World and Continental Gliding Championships

Initial Bid Form

All the information sought in this bid document must be completed prior to its submission. Details, such as a diagram of the airfield, may be included as an Annex. When completed an electronic copy of this form must be sent to the IGC Bid Specialist Mandy <mandytemple.australia.igc@gmail.com> before the closing deadline of September 30 of the year prior to the presentation of the Bid to the IGC Plenary. When the information on this form has been checked and amended as necessary, the IGC Bid Specialist will forward it to the IGC Secretary.

The form has been updated this year to address an issue with alterations to Entry and Tow costs after a bid is accepted. Please see Section 6 for more details.

Applicant:

Name: Slovak National Aeroklub of gen. M. R. Štefánik

Date of Application: 20.12 2022

Organising Gliding Club or other organisation:

Aeroklub Prievidza
Letisková 8
971 03 Prievidza
Slovak Republic
Europe

Name and address of National Aero Club:

Slovak National Aeroklub of gen. M. R. Štefánik
Pri Rajcianke 49
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Slovak republic

Proposed Competition Director:

Tomáš Bobok
Experienced as a member of the organization staff of following:
FAI European Gliding Championship 2019
FAI World Gliding Championship 2010
Jozef Šnirc is going to be a mentor to Tomáš Bobok during preparation and competition period.

Proposed Organisation of the event:

- Deadline for entries: March 01
- Official training: July 01 - July 03 (alternatively June 24 – June 26)
- Competition Flying: July 05 - July 18 (alternatively June 28 – July 11)
- Prize Giving Ceremony: July 19 (alternatively July 12)
- No financial constrints are expected, since the airfield is owned by the organizing club.
- The airfield and organizing club are competition ready since they have yearly experience with international gliding competitions.

Airfield:

Airfield Prievidza – Slovak Republic (LZPE)

Contact person (for the applicant):

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1. Event and Year

1.1 Name of Competition
“FAI Junior World Gliding Championship 2026”
STANDARD, CLUB

1.2 Year of event
2026

2. Site

2.1 Name of the airfield Airfield Prievidza (LZPE)

2.1.1 Co-ordinates 484558N 0183512E

2.1.2 Direction and distance to nearest town, population of this town
245° @ 2.5 km from Prievidza (railway station), population 50 000 inhabitants.

2.1.3 Experience of airfield staff in organising championships
FAI European Gliding Championship 2019
FAI World Gliding Championship 2010
FAI European Women Gliding Championship 1997
There is at least one international gliding competition every year at the site, which makes the staff well experienced and up to date with the rules of the gliding competition.

2.2 Proposed period for the event

2.2.1 Training Dates
Unofficial training June 27 – June 30
Official training July 1 – July 3

2.2.2 Competition Dates
July 5 - July 18

2.2.3 Alternate dates for training
Unofficial training June 20 – June 23
Official training June 24 – June 26

2.2.4 Alternate dates for competition
June 28 - July 11

2.3. Airfield operating data

2.3.1 Surface of airfield, number and directions of runways
Asphalt, 04R 038°/ 22L 218°, Grass 04L 038° / 22R 218°
Runway strip 1200m x 120m with wide safety side strips
2.3.2 Number of towplanes that will be employed
10

2.3.3 Meteorological facilities that will be provided
Fully equipped meteorological station is on the site. Professional and experienced local meteorologist will be employed during the event.

2.3.4 Parking facilities for gliders
On the east margin of airfield. With enough place for the all Trailers and gliders.

2.3.5 Repair facilities for gliders
Hangar space and state of the art equipment will be made available to affect any necessary repairs to CFRP/GFRP gliders and professional, repair shop AEROSPOOL Ltd. Company whit is Based at the site.

2.3.6 Repair facilities for radios and instruments
Technician capable to serve modern radios and avionics will be in attendance at site

2.3.7 Oxygen requirements and supply facilities, if required
Not required.

2.3.8 What plans do you have to implement the FAI Environmental Code of Conduct during your event?
We expect to consult the use of the national park airspace with environmental specialist in order to avoid wrong impact on the local nature. The use of the high performance tow planes WT9
Dynamic LSA will eliminate the noise impact on local environment during the take off period.

2.4 Airfield Infrastructure

2.4.1 Briefing Room Main Hangar

2.4.2 Common Room(s) for the competitors
   Bar – Restaurant and camp with unlimited high speed wireless internet connection, Briefing Hangar.

2.4.3 Meeting Room for the International Jury Aero club class room.

2.4.4 Press Centre
   Special press centre will be prepared for this event and Airfield. Fully equipped Administration Office will be available for press personnel too.

2.4.5 Communication and internet equipment
   Wireless LAN, ISDN telephone, mobile phones (3G,4G,5G), webcam.

2.4.6 Post and Banking
   In Prievidza town and during the contest provided at the site.

2.4.7 Insurance availability
   In Prievidza town and during the contest provided at the site.

2.4.8 Toilets, wash rooms and shower rooms
   Available in the restaurant, hangar and at the camp site

2.4.9 Car parking
   Paved parking place near the airfield administration building and in camp site.

2.4.10 Emergency (including fire)
   The organiser will elaborate detailed plan for all emergency situations. This is also legal requirement of the nation CAA office for the event. Public Fire Brigade and Emergency Organizations will be informed in advance and are all in near reach.

2.4.11 Medical and First Aid
   High standard medical services are available within the town. A first aid centre and stand-by emergency service will be provided at the site during contest. Hospital in the vicinity of the airfield.

2.4.12 Conference and office rooms for the OSTIV Congress, if required
   Not relevant

3. Accommodation and food for competitors

3.1 Accommodation facilities available in the local area
Accommodation facilities available on airfield, 4 rooms for International jury and 3 wooden cottage on the airfield, many hotels, pensions and restaurants close to the airfield and in downtown.

3.2 Camping facilities at the airfield
Large and well equipped camp site is located at the airfield.

3.3 Catering for competitors at the airfield
Restaurant “Aerorest” at the airfield.

4. Competition area

4.1 Topography in the contest area
The site is on the middle of mountain's region of Slovakia. The contest area has a range in southern direction till Danube River with typical flat land and the northern direction till High and Low Tatra Mountains with highest peaks up to 2600 m MSL. In the valleys of these mountains are sufficient landing areas, even for aero-towing application direct from the field. At whole other area are excellent and safe landing possibilities at period in which the event will be done.

Tasks will be set within the area which covers almost whole west and middle part of the Slovak Republic and part of Hungarian and Czech a Polish airspace.

4.2 A comprehensive survey of meteorological conditions
In the proposed period very good weather conditions with intensity of average thermals form 2 to 5 metres per second and cloud bases from 2000 to 3000 m MSL are expected. The mountain ranges of Low Tatra and other produce cloud streets with excellent thermals and extended cloud base usable for high-speed cross-country flights. Wave conditions are seldom in the proposed period. Professional meteorologist with good experiences in gliding condition forecasting will provide meteorological service. The satellite service will be available to pilots and crews at the site.

4.3 Airspace restrictions in the contest area
The airspace will be penned for both training and competition period. Here are several low level flight restricted national parks in the mountain area. There is military airbase with it’s Restricted airspace approximately 15km to the east of the airfield. Organiser ensures the appropriate use of the above mentioned airspace by proper and advanced coordination of the event through national airspace management body. Some priority for the event will be evaluated. General maximum altitude will be 8000 FT and this will be increased to FL 95 or FL 100 in the mountain areas.

4.4 Typical tasks to be expected
Typical tasks set will be Racing Tasks and Assigned Area Speed Tasks with length from 150 to 600 km for Club class gliders and from 200 to 750 km for Standard class gliders.
4.5 Road and traffic conditions
Roads are in good conditions, carrying not generally less traffic than equivalent roads elsewhere in Europe. Speed limits are strictly enforced and alcohol limits are zero.

5. Rules

5.1 Indicate the options intended to be used from Annex A for:
Generally, the latest IGC Competition Rules will be used. Particular conditions or possible restrictions will be given in the Local Rules. 1000 Point system will be in use.

5.1.1 Starting procedures
Start line

5.1.2 Tasks
Racing tasks and AAT Speed tasks

5.1.3 Finish procedures
Finish ring

5.1.4 Scoring
1000 points scoring system

5.2 Indicate any particular conditions or possible restrictions that may be applied:

5.2.1 For pilots and crews
Pilots must have an ICAO compliant glider license. If not transcription of their license must be requested to the Slovak CAA before the competition. There are vise required for some non european nations. 
Crews: The same as for pilot accept the licence requirement.

5.2.2 For sailplane and equipment
Gilders must have a valid certificate of airworthiness or a permit to fly, approved by Slovak CAA office.

5.3 Number of competitors:

5.3.1 State the maximum number of competitors that may be entered the competition
100 gliders

5.3.1.1 Provide explanation for this number
100 gliders is the maximal recomended runway capacity for safety

5.3.2 Indicate how the classes will be separated for:
5.3.2.1 Starts
Separate grid for each class
5.3.2.2 On task
Different tasks and departure legs for each class
5.3.2.3 Finishing and landing
Time limitation or length for the task depending on class.

6. Costs

6.1 Entry fee
850 EUR per glider

6.1.1 Services included in the entry fee All airfield service
Maps ICAO and road
Turn points and Airspace file
Photocopying of briefing / meteorological information
Results service, trophies, medals certificates
gift package for competitors

6.1.2 Cost of aero tows
Club class 55 EUR* per launch
Standard class 60 EUR* per launch
*price is valid according to recent(December 2022) currency level
and oil prices

6.2 Price of car fuel per litre/gallon
1,60 EUR/Litre (December 2022)

6.3 Rental cars
AVIS, HERTZ or EUROPCAR car rental companies are well established in
the country. There is also limited possibility to rent caravans directly in town
of Prievidza

6.4 Accommodation

6.4.1 Hotels
Price for hotel room is in range 25- 125 EUR / person / day
depending on the level of services included.

6.4.2 Apartments
Price similar to hotel room. (lot of apartments available in Bojnice
town)

6.4.3 Bed and Breakfast
From 15 to 40 EUR / person / day
Service AirBnB available

6.4.4 Camping
Enough camping area for all competitors at the airfield.

6.5 Catering

6.5.1 Hotels
https://hotelbelassi.sk/
6.5.2 Restaurants
https://www.biografrestaurant.sk/

6.5.3 Airfield
https://aerorest.sk/

6.6 Provide an indicative example for the expected total costs during the contest period for a pilot with 2 crew members
Hotel at Bojnice app. 2200 EUR
Campsite at Prievidza airfield app 1600 EUR
*prices are estimated in regards with the current offers
** prices do not include entry fee and costs of aerotows

7. Glider Hiring

7.1 The availability of local gliders for hire
Private arrangements maybe possible. Help for arrangements can be offered from the organizer.

7.2 The costs of hire
Standard European Prices

7.3 Any restrictions on hire
Standard EU/EASA requirements

8. Glider Import

8.1 Ports or cities of entry
Main EU ports

8.2 Customs requirements
Can be guaranteed by ATA carnet

8.3 Customs brokers
Will be provided upon particular request

8.4 Estimated costs and fees, including cost of transport of containers
Due to recent containers transport pricing situation, we feel there is no sense to predict something for 2026

9. Training

9.1 Provide details of any proposed training opportunities for teams and individuals prior to the Championships
Basic experience of mountain flight is recommended. We organize every year an International competition FCC gliding. The year before the event we will dedicate special attention and will give priority to those pilots interested in the JWGC.