

BGA Glider Markings

All gliders, whether CAA registered or not, should carry unique 'competition' markings prominently displayed on both sides of the glider – the fin is ideal. All gliders are allocated a unique BGA Certification number (eg BGA1234) and tri-graph (eg ABC). The tri-graph is the competition marking.

These markings are proven to assist other pilots when looking out in busy soaring or circuit flying environments – gliders can look very similar and clear marking helps pilots with situational awareness.

Understandably, some pilots prefer to carry individually selected competition markings. The BGA supports this approach and as such manages a database that helps to ensure two gliders are not flying with the same markings. However, markings are 'owned' by individuals and therefore to be effective, that database has to be periodically updated with glider owner's current wishes.

So owners have a choice of competition marking;

1. Use the tri-graph marking supplied with the glider C of A

Or

2. Contact the BGA and request an individually selected competition marking

BGA Individual Markings Issue Policy

The BGA will, where possible, ensure that an individually selected 'competition' marking is not issued to more than one person or club. It will achieve this by requiring individually selected competition markings to be allocated on an annual basis.

The chosen markings should include a maximum of three figures, with any mix of numbers and letters. For example;

2
T
22
T2
2T
T22
22T
2TT
T2T
2T2...etc

Advice

For advice regarding the issue of BGA competition markings, contact Beverley@gliding.co.uk

