

Page: Balloon Competition

1. HOURS How many hours do have as a pilot of hot air balloons?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-100 <input type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	3
101-250 <input type="text"/>	14.7%	24
251-500 <input type="text"/>	19.0%	31
501-1000 <input type="text"/>	23.9%	39
1001-2000 <input type="text"/>	27.0%	44
2001+ <input type="text"/>	13.5%	22
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2. YEARS How many years have you been piloting hot air balloons?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	3
3-5 <input type="text"/>	10.4%	17
6-10 <input type="text"/>	22.7%	37
11-15 <input type="text"/>	16.0%	26
16-20 <input type="text"/>	12.9%	21
21+ <input type="text"/>	36.2%	59
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3. EVENTS How many balloon events (competitions) do you typically fly each year?

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0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1.2%	2
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1-2	<input type="text"/>	28.2%	46
3-5	<input type="text"/>	40.5%	66
5-10	<input type="text"/>	23.9%	39
10+	<input type="text"/>	6.1%	10
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4. LEVEL OF COMPETITION What is the HIGHEST level of competition you have ever competed in?


		Response Percent	Response Count
Local event	<input type="text"/>	5.5%	9
National Championship	<input type="text"/>	36.8%	60
Continental Championship	<input type="text"/>	14.1%	23
World Championship	<input type="text"/>	43.6%	71
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5. EXPERIENCE Please answer the following questions about events that YOU HAVE FLOWN IN. (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

		Response Percent	Response Count
I have competed in events that used OBSERVERS for scoring	<input type="text"/>	83.4%	136
I have competed in events that used GPS LOGGERS for scoring	<input type="text"/>	79.1%	129
I have competed in events that used OBSERVERS AND LOGGERS (together)	<input type="text"/>	68.1%	111
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6. COUNTRY (Optional Question) If you wish, please tell us what country you represent.

Response Percent	Response Count
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100.0%

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7. SCORING Please indicate which type of scoring you prefer.

	Response Percent	Response Count
I prefer to be scored using OBSERVERS only <input type="checkbox"/>	6.9%	11
I prefer to be scored using GPS LOGGERS only <input type="checkbox"/>	35.6%	57
I prefer to be scored using OBSERVERS AND GPS LOGGERS TOGETHER <input type="checkbox"/>	44.4%	71
It does not matter which scoring system is used. <input type="checkbox"/>	13.1%	21
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<i>skipped question</i>		3

8. SCORING For tasks that are measured to a point (JDG, PDG, FOT, etc.) I would prefer, whenever possible, to be scored by:


	Response Percent	Response Count
Dropping a marker (with a track log as backup) <input type="checkbox"/>	85.3%	139
GPS coordinate from my track log <input type="checkbox"/>	3.7%	6
Either - it doesn't matter <input type="checkbox"/>	11.0%	18
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9. GOALS Should goal coordinates given by the Competition Director have a clearly defined land feature (for example: road intersection, target, clock tower, etc.)?


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	Response Percent	Response Count
YES: Goals should have a clearly visible land feature. <input type="text"/>	78.5%	128
NO: Goals could be a coordinate only with no land feature. <input type="text"/>	21.5%	35
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10. LOGGERS Some countries have experimented with alternative ways to make goal declarations. If there was a **SIMPLE** and **SECURE** way to allow your **CREW** to submit your declaration for you during the flight, would you try it? [For example by giving a signed declaration form to your crew-chief prior to take-off. You could then radio the coordinates to your crew-chief and he/she would take it to one of several declaration points where it would receive a time-stamp.]

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="text"/>	51.9%	82
No <input type="text"/>	27.8%	44
Don't know. <input type="text"/>	20.3%	32
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11. NEW FLYTEC LOGGERS Have you flown in competitions using the New 'Flytec' GPS Loggers?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="text"/>	13.8%	22
No <input type="text"/>	86.3%	138
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skipped question		3

12. NEW FLYTEC LOGGERS IF YOU HAVE USED THESE LOGGERS, please rate how they performed.

	1 (Very Bad)	2	3 (Average / OK)	4	5 (Excellent)	Did not use this feature	Rating Average	Response Count
Easy To Use and understand	2.9% (1)	8.6% (3)	17.1% (6)	14.3% (5)	37.1% (13)	20.0% (7)	3.93	35
General Reliability	0.0% (0)	12.5% (4)	6.3% (2)	18.8% (6)	40.6% (13)	21.9% (7)	4.12	32
Ability to make declarations on the ground (before flight)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	11.1% (4)	25.0% (9)	30.6% (11)	27.8% (10)	4.12	36
Ability to make declarations in the air (in flight)	2.9% (1)	8.6% (3)	11.4% (4)	22.9% (8)	25.7% (9)	28.6% (10)	3.84	35
Accuracy of track results	3.0% (1)	6.1% (2)	12.1% (4)	24.2% (8)	30.3% (10)	24.2% (8)	3.96	33
Overall Satisfaction with logger	2.9% (1)	5.9% (2)	14.7% (5)	17.6% (6)	38.2% (13)	20.6% (7)	4.04	34
 Show replies Please add any comments about these loggers								9
answered question								36
skipped question								127

12. NEW FLYTEC LOGGERS IF YOU HAVE USED THESE LOGGERS, please rate how they performed.**answered question** 36**skipped question** 127**13. NEW FLYTEC LOGGERS Should these loggers be used at more events?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="text"/>	34.3%	48
No <input type="text"/>	7.1%	10
Don't know <input type="text"/>	58.6%	82

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	Response Percent	Response Count
No, I would not buy one <input type="text"/>	22.1%	32
Yes, only if the cost is less than 1000 Euro <input type="text"/>	4.8%	7
Yes, only if the cost is less than 800 Euro <input type="text"/>	2.8%	4
Yes, only if the cost is less than 500 Euro <input type="text"/>	15.2%	22
Yes, only if the cost is less than 300 Euro <input type="text"/>	26.2%	38
Not Sure <input type="text"/>	29.0%	42

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Yes	<input type="text"/>	13.4%	20
No	<input type="text"/>	56.4%	84
Not Sure	<input type="text"/>	30.2%	45
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16. SCORING ACCURACY Do you feel that loggers are accurate enough for scoring Category 1 events without Observers?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes -- logger scoring is accurate enough	<input type="text"/>	43.2%	67
No -- logger scoring is NOT accurate enough	<input type="text"/>	36.8%	57
Not Sure	<input type="text"/>	20.0%	31
Show replies Is there a better way to use loggers for scoring?			40
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17. OBSERVERS AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hot Air Balloon) Currently, Observers MUST be used at World Championships. Should this requirement for Observers be kept?

		Response Percent	Response Count
YES - Keep the requirement for Observers	<input type="text"/>	42.1%	67
NO - Make the use of Observers optional	<input type="text"/>	44.7%	71
NOT SURE	<input type="text"/>	13.2%	21
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17. OBSERVERS AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hot Air Balloon) Currently, Observers **MUST** be used at World Championships. Should this requirement for Observers be kept?

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18. SOLO FLIGHT When you fly in competition do you usually fly solo or with a co-pilot?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Solo <input type="text"/>	62.9%	100
With a co-pilot <input type="text"/>	37.1%	59

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answered question 159

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19. SOLO FLIGHT Rule 10.9.3 allows the Competition Director to make some flights 'Solo'. What is your opinion about solo flights?

	Response Percent	Response Count
ALL flights should be solo <input type="text"/>	15.7%	25
NO flights should be solo <input type="text"/>	9.4%	15
The rule is OK , but should be used MORE frequently <input type="text"/>	23.3%	37
The rule is OK, but should be used LESS frequently <input type="text"/>	10.1%	16
The Rule is OK. <input type="text"/>	38.4%	61
Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>	3.1%	5


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answered question 159

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20. EVENTS When choosing a competitive event to attend, what is important to you?

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	1 (Very Important)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 (Not Important)	Rating Average	Response Count
Location (Terrain, PZ's and Weather)	30.6% (48)	21.7% (34)	24.2% (38)	12.1% (19)	5.1% (8)	2.5% (4)	1.9% (3)	1.9% (3)	2.64	157
Competition Director	20.8% (33)	24.5% (39)	23.3% (37)	10.1% (16)	8.2% (13)	3.8% (6)	6.9% (11)	2.5% (4)	3.12	159
Quality of Competition	41.7% (65)	23.7% (37)	19.9% (31)	8.3% (13)	2.6% (4)	1.9% (3)	0.6% (1)	1.3% (2)	2.21	156
Number of Competitors	8.2% (13)	15.2% (24)	25.3% (40)	20.3% (32)	10.8% (17)	8.2% (13)	4.4% (7)	7.6% (12)	3.91	158
Cost to Attend (travel, flight/hotel expenses, entry fees)	49.7% (79)	25.8% (41)	14.5% (23)	5.7% (9)	3.1% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.92	159
Number of scheduled flights	10.8% (17)	30.4% (48)	23.4% (37)	18.4% (29)	10.1% (16)	1.3% (2)	1.9% (3)	3.8% (6)	3.17	158
Type of scoring (Observer / Logger)	12.7% (20)	20.9% (33)	17.7% (28)	20.9% (33)	7.0% (11)	8.2% (13)	3.8% (6)	8.9% (14)	3.73	158
Other	23.4% (11)	21.3% (10)	8.5% (4)	12.8% (6)	0.0% (0)	2.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	31.9% (15)	4.11	47
 Show replies Other (please specify)										29
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21. COMMENTS Please add any comments about this survey, or about balloon competition in general.Response
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