellent opportunity for junior competitors and newcomers. You get a front-row seat to all the action and can see exactly what the judges are looking for. Don't hesitate to ask questions and make the most of the experience!

Senior members, remember that you were once a junior. The AACVC and subsequent chapters of the AAC have been a haven for us to enjoy our sport, learn, and become better aerobatic pilots. Please take the time to make sure the new members feel welcome and ask them if they have any questions about any facet of the sport.

New and junior members are encouraged to ask as many questions as they may have about the competition and seek advice from senior members to make their experience memorable and enjoyable.

Be Safe!

Safety first is the most important thing when it comes to anything! Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of any operation. We are here to help.

Fuel, Oil & Hangarage:

AVGAS: is available via self-serve bowser. Credit card required or Aero Refuellers Swipe Card.

OIL: participants should bring sufficient oil for their aircraft. Oil is not available for purchase at Tocumwal

HANGARAGE: Ample hangarage is available for planned participate levels at a weekly rate (TBA at the initial briefing). In the unlikely event of hangarage coming into short supply, aircraft of aluminium construction will be asked to tie down outside to provide hangarage for composite or fabric-covered aircraft.

Engineer/LAME:

Tocumwal Aviation Services

Other options at Yarrawonga and Deniliquin

Reach out if help needed and we will assist!

Training & Practice prior to the competition:

The competition NOTAM will be active from 0800hrs local Monday 22nd September to 1800 local Sunday 28th September.

All participants must adhere to CASR requirements during private practice at the airfield prior to the commencement of the competition. This includes CASA Legislative Instrument EX67/24 Section 20B.

Please be mindful of your activities and have consideration for airpark residents, the local community and other airport users.

Poor airmanship of any breach of AAC rules or CASA Legislation will not be tolerated and will result in your immediate disqualification from the event.

Lost property:

Any lost property should be handed to the Contest Officials. The CD will announce any lost property at the next competition briefing.

Event communications:

A "WhatsApp" group will be used to provide competition communications and updates throughout the event. Please ensure you have the latest version downloaded to your phone prior to attending.

Gmail account:

Everyone will require a Gmail account to assist with passage of information and to enter scoring results.

Accommodation:

There are multiple accommodation providers in Tocumwal. We recommend you book early to avoid disappointment:

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/the-murray/tocumwal/accommodation>

Please be aware that early arrivals may find it difficult to source accommodation on the weekend prior to the Championships due to another significant event in Tocumwal (Tocumwal Airshow 2025).

The AACVC has organised dinners at the following venues.

Dinners:

The AACVC has organised dinners at the following venues.

Please join us each night to support the local town and share a meal and laughs with fellow pilots and volunteers.

Wednesday night:	Farmers Arm:	7 pm
Thursday night:	The Old Bank:	7 pm
Friday night:	Golf Resort:	7 pm
Saturday night:	Tocumwal Aeroclub:	7 pm

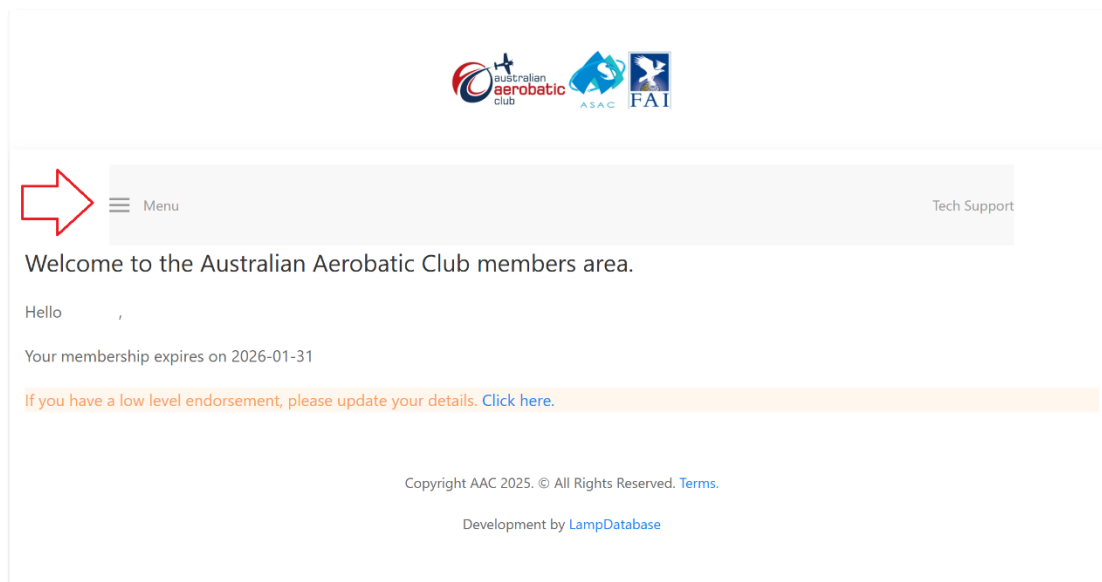
Registration - Pilots & Aircraft:

All financial members of the AAC are eligible to compete. Foreign entries from FAI member states will be accepted at "Hors Concours" (H/C). H/C entries must provide evidence of appropriate and current aerobatic experience.

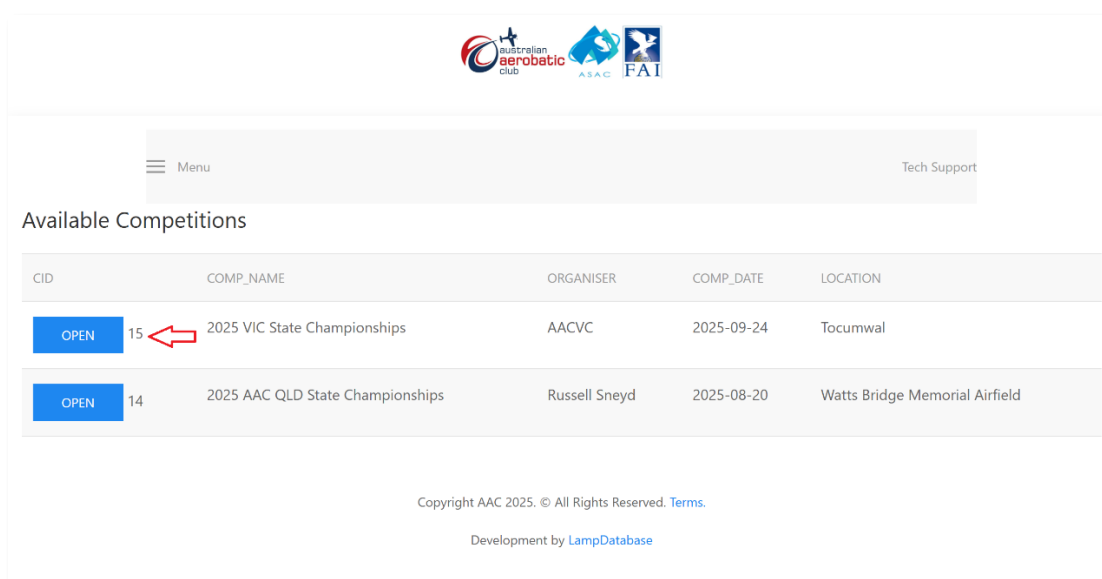
All contestants must complete the registration on the AAC website. This is done through the member portal

<https://members.aerobaticsaustralia.com.au/>

**** Login via your member details and select competitions from the Menu. Follow the prompts and complete the payment instructions. If you do not have a member login, contact your Chapter Secretary for additional details.**



The screenshot shows the top of the members area with logos for the Australian Aerobatic Club, ASAC, and FAI. A red arrow points to the 'Menu' button. Below the navigation bar, the text reads: 'Welcome to the Australian Aerobatic Club members area.', 'Hello ,', and 'Your membership expires on 2026-01-31'. A yellow banner contains the text: 'If you have a low level endorsement, please update your details. [Click here.](#)' At the bottom, it says 'Copyright AAC 2025. © All Rights Reserved. [Terms.](#)' and 'Development by [LampDatabase](#)'.



The screenshot shows the 'Available Competitions' page. It features a table with the following data:

CID	COMP_NAME	ORGANISER	COMP_DATE	LOCATION
OPEN 15	2025 VIC State Championships	AACVC	2025-09-24	Tocumwal
OPEN 14	2025 AAC QLD State Championships	Russell Sneyd	2025-08-20	Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield

A red arrow points to the '15' next to the first competition. At the bottom, it says 'Copyright AAC 2025. © All Rights Reserved. [Terms.](#)' and 'Development by [LampDatabase](#)'.

Please register by 20th September. Late entries will attract an \$100 additional fee except in exceptional circumstances. Refunds are available for genuine reasons.

Entry Fees:

Category	Entry Fee
Entry	\$250
Graduate	\$250
Sportsman	\$250
Intermediate	\$325
Advanced	\$325
Unlimited	\$325
4-minute Free (UNL competitors only)	\$50

All fees to be paid by direct deposit to the Australian Aerobatic Club Victorian Chapter

Account Name: AAC Vic

BSB: 013 006

Account Number: 4515 8424 4

Reference: VIC2025_SURNAME