



Local Regulations

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12th FAI WORLD PARAGLIDING ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIP

20th – 28th October 2023,
Sopot, Bulgaria

Organised by:
Bulgarian National Aeroclub
Sports club “Shambhala”

Approved by CIVL Bureau April 19, 2023.....

These Local Regulations are to be used in conjunction with the most recent versions of the FAI Sporting Code:

- General Section
- Section 7 – Common
- Section 7 C – Accuracy
- Section 7 I – Guidelines and Templates

1. Contacts

Organizing NAC and general organizer:	<u>BULGARSKI NATSIONALEN AEROKLUB</u> Address: blv.EvlogiGeorgiev 97 Sofia 1000 Phone: +359 898450264 Website: www.bnac.bg E-mail: national_aeroclub@mail.bg
Local organizer:	<u>Sports club ‘Shambhala’</u> Phone: +359 899914801
Official website and registration:	https://civlcomps.org/event/pgaworlds-2023

2. Officials

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| • Main Organizer | Bulgarian NAC |
| • Local Organizer | Sports club “Shambhala” |
| • Meet Director | Valery Tzvetanov |
| • Safety Director | Hristo Slivkov |
| • Rescue Coordinator | Euromed Karlovo |
| • Transport and Retrieval | Alexandra Emilova |
| • Scorer, IT | Vladimir Mihailov |
| • Weather Forecast | Ivelin Kalushkov |
| • HQ/Admin | Alexandra Emilova |
| • Launch Marshal | Veselin Jivkov |
| • Public and Press Relations | Karlovo Press |
| • CIVL Steward | Kamil Konecny (CZE) |

- CIVL/FAI Jury President TBA
- CIVL/FAI Jury member TBA
- CIVL/FAI Jury member TBA

- Chief Judge TBA
- Event Judge TBA

HQ Location:

Lift Sopot www.lift-sopot.com

3. Programme

Event programme

Unofficial Training Days	17 - 19 October 2023
Judging Seminar	19 October 2023
Official Registration:	19 October 2023 (10:00 - 17:00) 20 October (8:00 – 10:00)
Mandatory Safety Briefing:	20 October (10:00 - 11:00)
Team Leader Briefing:	20 October (11:00 – 11:30)
Official training round/Glider Inspection:	20 October (12:00 - 17:30)
Opening ceremony:	20 October (18:00)
Contest flying days:	21 - 28 October
Prize-giving and Closing ceremony:	28 October (19:00)

Typical daily schedule

- 08:00 - Headquarters open
- 08:15 - Deadline for complaints/protests of the previous day
- 08:15 - Team leader briefing
- 08:30 - Transportation to Take off
- 09:00 - Pilot briefing / Start of competition day
- 18:00 - End of competition day
- 19:00 - Headquarters closes
- 20:00 - Complaints resolution published

The daily schedule is subject to change. Any changes to the schedule will be announced by the Meet Director at the Daily Team Leader Briefing or Pilot Briefing and posted on the noticeboard. Competition will use also official WhatsApp group as official noticeboard.

4. Entry

Numbers of competitors

- The maximum number of pilots in the championship is 130.
- The maximum number of pilots that may be entered by a NAC is 15.
- The maximum number of pilots constituting a national team is 4 total and include a minimum of one from each sex.

Selection Procedures

1. Pilot qualification criteria as per Section 7C 2.2.1.
2. The nations' priority table will be set according to the WPRS nation ranking three calendar months before the championship starts. All allocations will be made based on the July table.
3. All applications made through the official web site must be made by the pilot.

Entry Application Deadline and Allocation

The list of pilots who are representing NAC must be sent by the NAC or their official representative to the organizer. **The deadline is 19th July 2023.** Only pilots that are approved by their NAC will be considered for allocation.

1. The list of pilots who apply for the competition will be checked on July 19th, 2023. Applications from pilots who are not eligible will be disregarded.
2. First allocation round will be made July 19th. Each team will be allocated a maximum of 3 pilots and include a minimum of one pilot from each sex. Subsequent passes will allocate to each team another pilot in sequence according to the nation priority table until a total of 130 pilots are reached or no more applications are left.
3. Results from the first allocation round will be published on the official web site and the entry fee payment process will start. The deadline for payments will be 19 August 2023.
4. After the payment deadline the team allocation table will be updated. Any unpaid places will be re-allocated in the second round on 19

August. The second round will run until a total of 130 pilots are reached or no more applications are left.

5. The deadline for the second payment will be 19 September 2023.
6. In the case where 130 pilots are not allocated in time, the allocation deadline may be extended until the start of the competition.

5. Entry fee

The Entry fee will be:

- 350 Euros per pilot
- 150 Euros per team leader/assistants

The Entry Fee includes:

- Transport to the take-off and retrieve,
- Emergency rescue and first aid medical service
- Pilot identification number
- ID card & safety/contact information,
- Lunch package, refreshments
- Competition's souvenirs
- Free access to all championship events and parties
- Free internet (Wi-Fi) access at the HQ

Team leaders who are also pilots in the competition will pay only the pilot entry fee.

Refund policy

In the event of pilot withdrawing from the competition before 15th September 2023 and who cannot be replaced by a qualified pilot, a 50% refund will be offered. Withdrawals received after this date will not be eligible for a refund except if the withdrawal is at organizers' discretion in any other case.

If the event is cancelled due to the Covid19 situation or any other unexpected situation, 40 euro per fee will be retained by the organizer to cover bank and management fees.

6. Payment

All teams are to pay their entry fees to the following bank account.

(Please indicate CIVL IDs of the pilots you are paying for, or country!):

Payment details

Name: Sports club "Shambhala"

Address: Sopot, Bulgaria

IBAN:BG49RZBB91551003012558

Bank name: RAIFAIZEN BANK

Country: Bulgaria

7. Registration

Pre-registration

Pre-registration of the pilots and teams must be done at the official web site:

<https://civlcomps.org/event/pgs-worlds-2023>.

Registration

The official registration will be on:

19 October 2023 (10:00 - 17:00) &

20 October (8:00 – 10:00)

at HQ - Lift Sopot.

Entry Forms will be completed during the registration.

Each competitor will be required to present:

- Proof of identity.
- A valid pilot's licence
- Satisfactory evidence of glider and equipment airworthiness.
- Proof of valid insurance as detailed.

Each competitor must have a valid FAI Sporting Licence, which will be checked before the start of the competition using the FAI's Sporting Licence database.

Each competitor will be required to sign:

- The Waiver Declaration (agreement on release of liability).
- The Certified Glider/Equipment Statement.
- The Entry Form.

Attention!

The Safety briefing will be held in the Competition headquarters and attendance **is mandatory** for all competitors. Pilots who do not attend this meeting will not be permitted to fly in the competition.

8. Insurance

The organizers require that documentary proof in English must be presented to the registration team before the start of the championship of:

- Valid insurance covering public liability risk to the minimum value of **€10,000**.
- Valid paragliding competitions personal accident insurance. This must include all medical treatment and all repatriation to the country of origin and medical treatment if required.

Important Note: The organiser will offer competitors the opportunity to arrange the necessary insurance with an insurance agent on the day of registration.

9. Equipment

General

All equipment must comply with S7C part 8.

Contest numbers

The pilot ID numbers supplied by the organizers must be visible and placed on leg of pilot, as specified at registration.

Radios

The organization may require pilots to carry a radio able to receive and transmit on the safety frequency. (2metre). The organisers will issue frequencies at the pilots' briefing.

10. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee will comprise:

- Meet Director,

- Launch Marshal (or Deputy),
- Senior member of Judging Team,
- a minimum of two experienced pilots (one local, one visitor – they must be competitors, English speaking). They will be elected by the team leaders.

11. Competition site

Location: Lift Sopot

Take Off Site

Grid Reference: 42.6870336N, 24.7498619E

Altitude: 1450 m ASL

Wind direction: S, SE, SW, E

Landing Area:

Grid Reference: 42.6639161N, 24.7483611E

Altitude: 570 m ASL.

(Landing area is a Grass field, near the lift station,

Location: Debene - Konnik

Take Off Site

Grid Reference: 42.6022936N, 24.7793983E

Altitude: 390 m ASL

Wind direction: all

Landing Area:

Altitude: 340 m ASL.

(Landing area is a Grass field, all around the training hill,

Notes:

During the competition, the take-off area will be reserved for the pilots, the media and identified staff personal. The general public will be kept outside the take-off area.

Other appropriate sites may be used by the Meet Director.

12. Launch

Method: Competition will be hill launch take off.

Competitors must have good nil wind as well as strong wind takeoff skills. At the Launch Marshal discretion, a pilot may be temporarily stood down or permanently withdrawn from the competition if he/she appears unable to launch safely in wind and weather conditions that fall within operating limits.

Competitors not ready to fly in the established flying order when called forward to launch by the Launch Marshall, or who take off without the Launch Marshal's permission, will be liable to a maximum score.

Other: According to Section 7C

13. Number of rounds

Twelve (12), in accordance with Section 7C

This will be a 'Knock out' event, in accordance with Section 7C 5.4.3.1

- All pilots will fly in the first 6 rounds of the competition.
- The best 60 pilots will then continue to fly in 7th and 8th rounds
- The best 40 pilots will then continue to fly in 9th and 10th rounds,
- The best 20 pilots will fly 11th and 12th rounds
- The 11th and 12th rounds will be flown in reverse order.

14. Rest day

In accordance with Section 7C Para 3.7

15. Wind speed

The maximum permitted wind speed at each target area, for the purposes of competition is 6 m/s.

The Competition will use a wind recording and scoring system at the target, with visual and acoustic warnings of exceeding limits.

16. Scoring

According to Section 7C

1. Individual score

According to Section 7C. Para 5.4.3.

Pilots who do not continue in the competition (after applying the Knock Out rule) will be marked DNQ (did not qualify) in these rounds.

2. Team score

According to Section 7C. Para 5.4.4.

The nation's team score for each round will be calculated as the aggregate score of the best three pilots in the nation's team. If any nation has fewer than three competitors, then for each round a maximum score will be awarded to the team for each of the scores for which there is no competitor.

The team competition will end after the 6th round.

3. Result publishing

As soon as it is practical at the end of the round, the recorder will post the scores on the main notice board. These will be marked Provisional, with the posting time and date clearly visible. Any complaint against the Provisional scores must be lodged within 2 hours of the scores being posted.

If provisional scores are posted more than 2 hours after sunset and before 6.00 am next day, then the deadline for a complaint is 8.30 AM the next day.

17. Landing

Competitors will be scored according to the distance in centimetres between the first point of ground contact and the edge of the dead centre (2 cm) disc to a maximum score of 200 cm.

The measuring field will have clearly marked circles set at 1 m, and 2 m.

Otherwise according to Section S7C.

18. Video evidence

Organiser will provide video recording on the landing. In the case where amateur video evidence is available when an official complaint is made, the Chief Judge reserves the right to choose whether and when to view that video evidence. The decision will be made on a case-by-case basis. Further information on the policy on video evidence will be provided at the first pilot briefing.

A lack of video evidence is not a valid reason to award a re-launch.

19. Training, Practice, Test and Free Flights

During the period of the event, only competition flights are permitted on the official flying site.

Competitors are prohibited from conducting training, practice, test and free flights using the official take-off and landing sites, except with the express permission from the Meet Director.

Flying from other local sites are allowed, however, these activities must not be associated with the Championship or the Organisation in any way.

Official pre-fliers will take-off as directed by the Meet Director or Safety Director.

20. Penalties

In accordance with Section 7C

21. Task Information

A task board at the landing field will show:

- the results,
- the meteo information,
- other information related to competition and/or social events.

22. Objections, Complaints and Protests

Objections, complaints protests will be dealt with according to the procedures in Section 7C and the Sporting Code General Section.

Complaints should be made with the minimum delay and will be dealt with expeditiously.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome, the team leader can make a protest in writing to the Meet Director or his deputy. The time limit for protests is 2 hours (1 hour after last round) after notification of the result of the complaint. The protest fee is 50CHF. It will be returned if the protest is upheld.

The Official Protest forms and printed copies of S7C will be available at the Recorder table, with the Launch Marshal and Chief Judge.

23. Emergency procedures

A first aid team will be present at take-off or landing during operations.

The closest hospital is located in Karlovo. It takes approximately 15 minutes for an ambulance to reach the landing site. The hospital can treat serious injuries. An ambulance to Plovdiv, in case of very complicated injuries, takes about 1 hour. There is no helicopter on standby for this event.!

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS

Please read carefully. This is a release of liability, waiver of legal rights:

1. I am a participant in the Paragliding Accuracy World Championship 2023 held in Sopot, Bulgaria from 20th of October to 28th of October 2023 (collectively, the "Competition"). I acknowledge that participating in the Competition or any other activity related thereto (collectively, the "Events") involves INHERENT DANGERS, may be HAZARDOUS and involves RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURIES OR DEATH. I expressly assume all risks associated with participating in the Events, including, without limitation to direct participation in the Competition or in training sessions, accessing restricted areas, sharing area facilities with people not directly involved in the Events and travelling in and between the Events' venues. Despite all the risks, I voluntarily choose to take part in the Events. (Initials:)
2. In consideration of receiving permission to take part in the Events, I agree to release and hold harmless the contest organisers, the Aeronautical Federation of Bulgaria, the property owners of the operation areas (including launch and landing areas), the Federation AéronautiqueInternationale and its Commission Internationale de Vol Libre, their respective affiliates, agents, officers, directors, owners, commission or jury members, contractors, volunteers, employees and insurers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims I might make as a result of physical injury, including death, or property damage sustained in connection with the Events. I promise not to sue the Released Parties and agree that if anyone is physically injured or property is damaged while I am engaged in the Events, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Released Parties. The provisions of this paragraph 2 shall not apply to misconduct determined to have been undertaken intentionally or recklessly. (Initials:)
3. This Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights supersedes any other agreements or representations by or between the parties and is governed by the laws of Serbia. I intend this document to be interpreted as broadly as possible. I agree that exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any legal action shall be in Bulgarian courts and such courts have personal jurisdiction. (Initials:)
4. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable under the applicable law, all other parts shall still be given full force and effect and the agreement shall be completed in respect of the aspects covered by the part which is declared unenforceable as to give effect to the intent herein expressed to the fullest extent permissible by law. (Initials:)

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signed on this date: _____

Signature of Participant

Printed name of Participant

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Address of Participant: