

Aero Club Annual Awards

The Aero Club of South Africa holds an annual Awards Dinner in early November. The evening is to highlight the exceptional accomplishments of the members of the Aero Club of South Africa including all its subsections.

Nomination Process

Anyone may nominate a candidate for an Aero Club award, however the chairman of the sections are encouraged to make sure that deserving candidates are nominated. Nominations may be made at any time of the year, however they close for consideration at the end September. The period under consideration will be from the previous September to the current September. The nomination must be accompanied by a motivation or a citation and forwarded to the secretary of the Aero Club.

If a nominee is not sure which award the candidate should receive, then a motivation should be written to include all the many achievements of the candidate so that the awards committee can deliberate. While the career path might form part of the narrative, the motivation should highlight the exceptional accomplishments.

Each candidate must have a citation which will be read out at the dinner, so it needs to be no more than 150 words and should only highlight the exceptional accomplishments required for that award.

Award Committee

An awards committee will be appointed by the Aero Club board and will convene in early October to consider the nominations.

Award Categories

1. National Colours and Special Acknowledgements.

We celebrate the participation of candidates who have represented South Africa in international competitions over the last year, by handing to them their National Colours certificate.

These candidate would have already received their national colours when the teams competed, and at this celebration, all candidates are awarded together.

While SASCO only recognise competitors, managers and coaches, our sporting disciplines also require other participants to ensure the smooth running of the events, eg International Judges, Route Planners, Competition Directors, Jury members. We celebrate their participation by awarding a Special Acknowledgement Certificate.

The secretary of the Aero club should collect all the SASCO approval forms and ensure these candidate are added to the list. The Chairman of each section must verify the list and also include the special acknowledgements.

The citation for these award is as follows.

Special Acknowledgement
award to
Jozef Jacobs
For participation as International Judge
20th FAI World Rally Flying Championships
Santa Cruz Beach, Portugal
from the 4th to 9th September 2016.

2. Special Recognition Certificate

Candidates who have made a noteworthy contribution to aviation during the year under review are awarded a Special Recognition Certificate.

Nominees for other awards below could be considered for this award should a more deserving candidate win the primary award, or if the contribution, while worthy of recognition, does not meet the requirements for the other award.

A citation must include sufficient detail of the noteworthy contribution.

3. Youth Development Certificate

This certificate is awarded to a nominee who has made a significant contribution to the development of Aviation among the younger generation.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the noteworthy contribution.

4. Don Tilley - Safety in Aviation

This trophy is awarded to a nominee who has made a significant contribution to the development of Safety in Aviation. (Unsuccessful nominees should be carried forward to next year for consideration)._

The citation must include sufficient detail of the noteworthy contribution.

5. Dennis Jankelow - Airmanship

This trophy is awarded to a nominee who has demonstrated exceptional airmanship during the last year.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the noteworthy airmanship.

6. African Pilot - Airshow of the year

This trophy is awarded to a nominee (Airport or Organisation) who has organised the best airshow during the last year.

Nominations must include sufficient detail of to allow the awards committee to adjudicate best airshow.

7. James Gilliland - Most meritorious feat over the past year

This trophy is awarded to a nominee who has performed the most meritorious feat over the past year.

World Records, Circumnavigation of the earth and exceptional flights could be considered.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the meritorious feats.

8. SA Eagle - Most meritorious achievement at an International Event

This is a performance award and nominees should be judged against the "Performance Award Ranking Criteria"

The citation must include sufficient detail of the meritorious achievement. (See the performance award ranking criteria for the details required)

9. PGS TROPHY - Manufacture or design in the South African Recreational Aviation

This trophy is awarded to a nominee (person or company) who has made a significant contribution to manufacture or design in the South African recreational aviation. (Unsuccessful nominees should be carried forward to next year for consideration).

The citation must include sufficient detail of the noteworthy contribution.

10. SILVER wings - Exception service / project to further the Aero Club

This award is made to those who have completed an exceptional project to further the Aero Club and its sections.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the exceptional project and the contribution it has made to the Aero Club and its sections.

This award could be made multiple times to the same candidate for other qualifying projects..

11. GOLD Wings - at least 10 years' meritorious service to Aero Club

This award is made to those who have completed at least 10 years' meritorious service to Aero Club and its sections.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the meritorious service and the contribution it has made to the Aero Club and its sections.

This award is only given once to same candidate.

12. Lewis Lang Trophy - Pilot of the Year

This is a performance award and nominees should be judged against the "Performance Award Ranking Criteria"

The citation must include sufficient detail of the meritorious achievement. (See the performance award ranking criteria for the details required)

13. Aero Club Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is made to those who have made a meritorious contribution to Aviation over a life time.

The citation must include sufficient detail of the meritorious contribution and the contribution it has made to the Aero Club and its sections.

This award is only given once to same candidate.

14. Paul Tissandier Diploma

This Diploma, established by the FAI in 1952, is named after Mr. Paul Tissandier, Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945. It shall be awarded to those who have served the cause of Aviation in general and Sporting Aviation in particular, by their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways. The Aero Club is invited to nominate candidates for this award to the FAI.

Our candidates achievement could also qualify for another FAI award (See <http://www.fai.org/awards/fai-general-awards>)

Performance Award Ranking Criteria		
Entry Type		
Selected by FAI based on performance at previous World Champs		
Selected by SA selectors base on performance at National Champs		
Selected by provincial selectors based on provincial performance		
Qualified by performance at nominated competitions		
Normal Entry		
<u>Competiton Level</u>		
FAI World Air Games		
FAI World Championship		
World Championship Qualifier		
Local Competiton with International Entries (min. 2)		
National Championships		
<u>Performance</u>		
FAI Gold Medal Individual Overall		
FAI Silver Medal Individual Overall		
FAI Bronze Medal Individual Overall		
FAI Gold Medal Team		
FAI Silver Medal Team		
FAI Bronze Medal Team		
FAI Gold Medal Individual Section		
FAI Silver Medal Individual Section		
FAI Bronze Medal Individual Section		
1st Place Individual		
2nd Place Individual		
3rd Place Individual		
1st Place Team		
2nd Place Team		
3rd Place Team		