

Sanctioned Events and Sanction Applications

Reports on Sanctioned Events 2021

- Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland
- 64th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Poland
- 21st FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship,
Hungary

5th Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship

- Lezno, Poland
- 10th – 14th August 2021
- Event Director – Eugenijus Komaras (LIT)
- Successful event despite COVID threat.
- Won by Roy Gommer (NED)
- 13 Countries
- 6 Flights, 26 tasks

64th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett

- Torun, Poland
- 27th – 31st August 2021
- Event Director – Benoit Pelard (FRA)
- Successful event
- Won by Switzerland (Kurt Frieden & Pascal Witpraechtiger)

21st FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship

- Szeged, Hungary
- 12th - 18th September 2021
- Event Director – David Bareford (GBR)
- Successful event despite COVID threat.
- Won by Roman Hugi (SUI)
- 23 Countries
- 6 Flights, 19 tasks

Reports on First Category Events Sanctioned for 2022

- 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship – postponed from 2020

24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

- Murska Sobota, Slovenia
- 19th – 26th September 2022
- Event Director – Claude Weber (LUX)
- Jury President – Les Purfield
- Entries open
- First round closing date: 1st April 2020
- Number of competitors – 100 + medal holders

65th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett

- St Gallen Switzerland
- 2nd – 4th September 2022
- Event Director - Markus Haggenev (GER)
- Entry open
- Entry fee CHF 800.- plus CHF 500 logger deposit. Includes: Hydrogen, Ballast, Opening & closing ceremonies, Snacks, Rate reductions for hotel accommodation.

First Category Events Sanctioned for 2023

- 6th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship - Poland
- 4th FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship - Australia

4th Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship

- Northam, Australia
- 2nd – 9th September 2023
- Event Director – Gary Lacey (AUS)
- Entry fee: AUD\$500
- Travel subsidy of A\$ 2000 on check in.
- Jury - appointed

6th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship

- Grudziądz, Poland
- Dates: 22nd – 27th September 2023
- Entry fee: 300 Euro (pilot + 3)
- The amount includes: Snacks & coffee; Propane; Maps; Met; - Prizes; Pilot pack tickets for social events.
- Max Number of Competitors – 50
- NACs in 1st Round – 2
- Director – Eugenijus Komars

Sporting Events to be Sanctioned for 2022

- 21st Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres & 26st Coupe du Monde des Dames
- Central European Cup

Central European Cup

- Szeged, Hungary
- 9th -13th September 2022
- Entry fee -190 euros: Includes: propane, electronic map, Opening Ceremony, dinner on the Awards Ceremony, breakfast, lunch for 4 persons/team, free camping facilities on the airport.
- Director - Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- General
- Max Number of Competitors: 60
- NACs in 1st Round: N/A

21st Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres & 26st Coupe du Monde des Dames

- Nouvelle Aquitaine – Blanzac Porcheresse - Coteaux Du Blanzacais, France
- Dates: 4th – 7th Aug 2022
- Entry fee - 290 euros (3 including pilot) includes: accommodation, breakfast, brunch after morning flights, dinner, propane, pilot's pack, maps
- General and Women
- Max Number of Competitors – 45
- NACs in 1st Round - 2
- Director - Kevin Allemand

First Category Events to be Sanctioned for 2023

North American Continental Hot Air
Balloon Championship

66th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett

Switzerland

8th North American Hot Air Balloon Continental Championship

Not held since 1994

Held in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu in 1988

- Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada
- Dates: 5th-11th June 2023
- Entry fee: £200.00 CAD
- Includes pilot pack, light breakfast, propane, prizes
- Max number of Competitors: 36
- NACs in 1st Round 5
- Director: Garry Lockyer (CAN)

Intention to Bid for an event in 2023

11th World Gas Balloon Championship
Albuquerque, USA

- *First staged in 1976 in Germany*
- *Last held in 2004 in Bitterfeld, Germany*

Intention to Bid for the 2026 World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Canada

First Category Event to be Sanctioned for 2024

25th World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Mallorca, Spain

- Dates: 15th - 20th October 2024
- Entry fee: 1850 – 2500 euro
- Max Number of Competitors – 100
- NACs in 1st Round – 2
- Number of rounds – 2
- Director – David Bareford
- Policy on entry fee refunds – No refund after closing dates

Szeged, Hungary

- Dates 8th – 14th September 2024
- Entry fee – 990 euro.
- Director - Paolo Oggioini (ITA).
- Max Number of Competitors – 115
- NACs in 1st Round – 3
- Number of rounds - 2

Entry fees

Mallorca

Ferry to be paid by competitor

1210 euro deposit for all

All options include propane, opening & closing tickets for 4

- Option 1 – 1850
- Option 2 – 2500: Includes 6 nights hotel, all meals and drinks, parking
- Option 3 – 2350: As in 2 but no drinks.

Hungary

990 euro which includes:

- Propane for 2 practice and for all task flights
- Electronic map
- Opening Ceremony, dinner on the Awards Ceremony, breakfast, lunch for 4.
- Free camping facilities on the airport.

2025 Open for Bids

European Hot Air Balloon Championship

Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Womens World Hot Air Balloon Championship