# Getting started with GliderLink

Import a GliderScore database and explore your competition

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# About this guide

GliderLink is a web platform for running RC glider competitions. It reads the GliderScore database (GliderScoreData.mdb), so you can bring in competitions you have already run and see them in GliderLink in a few minutes.

This guide takes you from the invitation email to your first imported competition. You only need a web browser and a copy of your GliderScoreData.mdb file.

> You can use the database of a test competition. Importing does not change your .mdb file: GliderLink only reads it.

# 1. Activate your account

You will receive an email with the subject "Your GliderLink account". Click Choose password. The link is valid for 7 days; if it expires, ask the GliderLink administrator to send it again.

Type your password twice, tick the box to accept the privacy policy and click Activate account.

If you registered yourself on gliderlink.net, you already chose your password: once the administrator approves your account, go straight to step 2.

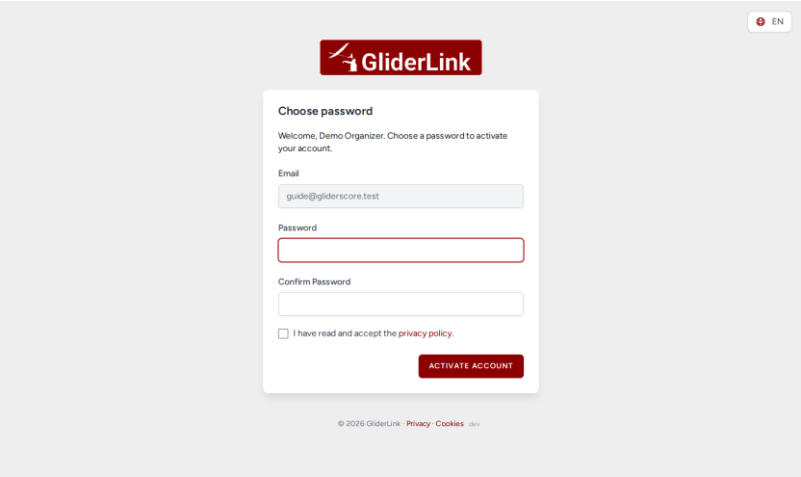



*Figure 1. Choosing your password from the invitation link*

# 2. Log in

From then on, go to https://gliderlink.net and log in with your email and password. The globe button at the top right changes the language (English, Spanish, French, German, Czech, Italian or Catalan).

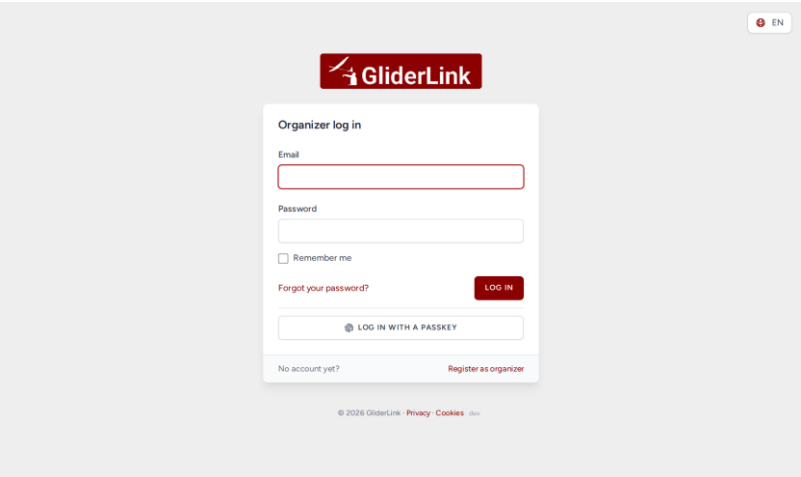



*Figure 2. The login page*

# 3. Your home page

After logging in you see Home: your organizer details and a summary of your competitions, pilots and landing tables. It is empty until you import or create a competition.

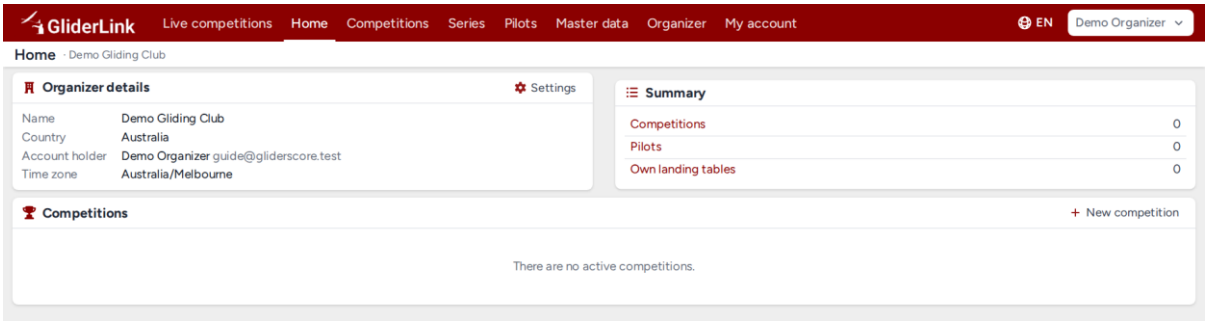



*Figure 3. Home page of a new organizer*

# 4. Check your time zone

Your time zone is shown on your home page. If it is not correct, change it here: open Organizer in the top menu, choose the right Time zone of the competitions and click Save. Every new competition takes this time zone, and each competition can also have its own.

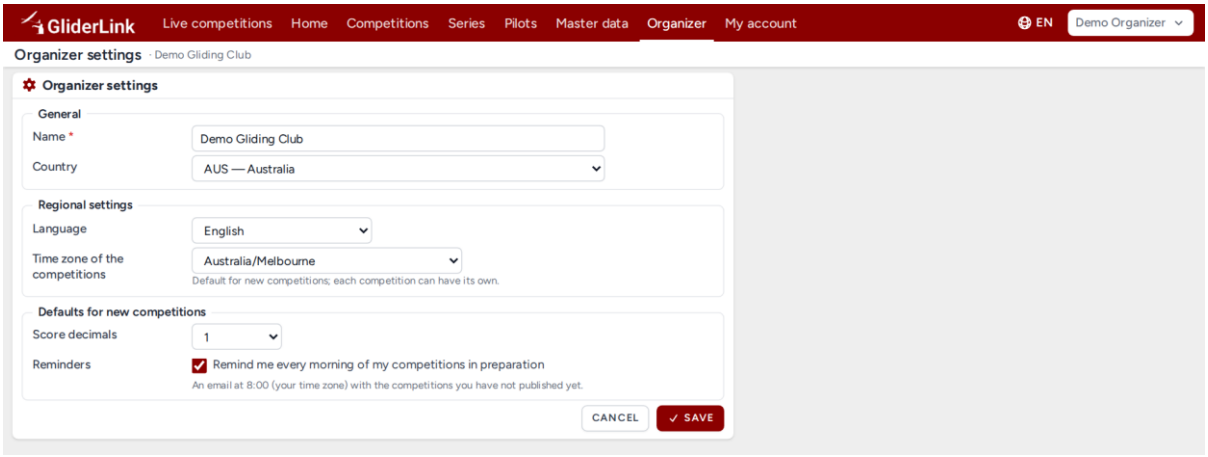



*Figure 4. Organizer settings: name, country, language and time zone*

# 5. Import your GliderScore database

## 5.1 Open the import page

Open Competitions in the top menu and click Import .mdb… in the toolbar.

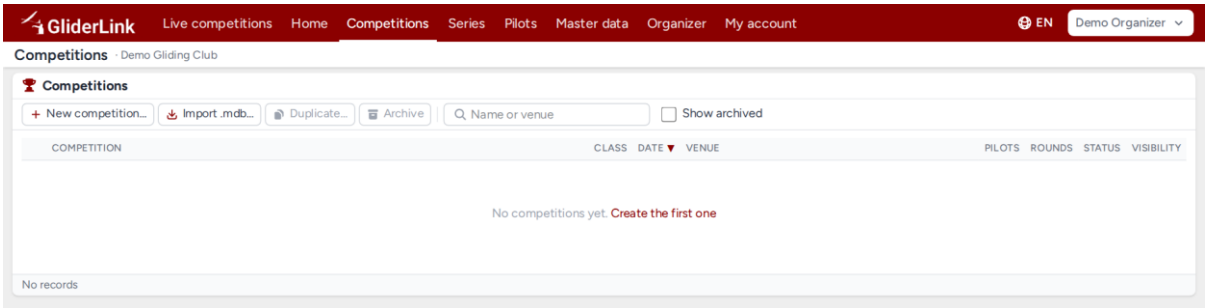



*Figure 5. Competitions, with the Import .mdb… button*

## 5.2 Choose the file

Click the dashed box, or drag GliderScoreData.mdb onto it. In GliderScore 6 the file is usually in C:\GliderScore6.

The file is read inside your browser. It is never uploaded as a whole: only the competitions you choose, and their pilots, are sent to GliderLink.

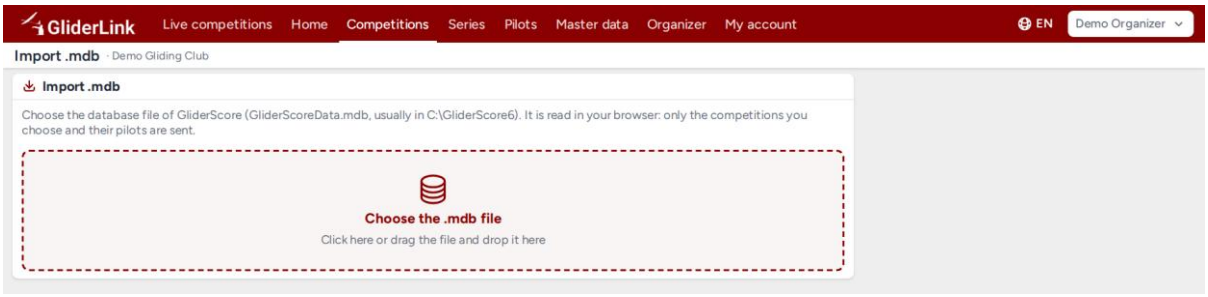



*Figure 6. The import page, ready for the file*

## 5.3 Choose the competitions

GliderLink lists every competition in the file, the newest first. At the moment it can import F5J, F5L, ALES and speed (F3F, F3D, F3E) competitions; the other classes are shown in grey and cannot be selected yet.

Click a row to select it. You can select several. Each competition comes with its entries, draw, flights and penalties. Then click Import.

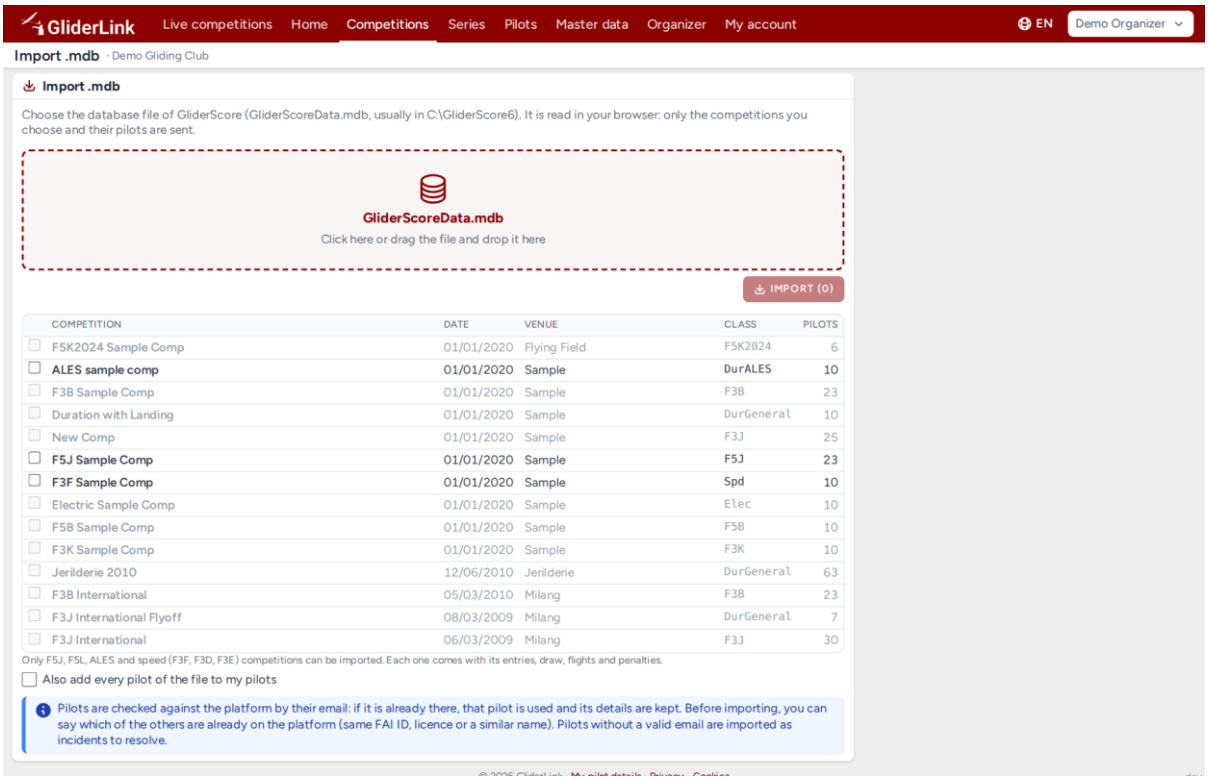



*Figure 7. The competitions in the file*

If you tick Also add every pilot of the file to my pilots, all the pilots in the file are added to your list, not only those of the chosen competitions.

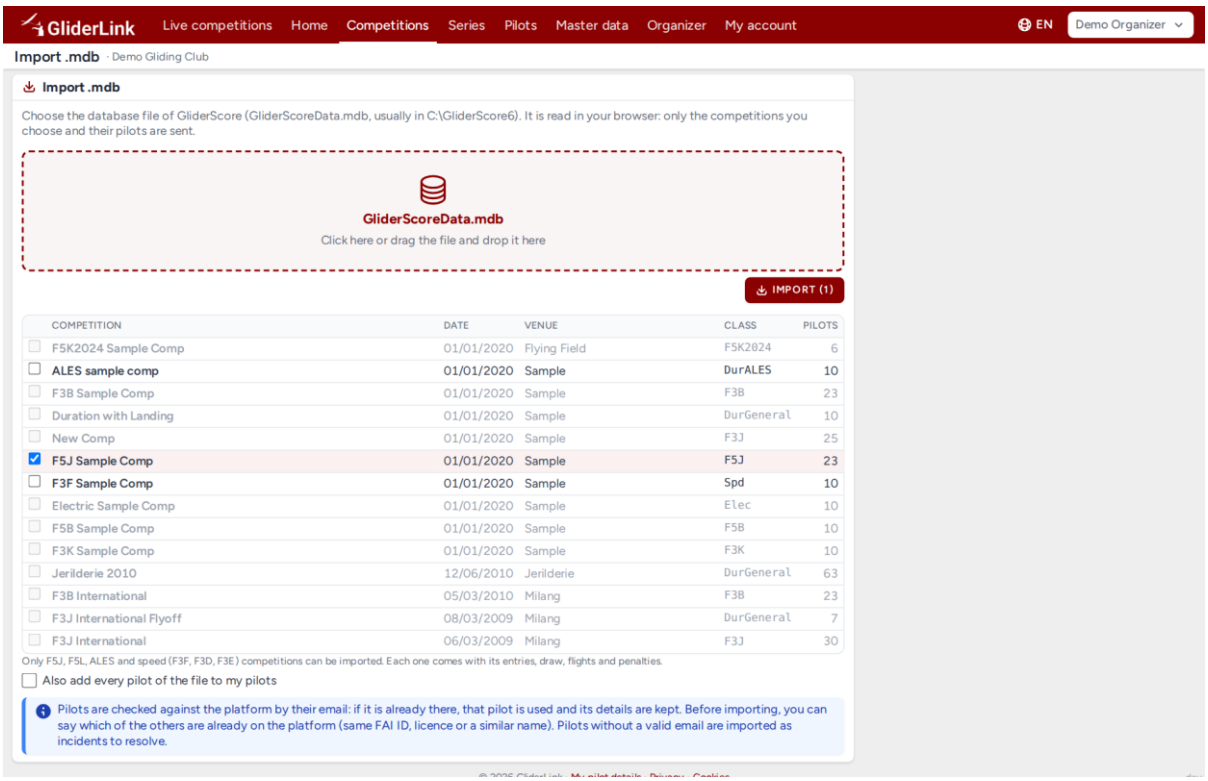



*Figure 8. F5J Sample Comp selected*

## 5.4 Review the pilots

In GliderLink a pilot is a single record for the whole platform, identified by their email. Before importing, GliderLink looks for pilots of the file who may already be on the platform (same FAI ID, licence or a similar name) and asks you about them.

For each pilot, keep the suggestion or choose A new pilot. Of pilots who are not in your list you only see their public details, never their email. Then click Accept all and import.

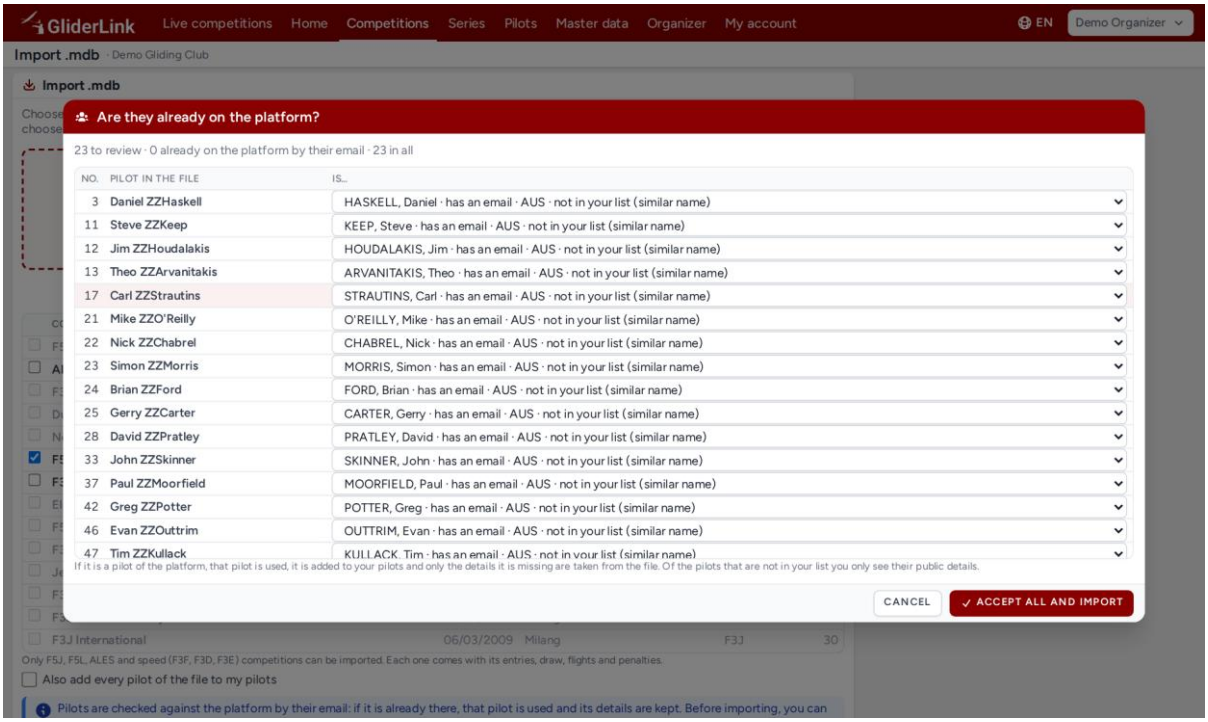



*Figure 9. Are they already on the platform?*

> Pilots without a valid email are imported as incidents. You can fix them later in Pilots (Resolve the incidents).

### 5.5 Import finished

A summary shows the imported competitions, how many pilots were already on the platform and how many are new.

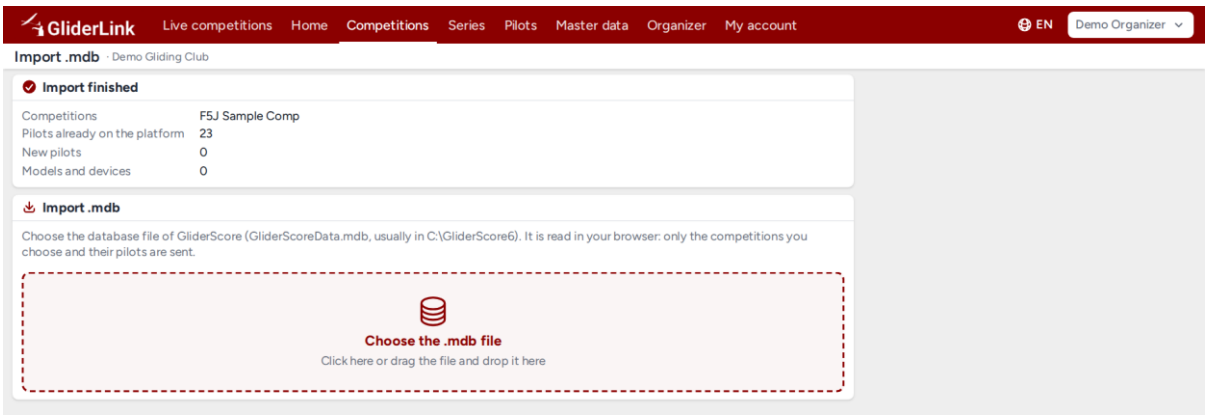



*Figure 10. Summary of the import*

## 6. Explore the imported competition

The competition now appears in Competitions. Click its name to open it.

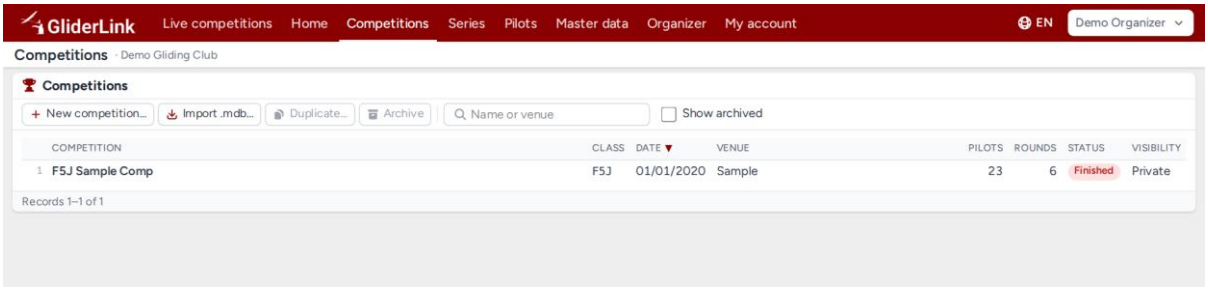



*Figure 11. The imported competition in the list*

### 6.1 Summary

Status, dates, class, working time, drops and the progress of the competition (pilots, rounds drawn and flights with data). The menu below the name gives access to every part of the competition.

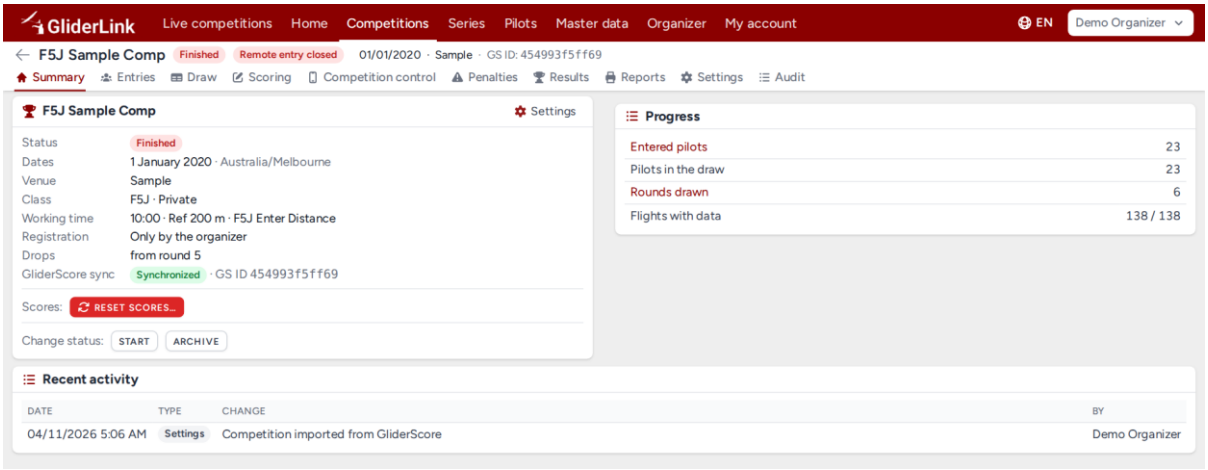



*Figure 12. Summary of the competition*

### 6.2 Entries

The pilots of the competition, with their club, FAI ID and model. From here you can add, swap or remove pilots.

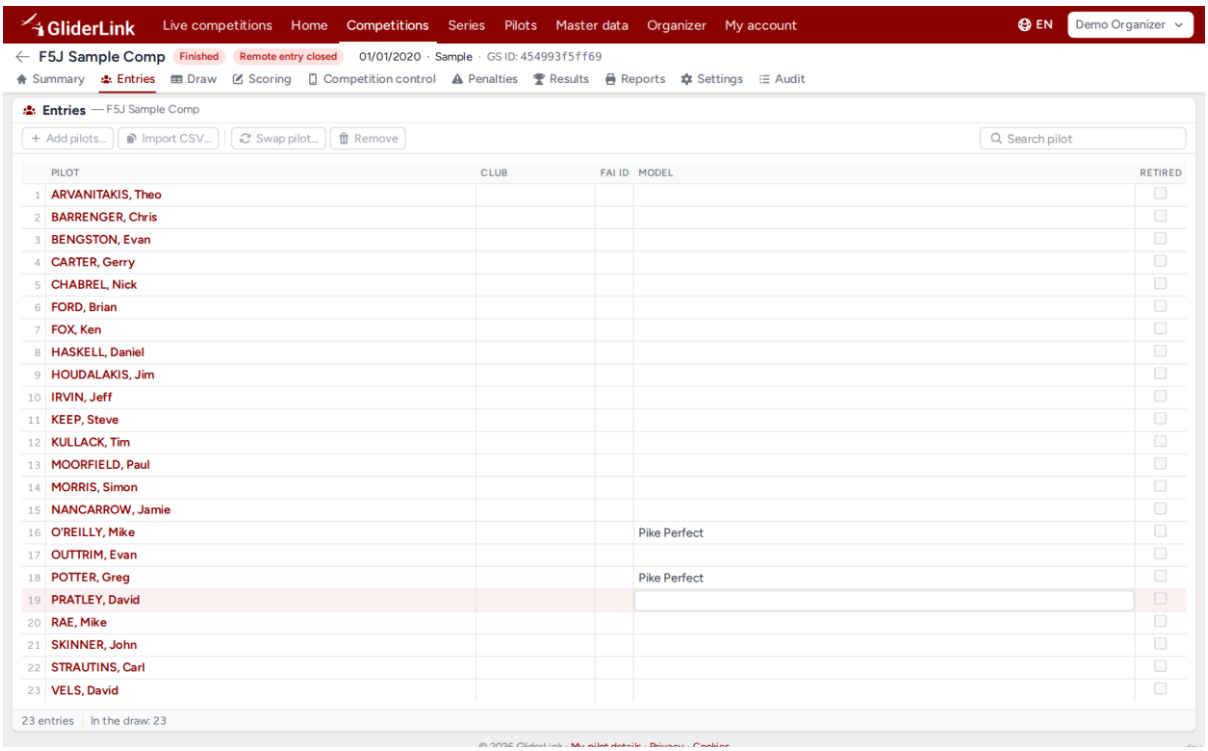



*Figure 13. Entries*

## 6.3 Scoring

The flights of each round and group, as on the GliderScore scoring screen: time, launch height, landing and the resulting raw and normalised scores. Use the arrows or the G1, G2… buttons to move between groups; the Leaders panel updates as you type.

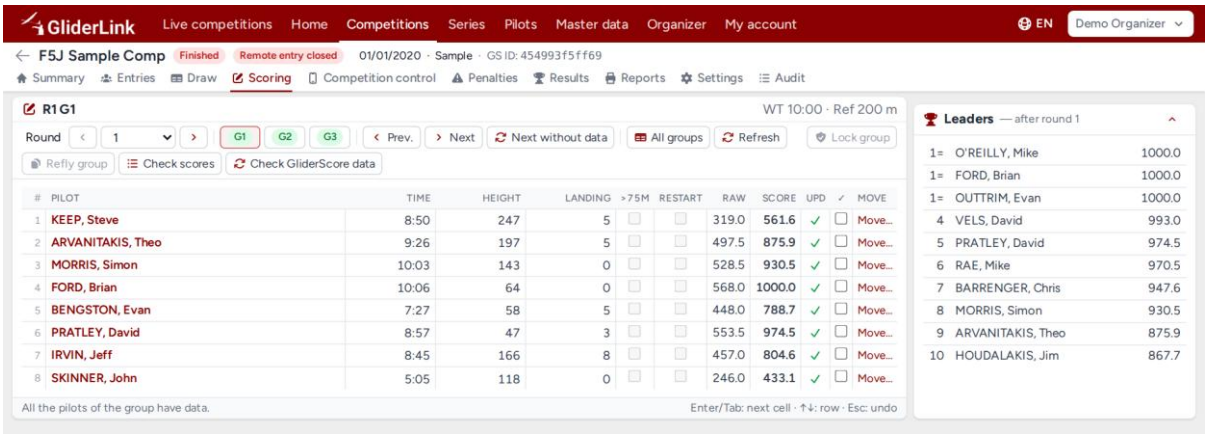



*Figure 14. Scoring of round 1, group 1*

## 6.4 Results

Overall, by round, flights and classes, with drops applied. Print / PDF and CSV are at the top right. Compare them with the results in GliderScore: they should match.

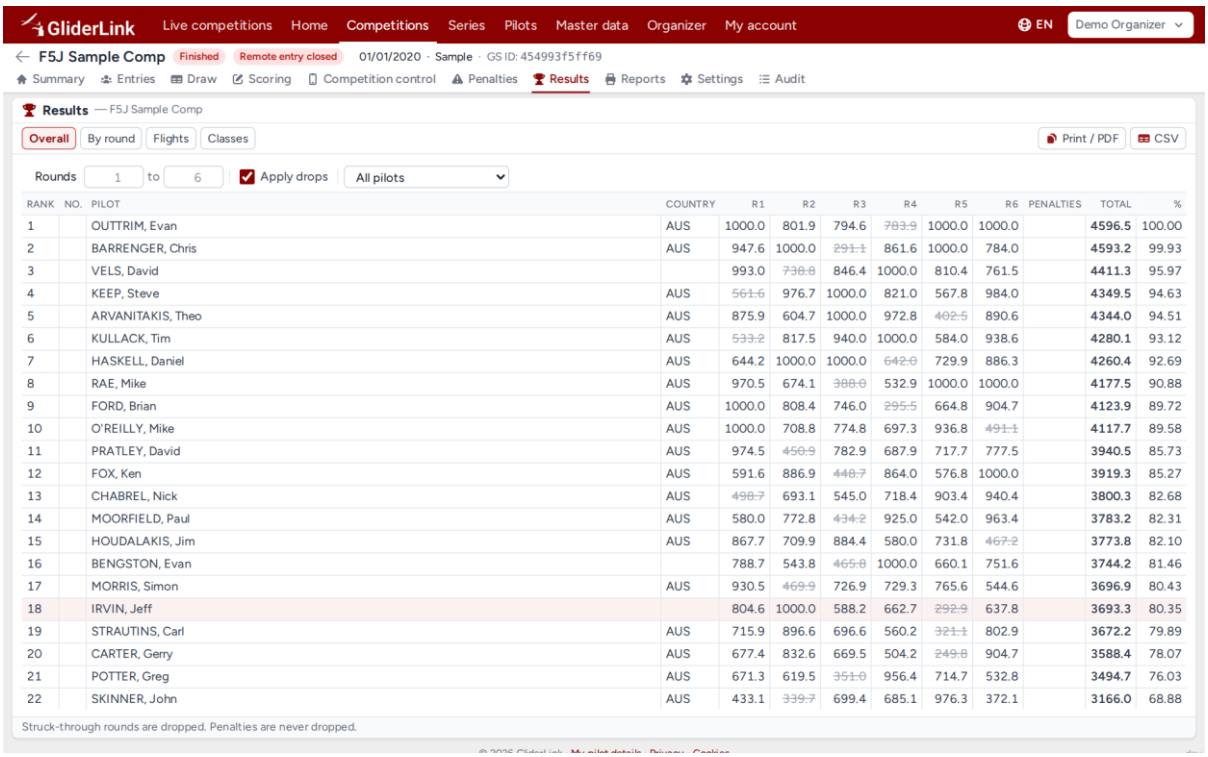



*Figure 15. Overall results*

## 6.5 Competition control

Here the timekeepers' app connects to the competition: they scan its QR code and each flight they send appears under Received flights and goes into the scoring grid. This is the GliderLink app for timekeepers.

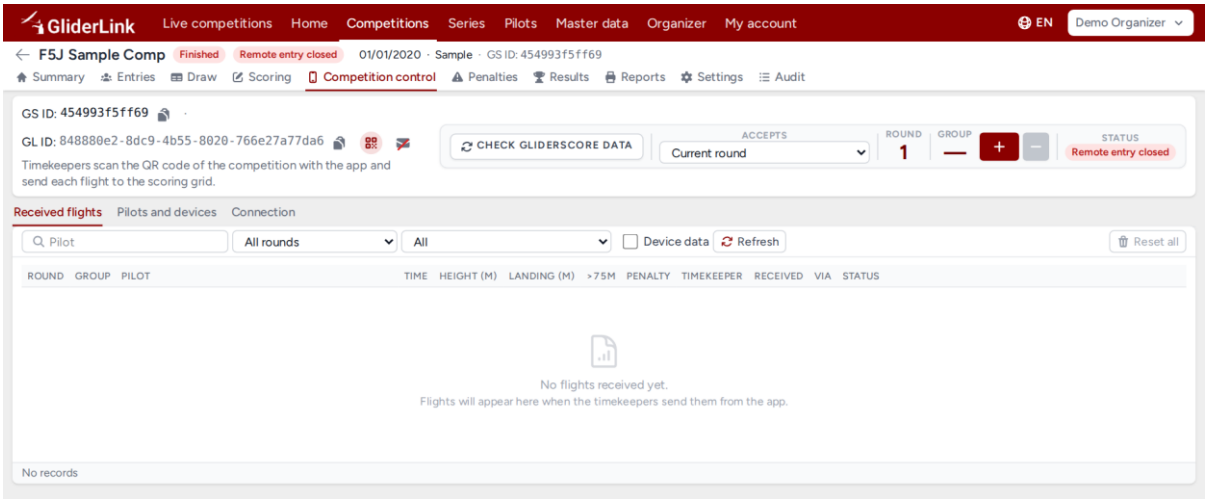



*Figure 16. Competition control: the timekeepers' app*

# 7. Your feedback

Please try anything you like. Everything you do stays in your own organizer account, and your .mdb file is never changed.

If something does not work as you expect, or GliderLink does something differently from GliderScore, please tell the GliderLink administrator: your comments help us improve it.