

Resolution on the Palm Rule

Effective the 2026/27 season

Foreword:

Currently, a pilot is allowed to plant a palm tree when he earns his FAI 1,000-km diploma. This means that if he has already earned the 1,000-km diploma somewhere else, he can no longer plant a palm tree in Bitterwasser. To give these pilots the opportunity to plant a palm tree as well, the following was decided starting with the 2019/20 season.

Additionally, there is an opportunity to plant a palm tree for a flight of over 1,250 km flown in accordance with the FAI 1,250 km diploma rules. As an exception to the diploma rules, this 1,250 km flight may be flown in a two-seater. A palm tree will then be planted, and both names will appear on the plaque next to the palm tree.

At the shareholders' meeting in March 2026, a call was made to tighten the rules, as the performance of aircraft and pilots continues to improve. It was decided to allow only 1,250-km diplomas going forward.

Guidelines for When to Plant a Palm Tree:

You have the opportunity to earn a palm for a flight of over 1,250 km flown in accordance with the FAI 1,250 km Diploma rules. This means the pilot must be alone in the aircraft for the entire duration of the qualifying flight (single-seater rule). The opportunity to plant a palm tree also applies if the pilot has already earned a 1,250-km diploma through other means.

In addition, there is an opportunity to plant a palm tree for a flight of 1,500 km or more that was flown in accordance with the FAI 1,500-km diploma rules. As an exception to the diploma rules, this 1,500-km flight may be flown in a two-seater. In this case, a palm tree is planted, and both names appear on the plaque for the palm tree.

This rule was adopted and has been in effect since the 2026/27 season.