FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION
SKYDIVE ARIZONA
OFFICIAL BID FORM

12th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting
3rd FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting Freestyle

Eloy, Arizona: September 7th – September 14th, 2025

EVENT ORGANIZERS

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Skydive Arizona
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1.1 FAI MEMBER/NAC

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1.2 NATIONAL PARACHUTE FEDERATION

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1.4 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Organizing Committee: Larry Hill
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1.5 APPLICATION FEE

Banking Information

Domestic Wiring Instructions:
Routing Number: 092901683
Bank Name: First Interstate Bank
Account Number: 11993438
Beneficiary: Para Drop Corp dba Skydive AZ
5100 N Tumbleweed Rd. Eloy, AZ 85131

International Wiring Instructions:
SWIFT CODE: FRIRUS55
Bank Name: First Interstate Bank
401 N 31st St. Billings, MT 59101
Account Number: 11993438
Beneficiary: Para Drop Corp dba Skydive AZ
5100 N Tumbleweed Rd. Eloy, Arizona 85131

1.6 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

As per FAI rulings.

1.7 DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE

According to FAI by-laws 5.2.1

EVENT DETAILS

2.1 FULL NAME OF THE EVENT

12th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2025
3rd FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting Freestyle 2025

2.2 LETTERS OF APPROVAL

Pending.

2.3 DISCIPLINES TO BE CONTESTED

Canopy Piloting

- Speed: Three Rounds
- Distance: Three Rounds
- Accuracy: Three Rounds
- Freestyle: Three Rounds

***Please see additional information regarding course setup at the end of this document.*

2.4 EVENT DATES & TIMES

Official Arrival Day	Sept 7 2025	All Day
Official Practice Day 1	Sept 8 2025	0700 – 1630
Official Practice Day 2	Sept 9 2025	0700 – 1630
Opening Ceremony	Sept 9 2025	1700
Competition Starts	Sept 10 2025	0700
Competition Ends (last take off/flight)	Sept 13 2025	1530
Competitors Meeting (Provisional)	Sept 13 2025	1600
Award Ceremony	Sept 13 2025	1830
Banquet & Closing Party	Sept 13 2025	1830
Departure Day	Sept 14 2025	All Day

2.5 LOCATION OF EVENT

Skydive Arizona – Eloy, AZ

- Field Elevation: 462 meters above sea level
- Latitude: N32°48.28
- Longitude is W111°34.79.

2.6 ACCESSIBILITY

Recommended Main Airport: Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX)

- Phoenix Sky Harbor is 90 kilometers (62 miles) to the north of Eloy. It is the closest international airport and is an easy one hour drive.

Other Nearby Airports: Tucson International Airport (TUS)

- Tucson International Airport is 103 kilometers (64 miles) to the south of Eloy. It is the second busiest airport in Arizona, after Phoenix Sky Harbor. The drive is a little over one hour.

Transportation Services

- Phoenix: https://www.skyharbor.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/
- Tucson: https://www.flytucson.com/transportation/car-rental/

2.7 WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather tends to be warm and dry, with temperatures ranging from lows around 15°C at night to highs of 35°C during the day. Rain is rare. Since 1991 all championship events and world records that have been held during this time frame have been completed. Average Sunrise: 06:09. Average Sunset: 18:32.

2.8 AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS

None. A major skydiving center has operated here since 1991.

2.9 LANDOWNER RESTRICTIONS

None.

2.10 EVENT INSURANCE

Individuals who are covered by their NAC liability insurance, valid in the USA, will not need to acquire liability insurance. Those who are not covered in the USA will need to purchase a membership in the US Parachute Association which provides $50,000 in liability coverage. Members of USPA are covered by third-party property damage and third-party bodily injury liability insurance according to terms and conditions of the policy while the member is jumping at a drop zone. Coverage is valid worldwide for members who are permanently domiciled in the US or Canada and foreign members when skydiving in the US or Canada, provided all claims and suits are brought in the US or Canada. For more information visit: uspa.org/insurance

2.11 INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE

Individuals should have at least $250,000 in medical and repatriation insurance. If buying travel insurance, check the fine print carefully. Many travel companies do not cover the cost of skydiving related accidents.

2.12 ENTRY FEES

Note: Pricing has been established in accordance with current ISC rules, taking into consideration factors such as the number of rounds and judging panel requirements, as well as past calculations of overall event expenses. The cost of lift tickets has been determined based off a $4 per gallon rate. Every 60 cents above this will result in a $1 increase in lift ticket pricing. All expenses that are not covered by the entry fee are the responsibility of the delegation. Additional practice jumps, re-jumps and tie-break jumps will be at standard ticket prices, determined by market value on the day of competition. Should there be any alterations in the rules, resulting in an augmented cost for the organizer, the organizer retains the authority to modify the pricing. In such an instance, the ISC will be promptly notified, and the changes will be outlined in Bulletin 1.

Competitor Entry Fees Cover:

- Competition Expenses
- Competition Jumps
- Training Jumps
    - CP Standard: 1
    - CP Freestyle: 1
    - CP All Events: 2
- Weather re-jumps
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Judging & Scoring Equipment
- Event Jersey
- Medals

Non-Competitor Entry Fees Cover:

- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Event Jersey

Proposed Entry Fees

Canopy Piloting: Speed, Distance, Accuracy	$1,125 + FAI/ISC Sanction Fee
Canopy Piloting: Freestyle	$715 + FAI/ISC Sanction Fee
Canopy Piloting: All Events	$1,450 + FAI/ISC Sanction Fee
Other Members of Official Delegation	$300 + FAI/ISC Sanction Fee
Alternate Team Member	$300 + FAI/ISC Sanction Fee
Accompanying Person	$300

NOTE – *SANCTION FEE:* Sanction fee pricing is to be determined by the FAI/ISC.

NOTE – *LATE REGISTRATION:* Late registration will be accepted with a 20% increase in price. Sanction fee pricing will not be affected.

Organizer Responsibilities: The organizer shall bear all costs necessary for the proper organization and staging of the event and shall be solely liable therefor. The organizer represents and warrants that it has and will maintain the financial capability to properly organize and stage the event as per its bid.

2.13 FACILITIES

Skydive Arizona is a full service drop zone with an on-site wind tunnel that has been in operation at its Eloy location since April of 1991. In 2016, a second location known as the Sawtooth Drop Zone was established as an extension of Skydive Arizona. Over the years, Skydive Arizona has been the venue for various US National Skydiving Championships, World Skydiving Championships and World Cup Events. It has also hosted numerous world records, some involving up to 300 participants. The drop zone offers a range of amenities on-site, including accommodation options, a rigging loft, wellness center, restaurant & bar, and a convenience shop. For a detailed list of facilities, please visit: www.skydiveaz.com

Competition Layout

Registration, check in and official training days will be held out of the main hangar. Competition itself will take place at the swoop pond, which is equipped with a comprehensive manifest booth including a scanner, printer, and wireless internet access. Video dubbing will take places indoors in a climate-controlled environment for added comfort.

Judges will have their own temperature-controlled booth adjacent to the pond, fully equipped with necessary equipment. Conference rooms will be reserved for the FAI Controller, Officials and Jury Members. Competitors will be provided with packing tents that offer shade and access to water. Electrical outlets are conveniently located along the grassy packing area to allow for charging of personal electronics throughout the day. For added safety, there will be an on-site medic available three days prior to the start of competition until its competition.

2.14 AIRCRAFT

Skydive Arizona has 6 De Havilland DHC Twin Otters all of which are configured in an identical manner for competition purposes. These aircraft have the capacity to accommodate up to 23 competitors each. The aircraft are equipped with uniform floater bars that span the entire length of the door, a videographer step positioned 84cm behind the door, and a videographer handle situated above and behind the door. The dimensions of the door are 127cm in height and 140cm in width.

Exit Speed/Jump Run Speeds: 85 - 90 kts.

Flight Time: 18 - 20 minutes

2.15 PRE-EVENT TRAINING

Skydive Arizona operates seven days a week from October 1 through May 31. The drop zone is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday from June through September. Anticipated lift ticket pricing for the year 2025 will be $36 USD but this is subject to change.

2.16 ACCOMMODATION

On-site at the drop zone, we offer a bunk house and team rooms that are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. For detailed information, please visit https://www.skydiveaz.com/lodging.

In the Eloy, Toltec and Arizona City areas, you will find a variety of Airbnb homes, all conveniently located within a 15-minute drive from the drop zone.

Furthermore, close proximity to Eloy, AZ is the town of Casa Grande which offers a diverse range of accommodation options, catering to various standards.

Note: a comprehensive list of accommodation recommendations will be provided in Bulletin 1.

2.17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

The organizer will provide transportation for the CJ and members of the judges panel(s). See 2.19 for more information.
Transportation of delegations will not be the responsibility of the organizer. Upon arrival there are various car rental options at both the Phoenix Sky Harbor and Tucson International Airports (See 2.6). The city of Casa Grande has options for car rentals and shuttle services as well.
Casa Grande Recommendations:

- https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental-locations/us/az/casa-grande-50bc.html
- https://www.expedia.com/Car-Rentals-In-Casa-Grande.d6054732.Car-Rental-Guide
- https://www.kayak.com/Cheap-Casa-Grande-Car-Rentals.7326.cars.ksp

2.18 OUTLINE OF MEDIA PLAN

To be determined.

2.19 ACCOMMODATION DETAILS FOR FAI/ISC OFFICIALS

Per Section 5, the organizer will cover expenses including travel, visa fees, food, accommodation and related expenses for the FAI Controller, Assistant to the CJ, SP Scoring Technical Director, WS Scoring Technical Director and Electronic Scoring Operator. Additionally, the organizer will provide for the CJ, members of all judging panels, and, if applicable, the CJT in case a Judges Training Course coincides with the event. This includes covering costs for food, living expenses and local transportation.

Please be aware that judges will be offered three meals daily from the on-site restaurant, The Bent Prop Saloon & Cookery. Breakfast and lunch selections will be made from a predetermined menu each day. For dinner, a $20USD gift voucher will be provided for each working day and is to be used exclusively on that date.
The judges lounge will be equipped with a variety of snacks and beverage throughout the week. If members of the judges panel desire food options not provided, it will be their responsibility to obtain them independently.

2.20 OFFICIAL SCORING EQUIPTMENT

Omniskore HD will be used to score all events.
For the CP Speed event, ALGE-Timing system will be used.
Results will be published according to Sporting Code Section 5.

2.21 PUBLIC ADDRESS

As a year-round drop zone, Skydive Arizona has PA speakers in the main operations area, that broadcasts calls over FM radio, and has a WiFi manifest display.

2.22 SAFETY

Skydive Arizona has **direct radio contact** with the Eloy Fire Department. Together, the drop zone and the Fire Department have over 25 years of experience responding to skydiving accidents. Ambulance response time is typically 8 to 12 minutes.
Skydive Arizona is the primary location for the Air Evac Helicopter business. Response time is under 2 minutes if a medical helicopter is required.
The closest hospital to Skydive Arizona is Banner Medical – a level 4 trauma center with a 24-hour emergency room. It is 29 kilometers (18 miles) from the drop zone.
During the competition, there will always be at least one paramedic directly on site. This paramedic will work with the chief judge and Skydive Arizona's safety staff to provide help as necessary during the competition.

2.23 PROPOSED OFFICIALS

Meet Director: Randy Connell
Assistant to the Chief Judge: Wendi Corbin
CP Technical Course Director: Emily Wallace
Media Officer: Regan Tetlow

2.24 ON-SITE COMMUNICATIONS

- Radios will be utilized for operational staff
- Telephone Apps (WhatsApp) will be utilized for communication between officials and HODs as well as competitors
- Skydive Arizona's website will contain an online page for information on the competition
- Information board on site
- Skydive Arizona's mobile app

2.25 RULES APPLYING TO THE EVENT

The US Federal Aviation Administration does not have a reciprocity agreement to allow foreign skydivers to use their equipment as accepted by their own NAC. Unless the equipment has no components with a Technical Standard Order, the parachute must be packed according to US Federal Aviation Regulations. This means it must be packed by an FAA certified rigger, within 180 days, and contain a seal on the reserve.
All competitors must present a valid license, logbook and proof of insurance.
All competitors must have reached 18 years of age before jumping. We unfortunately cannot accommodate competitors less than 18 years old.

2.26 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa requirements are the responsibility of the participant and vary depending on country. Detailed information can be found here: https://www.usa.gov/visas

If needed, we can provide invitations to delegations to participate in this sporting event.

2.27 MEDALS

Medals will be supplied by the Organizer, conforming to the FAI specifications, in accordance with ISC Medal requirements.

2.28 ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Anti-Doping protocols are the responsibility of the IPC.

2.29 POST EVENT REPORT

To be determined.

2.30 OTHER/ADDITIONAL INFO

(a) Details of opening and closing ceremonies: location will be at Skydive Arizona. More information will be shared as the event approaches.
(b) Planned Social Events: TBD.
(c) Accompanying persons who are not members of the official delegation will be able to attend for a $200 entry fee (no sanction fee).

Canopy Piloting Details

Pond Specifications

Dimensions

- Water: 84m long, 47.5m wide
- Grass: 163m from SW water edge (plus 40m), 100m from NE water edge

Carved Speed Course: Right Hand Carve Speed Course

Course Specifications

- The entire course is over 10 meters wide, and the body of water is more than 15 meters wide for total length.
- The depth of the water is over the minimum of 0.6 meters, but no greater than 1.5 meters.
- For Distance, the course is over 280m long.
- The Accuracy Pits are filled with Pea gravel ranging from 2mm to 10mm in diameter at a minimum depth of 30cm.
- The entire course has a 5m safety zone between the course sidelines and spectator areas.