

Application for organizing a "Continental Gliding Championships"

All the information sought in this bid document must complete prior to the Bid being submitted. Details, such as a diagram of the airfield, may be included as an Annex. When completed an electronic copy of the Bid must be sent to the IGC Bid Specialist (peter@eriksen-aviation.eu) before the closing deadline to enable the bid to be checked for completeness. Once the bid has been checked and amended as necessary, the IGC Bid Specialist will forward the application to the Secretary of the IGC.

Applicant:

Name: Soaring Society of America

Date of Application: 31 December 2019

Organising Gliding Club or other organisation: Kansas Soaring Associatoin

Proposed Competition Director: Rick Sheppe

Proposed Organisation of the event: (provide brief details of the timescale proposed for the organisation of the event, including any critical milestones and any financial constraints)

Airfield: Sunflower Gliderport, SN76

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1. Event and Year

5th FAI Pan American Gliding Championship 2023 in the Club & Handicap Classes. The Handicap Class will be a combination of Standard and 15M Classes, with waterballast allowed, and it will use the BGA list.

1.1 Name and address of National Aero Club or other applicant
Soaring Society of America
P.O. Box 2100
Hobbs, New Mexico
88241 USA

1.2 Number of active gliding members in Organising Club: 80

2. Site

2.1 Name of the airfield
Sunflower Gliderport

- 2.1.1 Co-ordinates
37.9262778N, 97.9066944W
- 2.1.2 Direction and distance to nearest town, population of this town
Hutchinson Kansas, 10 Miles North, 42,000 people
- 2.1.3 Experience of airfield staff in organising championships/
competitions
2019 US Club Class Nationals
2020 1-26 Championships
2021 US Nationals in the Standard & 20m Multi-seat Classes
- 2.2 Proposed period for the event
 - 2.2.1 Training
June 3-5, 2023
 - 2.2.2 Competition
June 6-17, 2023. June 18 Reserve Day
 - 2.2.3 Alternate dates for training
June 23-25, 2023
 - 2.2.4 Alternate dates for Competition
June 26-July 7, 2023
- 2.3. Airfield operating data (provide details for the following)
 - 2.3.1 Surface of airfield, number and directions of runways
17/35. Asphalt surface. 200 feet wide, 7000 feet long
 - 2.3.2 Maximum number of gliders that can be accepted
65
 - 2.3.2 Number of towplanes that will be employed
Enough to launch all gliders in less than one hour
 - 2.3.4 Meteorological facilities that will be provided
Morning soundings via towplane. Room for Meteorology team to work. National Weather Service provides local numeric soaring forecast plus commercial soaring forecasts.
 - 2.3.5 Parking facilities for gliders
Tie down spaces on the airport for glider trailers
 - 2.3.6 Repair facilities for gliders
Garage/Workshop available if needed for repair
 - 2.3.7 Repair facilities for radios and instruments
Garage/Workshop available if needed for repairs. Avionics repair shops in Wichita, 45 miles Southeast.
 - 2.3.8 Oxygen requirements and supply facilities, if required
Not required

2.3.9 What plans do you have to implement the FAI Environmental Code of Conduct during your event?
Noise abatement procedures, recycling bins, minimum distributions of paper

2.4 Airfield layout (provide descriptions for the following facilities at the airfield)

2.4.1 Briefing Room
Large community room in Soaring Center to hold pilot briefings. 80" TV to project information.

2.4.2 Common Room(s) for the competitors
Recently completed construction of 50' x 65' Soaring Center to accommodate pilots and crews for competition

2.4.3 Meeting Room for the International Jury
Conference room & Briefing room available for private meetings

2.4.4 Press Centre
Conference room & Briefing room available for private meetings

2.4.5 Communication and internet equipment
Basic internet access is available on site.

2.4.6 Post and Banking
Available in Hutchinson

2.4.7 Insurance availability
Multiple insurance agents in the US provide coverage for soaring. Medical insurance also is available, can be arranged by organizers for foreign guests.

2.4.8 Toilets, wash rooms and shower rooms
8 toilets (mens/womens) available in soaring center. Two showers currently available in campground with plans for expansion.

2.4.9 Car parking
Acres of concrete available for car parking

2.4.10 Emergency (including fire)
Emergency services available from Hutchinson

2.4.11 Medical and First Aid
Emergency services available from Hutchinson

3. Accommodation and food for competitors (provide details of the following)

3.1 Accommodation facilities available in the local area
Limited Air BnB available in Yoder. Many hotels available in Hutchinson

3.2 Camping facilities at the airfield
Large grass area available for tent camping. Room for 8-10 RV (Caravan) campers available on the airfield. Plans for expanding RV camping capability.

- 3.3 Catering for competitors at the airfield
Several companies provide catering in Hutchinson and can be arranged for delivery to the airfield

4. Competition area (provide descriptions of the following)

- 4.1 Topography in the contest area
Flat terrain throughout the contest area. This time of year, most farm fields are landable. Large man-made lake to the south. Wildlife Refuge to the Northwest.
- 4.2 A comprehensive survey of meteorological conditions
Thermal conditions, 4-6000 AGL during the contest time is typical. Varying strengths depending on frontal passages. Provides a wide variety of conditions to test pilots.
- 4.3 Airspace restrictions in the contest area
Wichita Class C airspace to the East 40 miles. No other restrictions in the contest area.
- 4.4 Typical tasks to be expected
Area Tasks and Racing Tasks from 100 to 400 km were called during the 2019 Club Class Nationals
- 4.5 Road and traffic conditions
Good highways, well maintained gravel roads in rural areas for retrieves, light traffic

5. Rules (Note: The Championships must be conducted in accordance with Annex A)

- 5.1 Indicate the options intended to be used from Annex A for:
- 5.1.1 Starting procedures
Start Line
Designated Start optional
 - 5.1.2 Tasks
Racing Tasks
Assigned Area Tasks
 - 5.1.3 Finish procedures
Finish Ring
 - 5.1.4 Scoring
SeeYou
- 5.2 Indicate any particular conditions or possible restrictions that may be applied:
- 5.2.1 For pilots and crews
Foreign Pilot License conversion will be available on site
 - 5.2.2 For sailplane and equipment

5.3 Number of competitors:

5.3.1 State the maximum number of competitors that may be entered in each class and the total for the competition
35 per class; 65 total

5.3.2 Provide justification for this number
Size of airfield, single runway operation, tiedown availability

5.3.3 Indicate how the classes will be separated for:

5.3.3.1 Starts
Multiple Start points

5.3.3.2 On task
Separate tasks when possible

5.3.3.3 Finishing and landing
Staggering task lengths with start times so that finishes will be spread out.

6. Costs (USD)

6.1 Entry fee US\$650

6.1.1 Services included in the entry fee
FAI Sanction, Contest organization

6.1.2 Cost of aero tows \$55 to 2000 feet AGL

6.2 Price of car fuel per litre/gallon (estimate) \$2.50 per US gallon

6.3 Rental cars
\$675 to hire small pickup truck in Hutchinson

6.4 Accommodation (as appropriate for local facilities)

6.4.1 Hotels
\$100/night in Hutchinson, dual occupancy.

6.4.2 Apartments

6.4.3 Bed and Breakfast
AirBnB's of various sizes available nearby for \$65 to \$120/night

6.4.4 Self Catering

6.4.5 Camping
Tent Camping - \$5/night on site
Caravan Camping - \$10-\$25/night on site depending on hookup

6.5 Catering (as appropriate for local facilities)

6.5.1 Hotels

Breakfast normally free.

- 6.5.2 Restaurants
Many available in Hutchinson. \$10 lunches, \$20 suppers
- 6.5.3 Self Catering
- 6.5.4 On the airfield
Kitchen available at the Soaring Center. Some group suppers planned at the airfield.

- 6.7 Provide an indicative example for the expected total costs for a team of 4 pilots with 4 assistants and 1 team captain

\$7500 plus glider rental fees if applicable

7. Glider Hiring (provide information on the following)

- 7.1 The availability of local gliders for hire
The Organisers will contact owners of gliders if the Bid is approved.
- 7.2 The costs of hire
To be decided by owner, expect \$750/week. Trade arrangements possible
- 7.3 Any restrictions on hire (eg license requirements)
Pilots flying US Registered glider would have to have FAA license. Foreign License conversion will be available on site.

8. Training

- 8.1 Provide details of any proposed training opportunities prior to the Championships.
Unofficial training can be arranged before the contest. Kansas Soaring Association operates primarily on weekends with weekday flying possible when arranged. Early arrivals may be required to join KSA in order to receive tows.



