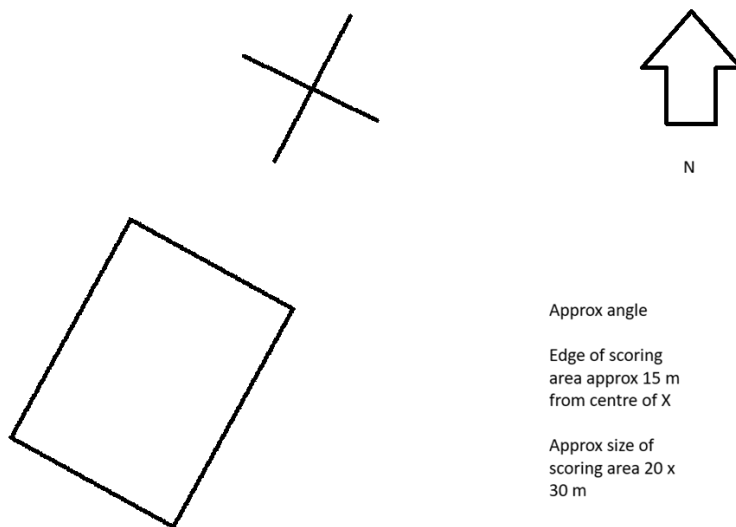


2026.07.04 - AM Flight, answer to the complaint from competitor 2 regarding Task 5

The complaint refers to Task 5, a Gordon Bennett Memorial (GBM) and whether or not a logger mark outside of the MMA would be counted.

Task	5	GBM	Gordon Bennett Memorial (Rule 15.8)	Task order	in any order
			a. Position of goal/target	4504/1252	
			b. Description of scoring area(s)	See drawing	
				MMA	see drawing
				Marker color	yellow
				Marker drop	free
Scoring period			Until 8:00		
Scoring area			entire contest area	Loggermarker	3



Relevant rules

The GBM, by definition (15.8), has a limited scoring area.

15.8.1 Competitors will attempt to achieve a mark within a scoring area(s) close to a

set goal.

15.8.2 Task data: a. position of goal/target b. description of scoring area(s)

15.8.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.

Answer to the request

The task in question is described above. It is accompanied by the drawing that was distributed to all competitors. In the drawing, the description twice refers to the rectangle as the scoring area.

At the briefing, Competitor 2 asked a question regarding a more detailed description of the area to which I responded that it would be a white rectangle made of old balloon fabric. Competitor 2 asked whether the fabric counted in the scoring area to which I replied yes.

In preparing the task, I referred to the physical copy of the Task Data Sheet for the second flight of the 2025 Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championship (see attached) which detailed that GBM, Task 5, in the same way with both electronic logger marks and the Entire Contest Areas noted.

My interpretation of the scoring area used is based on 15.8.2 b. wherein I believe a clearly defined scoring area was described.

For that reason, I am leaving the results for Task 5 the same.