**FAI Ballooning Commission Event Sanction Application**

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| **Please read the attached guidance notes before completing the form.Section 1 - Main Information**  *All the information in this section is mandatory and need to be updated before the CIA Plenary where the event will be asking for a FAI/CIA sanction. No changes are allowed after the sanction is granted.*  *This section will become Annex C to the FAI Organiser Agreement, therefore ALL parts MUST be fully completed.* | | | | | | | | |
| **Date of initial submission: 30/06/2024** | **Date of last modification: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | | **Date of final version:**  **\_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_** | | |
| **EVENT DETAILS** | | | | | | | | |
| Event Title & Sub-Title | 68th COUPE AERONAURIQUE GORDON BENNETT | | | | | | | |
| Event Venue  *Location name and country (include any countries that may be overflown)* | METZ (FRANCE) | | | | | | | |
| Event Dates | Opening Ceremony | Thursday 4th september2025 | | Closing Ceremony Sat 13 th sept 2025 | | | |  | |
| FAI / CIA Sub-class | AX – Hot Air Balloons  BX – Hot Air Airship | | X AA – Gas Balloons  AA – WLD - Gordon Bennett | | | | BA – Gas Airships  AM – Rozier Balloons | |
| FAI Type of Event | X FAI World Championship  FAI Continental/Regional Championship  CIA Category One International Event | | | | CIA Sporting Event  Other: | | | |
| FAI / CIA Category | X General | | Women | | | | Junior | |
| Registration Starts *(date & time)* | Wednesday 3rd September | | General Briefing *(date & time)* | | | | Thursday 4 th September | |
| 1st Competition Flight *(date & time)* | Friday 5th september | | Last Competition Flight *(date & time)* | | | | Monday 8th september 7am | |
| Extra Flight if needed *(date & time)* |  | | Resting Period *(if any, date & time)* | | | |  | |
| Organising National Airsport Control – NAC | FRANCE | | Organising NAC’s CIA Delegate *(name, email, phone)* | | | | Benoit PELARD  [Benoit.pelard@me.com](mailto:Benoit.pelard@me.com)  +33 6 08248925 | |
| Organising Body *(Entity / Club / Company)* | CO GORDON BENNETT METZ 2025 | |  | | | |  | |
| Main Contact / General Manager *(name, email, phone)* | Cathy Picard [cathyp.balloonist@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cathyp.balloonist@wanadoo.fr) +33 6 19 94 95 32 | | | | | | | |
| Official Mailing Address  *(postal address, email, fax, phones)* | Address: 5E RUE DES ERABLES 57070 SAINT JULIEN LES METZ | | | | | | Email:gordonbennett2025@gmail.com | |
| Phone:+33 6 19 94 95 32 | |

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| **ORGANISERS EVENT EXPERIENCE** | | | | | | |
| *Organiser’s previous event organisation experience (list of main events and all FAI events with year, place, number of competitors, number of flights and tasks flown) The Comité d’organisation is created only for the GB METZ 2025. But some of his members have experience in organising balloon events. Benoit Pelard has been involved in organizing GB races in France, at Nancy 2013, Vichy 2014, Pau 2015, Montbéliard 2019. He was also deputy ED at Montbéliard and ED at Torun (Poland) 2021.Most members of the committee have been organising hot air events, particularly the Fete de la Mirabelle at Metz for many years. Philippe Buron Pilatre has organized the Mondial Air ballon at Chambley since 1989.* | | | | | | |
| **EVENT OFFICIALS** | | | | | | |
| Event Director *(name, country, email, attach CV)* | Benoit PELARD, FRANCE, benoit.pelard@me.com | | | | | |
| Deputy Director *(name, country, email, attach CV)* | Tomas HORA GERMANY Tomas.Hora@airwizard.de | | | | | |
| Safety Officer *(name, country, email, attach CV)* | Benoit PETERLE FRANCE peterle.benoit@gmail.com | | | | | |
| PR Officer / Media Officer *(name, email)* | AUDREY ALIOUA audrey.alioua@gmail.com | | | | | |
| Organisational Structure *(Article 3.4 of the Organisers Agreement*) | *(Summery of the organizers Organisational Structure. A full version shall be submitted seperatly as an appendix to this document)* | | | | | |
| Proposed Jury members (at least 6 names are required) | 1.LUC VAN GEYTE (President on site)  2. JC WEBER on site  3.Maury. SULLIVAN | 4.HIROMI FURUKAWA (remote)  5. LINDSAY MUIR (remote)  6 DAVID GLEE (remote) | | | |  |
| **INVITATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURE** | | | | | | |
| Number of eligible NACs | All FAI members | | | Equal number of competitors / NAC | | 3 per NAC |
| Additional Invitations Procedure  (SC01 5.6.4.3) | Not available for GB | | | | | |
| Maximum number of entrants – excluding the medal holders | N/A FOR GB | | Number of medal holders invited | | N/A FOR GB | |
| Entry Conditions  (SC01 5.6.4.1) | See AA rules for entry conditions for both pilots | | | | | |
| **DEADLINES AND REGISTRATION DETAILS** | | | | | | |
| Registration Method and Details *(mail, fax, email, online)* | ONLINE or MAIL | | | | | |
| Entry Fee for Competitors *(amount, currency and what is included)* | 750€ for Gas,welcome pack opening ceremony for 4, welcome back party for 4, prize giving ceremony for 4 | | | | | |
| Entry Fee Method of Payment and Details | XMoney order  Cheque  Cash  Credit card  Other:  Details: | | | | | |

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| Dates for Invitation process *(dd.mm.yyyy)* | NACs invitation | 01/01/2025 |
|  | Deadline for NACs to accept invitation | 15/02/2025 |
|  | 1st Round invitations | 01/03/2025 |
|  | Deadline for 1st round invitations | 31/03/2025 |
|  | 2nd Round invitations |  |
|  | Deadline for 2nd round invitations |  |

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| Policy on Entry fee refunds | 100% money back until 30/06/2025, 50% till 31/08. |
| Protest Fee *(amount, currency)* | 100€ |
| Official Language | ENGLISH |

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| ORGANISER AGREEMENT DETAILS | | |
| Safety Plan and Risk Assessment: | ***(Summery of the organizers Safety Plan / Risk Assessment. A full version shall be submitted seperatly as an appendix to this document) Safety plan approved by the local authirity for events with public. Secured acces for the teams. Secured launch aera with secured acces . secured area around the hydrogen trucks. Plan to be sent separately. See plan attached more details to be sent later*** | |
| Medical Rescue and Emergency Assistance | Briefing Centre: *(please describe what kind of medical assistance will be guaranteed)*  Emergency services to be called if necessary | |
| Launch Fields: *(please describe what kind of medical assistance will be guaranteed)*  Firemen and emergency services on site | |
| During the flight times *(please describe what kind of medical assistance will be guaranteed)* | |
| Other | |
| Media Rights (*as required by Article 6 of the Organisers Agreement*) | (State if the Organiser will have a media production for the event. If no then explanation is required)  With the support of the french olympic committee (CNOSF) there will be a media production for the sport channel in France, Sport en France | |
| Commercial Rights (*as required by Article 7 of the Organisers Agreement*) | (Describe the Commercial/Sponsorship concept, and how the revenue distribution will be implemented)  To be decided | |
| Event Budget: *as required by Article 8 of the Organizers Agreement)* | *(Summery of the organizers Event Budget, A full version shall be submitted seperatly as an appendix to this document)*  The full budget at this time is estimates at 228 000 € details on separate budget document | |
| Insurance Provided & Covered by Organisers *(as required by Article 9 of the Organizers Agreement)* | Third Party: YES | French balloon federation ‘s insurance is nowdays covering all balloons events for its members. (SAAM ) |
| Air Display Public Liability: | See above |
| Organisers & Officials On-ground Risks: | See above |
| Observer On-board: | N/A |
| Other: |  |

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| FAI Authority to be shown on: | X Rules X Logo X Program XOfficial documents X Other: | | |
| Courtesy Invitations to be sent to: | FAI President: X Yes  No Date:  CIA President: X Yes  No Date:  Remarks: | | |
| CIA and FAI Protocol will be followed? | X Yes  No  Remarks: | The organisers will respect the FAI Environmental Code of Ethics? | X Yes  No  Remarks: |
| Event with Loggers | X Yes  No Event with Observers  Yes X No | | |
| GPS Loggers | Type of GPS Logger to be used: USUAL ONES FOR GB : YB tracking  Details: | | |

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| **Section 2 - Additional Information**  *The information in this section is important for the evaluation of the event in the Sanction Process. Additionally it provides competitors information on how they can plan their participation. Therefore, please fill in all information as complete as possible.*  *Changes are allowed after the Sanction is granted only in order to improve the event.* | | | | | | |
| Official Event Website | www.gordonbennett.aero | | | | | |
| Event President *(name, email)* | Cathy Picard [cathyp@balloonist.fr](mailto:cathyp@balloonist.fr) | | | | | |
| Event Prizes Offered and Details | Local artisanal works | | | | | |
| Opening Ceremony  *(Location & Coordinates)* | MetzTownhall , | | | | | |
| Closing Ceremony / Prize-giving *(Location & Coordinates)* | To be decided | | | | | |
| Country Admission Conditions *(Visa’s required, etc.)* | France being part of the UE no problem from european countries .for outside Europ : valid passport.. | | | | | |
| Preferred Place of Entry & Closest Major Cities *(Special custom clearance & directions and distances to main cities)* | Metz is the major city around.  Two internationals airports near by : Luxembourg Airport, Strasbourg Airport  Paris CDG airport is about 1h away by train. (Direct link between CDG airport and Lorraine TGV railway station. | | | | | |
| Local language | FRENCH | | | | | |
| Location Description & Characteristics | General Description | | | | Metz is located northeast France, 40 km north of Nancy (GB 2013) 30 km south of Thionville ( GB 2004) and about 40km south of Luxembourg Border | |
| Geographic Position *(coordinates of competition map center)* | | | | Launch field 49°04’51’’N 06°07’56’’E | |
| Topography *(mountains, sea, lakes, rivers)* | | | | Flat, the launch side id on a disused miltary Airfield. It was a german base for airship before 1914 and miltary gas balloons were based there until the mid 20th century. | |
| Landing Areas *(open fields, wooded area, farming, crops, cattle)* | | | |  | |
| Main villages around the flying area | | | |  | |
| Other Description | | | |  | |
| Common Launch Areas *(coordinates & description)* |  | | | | | |
| Landowner Restrictions | none | | | | | |
| Meteorological characteristics *(as expected for the period of the event)* | Weather conditions: continental  Prevailing winds (speed / directions): westerly  Temperatures: in september could be 5 to 30°  Sunrise & Sunset time for the first competition day: 07h00 20h10 | | | | | |
| Airspace Structure & Limitations | NOTAM Description | | | | To be done | |
| Flight Limitations | | | | To be done will depends on the wind direction | |
| Number of PZs expected & Descriptions | | | | none | |
| Competition Area Altitude Limitations | | | | To be decided | |
| Competition Area Dimensions *(based on CLP, in km – north/south & east/west*) | | | | Competition area to be annouced in due course | |
| Competition Map Details | DATUM |  | | | | |
| Scale |  | | | | |
| Grid lines |  | | | | |
| Paper Size |  | | | | |
| Electronic Version Available | | No  Yes – expected on date: | | | |
| Electronic Version File Format | | JPEG  PNG  Other (please state): | | | |
| Remarks |  | | | | |
| Driving Particularities *(Right hand, left hand, speed limitations, International Driver’s License required, etc.)* | Right Hand speed limitation depends where you drive with a max 130km/h on toll motorways, 80 km/h on local roads and 30km/h in most townx | | | | | |
| Road Network and Infrastructure |  | | | | | |
| Venue Description, Coordinates & Characteristics | Competition Center *(coordinates & description)* | | | | Not decided yet will be at the officials’hotel | |
| Briefing Facilities *(coodinates & description – tent, hall, etc.)* | | | | Usual room in the hotel for general briefing, briefing facilities on site in a hangar | |
| Media centre *(description)* | | | | PMR office Eurometropole Metz | |
| Internet connection | | | | yes | |
| Social activities | | | | To be confirmed | |
| Other information | | | |  | |
| Stewards *(name, country, email, attach CV)* | Marc Andre, Switzerland marc.andre@netline.ch | | | | | |
| Chief Scorer *(name, country, email, attach CV)* |  | | | | | |
| Chief Debriefer *(name, country, email, attach CV)* |  | | | | | |
| Chief Observer *(name, country, email, attach CV)* |  | | | | | |
| Technical Support Officer *(name, country, email, attach CV)* |  | | | | | |
| Scoring Program *(name, developer, email, brief description, last FAI events using the program, link for downloading)* |  | | | | | |
| Special Arrangements and Assistance for Competitors *(Details on balloon equipment rental services, additional crew available, rent-a-car assistance, accomodation, meals, travel allowance, etc.)* |  | | | | | |
| Equipment Limitations |  | | | | | |
| Special Safety Requirements |  | | | | | |
| Insurance Requirements for Competitors and Details | X Third party:  Passenger: | | | | | CSL:  Other: |
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| Travel & accommodation arrangements for officials | Travel Arrangements: | | | Will be taken in charge by the CO | | |
| Travel Allowance *(amount and currency)*: | | | To be paid upon invoices | | |
| Vehicles Provided: | | | Yes | | |
| Type of Accommodation: | | | HOTEL | | |
| Meals Provided: | | | yes | | |
| Other Information / Remarks: | | |  | | |
| Travel & accommodation arrangements for observers | Travel Arrangements: | | |  | | |
| Travel Allowance *(amount and currency)*: | | |  | | |
| Vehicles Provided: | | |  | | |
| Type of Accommodation: | | |  | | |
| Meals Provided: | | |  | | |
| Other Information / Remarks: | | |  | | |

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| **For EDS use only**  *This section if for EDS use only and the Organizer will get an update* ***when*** *change****s******are*** *made.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to Bid submitted to EDS | Received by | | |  | | | Date | |  | |
| Bids document submitted to EDS | Received by | | |  | | | Date | |  | |
| Documents received | Sanction Application Form | | |  | | | |  | | |
| NAC letter of Approval | | |  | | | |  | | |
| Organisation Structure | | |  | | | |  | | |
| Safety Plan / Risk Assessment | | |  | | | |  | | |
| Event Budget | | |  | | | |  | | |
| Presentation | | |  | | | |  | | |
| ASC Coordinator | Name | Lindsay Muir | | | | Email: | | lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk | | |
| Sanction Application submitted to FAI | Recommend:  Yes | |  | | | Date | |  | |
| Submitted to FAI by | |  | | |  | |  | |
| Recommend:  No | | Reason for Rejection | | |  | | | |
| Organizer Agreement Status |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Event Logo Status |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanction Fee (CHF) |  | | | | Sanction Fee Status | | |  | | |
| Performance Bond (CHF) |  | | | | Performance Bond Status | | |  | | |
| Event Rules Status |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Jury approved by Plenary / Jury Board (names, emails) | Jury President:  Jury Member:  Jury Member: | | | | | | | | | |
| FAI Sanction “Kit” Status | FAI & CIA Flags:  Medals:  Diplomas:  Remarks: | | | | | | | | | |
| Opening and Closing Ceremonies Agenda Reviewed |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Status / Report on new versions |  | | | | | | | | | |

Please include:

NAC Letter of Approval

Organisation structure

Safety Plan / Risk Assessment

Event Budget