

1.2.3 The total period of the event shall not exceed 16 days including two days on which the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies are held. Events should be separated by a minimum period of 4 days . At least one non-flying rest day shall be given during the period. An official practice period of about seven days immediately preceding the opening of the Championships shall be made available to all competitors. Attendance on at least the last official practice day is mandatory for all pilots.

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4.1.2 Each competing sailplane shall be flown within the limitations of its Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly and:

- a. Must have been issued a valid Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly not excluding competitions.
- b. Shall be made available to the Organisers at least 72 hours before the briefing on the first championship day for an acceptance check in the configuration in which it will be flown. This configuration shall be kept unchanged during the whole competition. Exception: In the Open Class only it is allowed to change complete wing panels and/or winglets. No instruments permitting pilots to fly without visual reference to the ground may be carried on board, even if made unserviceable. The Organisers may specify instruments covered by this rule in their Local Procedures.

All discrepancies found during the acceptance check must be corrected no later than 20:00 on the day before the first scheduled competition day. Noncompliance will result in denied competition launches. By that time Flight Logs - including Pilot ID and Contest Number in the IGC file - from all FRs in use must also have been delivered to the Competition Office. Noncompliance will result in denied competition launches.

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4.2.1 f. 20 metre Multi-seat Class – 750 kg.

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5.4 d. FR's shall be switched on for at least two minutes before first take off to establish an altitude baseline. To provide a positive record on the Flight Log from motor gliders having an MoP capable of being started in flight (including sustainer MoP) the engine must be started and run for a maximum of two minutes either before the launch, or within 5 minutes after release if the motor glider is launched by aerotow. This procedure needs to be followed only on the first competition day, provided that:

- 1) Flight Logs from both FR,s submitted on the first competition day show a positive record of the engine run.
- 2) Flight Logs on each subsequent competition day also show evidence that detection of MoP is enabled.

f. Competitors must submit a Flight Log for evaluation on each Championship Day on which a launch was made, regardless of the outcome of the flight(s). All Flight logs submitted must include Pilot ID and Contest Number in the IGC file.

7.3.3 **Release Areas** Release areas and towing patterns shall be described in the Local Procedures. The release areas shall be clearly separated and positioned in a way that makes it possible to establish safe and efficient towing patterns.

The standard release height or altitude shall be given in the Local Procedures and may be modified at Briefing.

- a. Each release area **should normally** be used by one class at a time.

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7.7.2 b. **Finish Ring** A circle of specified radius (**minimum 3 km**) around the Finish Point encompassing the contest site and the landing circuits. A minimum altitude (MSL) shall be imposed for crossing the ring. Competitors crossing the finish ring below the minimum altitude, shall be penalized.

*Option b. Finish Ring is **to be regarded as the normal finish procedure as** it allows each pilot to slow down and concentrate on **the landing procedures** and other sailplanes prior to landing.*

Organisers are encouraged to use a Final Turn Point to align the sailplanes with the desired direction of landing. If possible, separate Final Turn Points should be used for each class.

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7.7.3 **Validity of Finishes**

- a. A Finish is valid if the Flight Log shows that the glider crossed the Finish Line in the direction specified on the task sheet or enters the Finish Ring.
- b. A sailplane landing within the contest site boundary without crossing the Finish Line shall be deemed to have finished and shall be given as Finish Time the time at which the glider stopped moving plus five minutes.
- c. **A sailplane entering the Finish Circle but landing outside the contest site boundary shall be deemed to have finished but 5 minutes will be added to the Finish Time.**

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9.2.3. The amount of the Protest Fee shall be stated in the Local Procedures. **Minimum amount is € 250.** The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld, or is withdrawn prior to the hearing by the Jury.

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- b. A Protest shall be handed to the Championship Director or his designated official, by the Team Captain, together with the protest fee within 14 hours (2 hours on the last day) of the publication of the ruling or decision against which the protest is made. **At that time the protest time for previous days will also expire.**