

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>BID TO HOST 1<sup>ST</sup> FAI WORLD WINGSUIT FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AT SKYDIVE CITY, FLORIDA, USA, 2-6 NOV. 2016</b>	<b>Annex No. -</b>	<b>38</b>
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July 26, 2015

Dear USPA  
Dear 66<sup>th</sup> IPC Plenary,

Skydive City, through the United States Parachute Association wishes to host the 1st FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships at our location in Zephyrhills, Florida, USA.

Skydive City is located approximately 73 miles from Orlando International Airport & 39 miles from Tampa International Airport in Florida. Since its inception, Skydive City has worked hard to uphold the high standards set by USPA.

As you know, Skydive City has been one of the core host locations of many Canopy Piloting events and Championships, including several Florida Canopy Piloting Association Meets, two USPA National Championships and our recent success with the 6th FAI World Championships in November 2014.

We would be honored to host another World Championship and look forward eagerly to that opportunity, with your support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Hayes'.

David TK Hayes  
President/GM  
Skydive City Inc.

Official Bid for the

## 1st FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships

### 1. Event Organizers

- 1.1. NAC – National Aeronautic Association, Reagan Washington National Airport, Hangar 7, Suite 202, Washington, DC 20001, Phone: +1 703-416-4888, Fax: +1 703-416-4877, E-mail: [naa@naa.aero](mailto:naa@naa.aero)
- 1.2. United States Parachute Association, USPA | 5401 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA, 22407, Phone +1 540-604-9740, Fax +1 540-604-9741, [uspa@uspa.org](mailto:uspa@uspa.org)
- 1.3. IPC Delegate is Kirk Verner, 101 Canterbury Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387, Phone +1 910-495-3334, Fax +1 910-848-2601, [kirk@paracletexp.com](mailto:kirk@paracletexp.com)
- 1.4. Organizing Committee is same as above

### 2. Event Details

- 2.1. The event name is the *1st FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships*
- 2.2. Letter of approval from USPA is attached.
- 2.3. This bid is to include Wingsuit Performance Flying. Included are details for an optional Acrobatic Event whether this become a sanctioned requirement of the IPC prior to the event or may be offered as a demonstration event for future IPC consideration.
- 2.4. **Event Dates** proposed are November 2-6, 2016, proposed schedule:  
November 2 - Arrival of Judges, Start of judges Training (if applicable), Arrival of Delegations, and Official Practice Period  
November 3 – Judges Conference, Arrival of Delegations, Official Practice Period, Opening Ceremonies  
November 4-6 – Competition Jumps  
November 6 – Closing Ceremony  
November 6 – Departure of Delegations

- 2.5. **Location of the event** is Skydive City/Z-Hills, 4241 Sky Dive Ln, Zephyrhills, Florida, USA 33542. Phone +1 813-783-9399, Fax +1 813-783-2171, email [info@skydivecity.com](mailto:info@skydivecity.com)
- 2.5.1. Skydive City is located at the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport (Airport ID KZPH) in Pasco County, Florida. It is a well-maintained and federally funded airport, regularly used by many aviation related activities.
- 2.5.2. Skydive City operates from a 14 acre parcel of land, leased from the City of Zephyrhills. In 2010 Skydive City signed a 25 year lease with the City and has operated here continuously since 1990.
- 2.6. **Access to Skydive City:** There are three airport locations within reasonable distance to Skydive City.
- 2.6.1. Orlando International Airport (MCO) is 73 miles (110km), about 1 hour and 30 minutes drive.
- 2.6.2. Tampa International Airport (TPA) is about 40 miles (60km) or 45 minutes drive.
- 2.6.3. Sanford International Airport (SFB) is 100 miles (160km) or 1 hour and 45 minutes drive.
- 2.6.4. Orlando & Tampa airports are home to most major rental car companies including, but not limited to, EZ Rent-A-Car, Ace, Hertz, Avis, Alamo, National, Advantage, Budget, and Payless. Enterprise car rental is also available in Zephyrhills.
- 2.6.5. Airport shuttle companies are available, including Super Shuttle at all major airports, ([www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)), United or Yellow Cab service, and/or Skydive City also offers a private airport shuttle service to and from major airports by prior appointment only
- 2.6.6. Airport shuttle from airport to DZ and return for official staff will be provided.
- 2.6.7. Motel shuttle or vehicle for official staff will be provided.
- 2.6.8. There is little or no rail transportation in Florida. It is not recommended as a means of transportation.

- 2.7. ***Weather Data Summary*** is attached in Appendix A. Average temperatures and winds are near perfect for this type of event with virtually no rain days that time of year.
- 2.8. ***Airspace Restrictions*** – Skydive City has no effective airspace restrictions. It operates outside the Tampa Class B Airspace, and operates with written Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Tampa ATC Facility. A permanent NOTAM is filed with ATC since Skydive City opened in 1990. The Letter of Agreement is attached in Appendix B for review.
- 2.9. ***Landowner Restrictions***. There are none for Skydive City’s operation. It has been operating out of Zephyrhills Municipal Airport (KZPH) since 1990 with a written lease for its 14 acre parcel. Skydive City signed a new 25 year lease with the City of Zephyrhills in October of 2010.
- 2.10. ***Insurance:*** Skydive City has a comprehensive liability policy as required to fulfill our lease with the City and the local airport. FAI and IPC, as needed, will be added as named parties to this policy prior to the start of the event. Attached is our cover letter showing coverage in Appendix C.
- 2.11. ***Medical, Repatriation and Liability Insurance***
- 2.11.1. Liability Insurance is mandatory for all participants in the event and may be obtained through the purchase of a USPA membership, available in advance or at the time of check-in at Skydive City.
- 2.11.1.1. USPA membership can be a full 1-year membership (\$74 for foreigners at the time of bid submission) OR
- 2.11.1.2. an Introductory Membership for \$20 good for 3 months OR
- 2.11.1.3. Foreigners that have proof of insurance from their country of origin are not required to purchase a USPA membership if they do not wish to have one.
- 2.11.2. Medical/Repatriation insurance is not required to jump at Skydive City or in the State of Florida. It is however strongly advised that participants purchase appropriate travel or medical insurance prior to their participation in the event.

- 2.12. **Proposed Budget:** Attached in Appendix D.
- 2.12.1. **Registration Fee Performance Events** for Competitors will be \$824 per person and will cover Opening Ceremonies, Competition jumps, Closing Ceremonies and Banquet, Social Night, Entertainment, and promotional & gift selection of goods. Competitors are responsible for their own accommodation, food, travel and transportation.
- 2.12.1.1. **Registration Fee Acrobatic Events** – should IPC sanction the Acrobatic Event for the World Championships, or a World Cup or demonstration event, an additional registration of \$257 per Competitor will be charged, which will cover the cost of 7 competition Acrobatic Jumps, any re-jumps.
- 2.12.2. **Registration Fee** for other Delegation members will be \$350, and will cover Opening Ceremonies, Closing Ceremonies and Banquet, Social Night, Entertainment, and promotional & gift selection of goods. Other Delegation members are responsible for their own accommodation, food, travel and transportation.
- 2.13. **Facilities.** Skydive City has a 14 acre complex capable of handling 1000 skydivers at a time. It hosts some 7000 skydivers each year and complete some 65000-75000 skydives each year. The facilities include:
- 2.13.1. Aircraft Hangar with full maintenance facility for both turbine and piston aircraft.
- 2.13.2. Manifest Office with computerized manifest, tracking of loads and jumps and full reporting of all financial and jump activity for customers.
- 2.13.3. 1200 sq ft (110m<sup>2</sup>) air conditioned building with multiple rooms, washrooms for use of judging and operational staff.
- 2.13.4. Sunshine Factory Pro Shop for gear sales
- 2.13.5. Paragone Rigging services, full-time onsite rigging services.
- 2.13.6. Team Rooms available for rent
- 2.13.7. 8000 sq ft (750 m<sup>2</sup>) of covered packing space, full-time professional and FAA rated packers available.

- 2.13.8. Full-service Café (The Hard Dock Cafe) with prepared meals, drinks and serving breakfast lunch and dinner every day.
  - 2.13.9. 9 public toilets with men's and women's washroom facilities, 6 showers with hot/cold water.
  - 2.13.10. 70 RV (caravan) slots, 35 electric-only hookups and 35 full-service electric/sewer/water slots.
  - 2.13.11. Several trailers/caravans are for rent at the location and will be made available first-come-first-serve basis to competitors and any staff that prefer to stay on location. [trailers@skydivecity.com](mailto:trailers@skydivecity.com) for reservations. Several more available through local residents, [pipandjudy@yahoo.com](mailto:pipandjudy@yahoo.com).
  - 2.13.12. Free tent camping with room for 70+ tents
  - 2.13.13. Indoor beer and wine bar (The Sunset Bar) open every day
  - 2.13.14. 650 ft<sup>2</sup> (60 m<sup>2</sup>) outdoor covered bar
  - 2.13.15. 3500 ft<sup>2</sup> (325m<sup>2</sup>) deck/patio for skydivers and spectators
  - 2.13.16. Wireless High Speed WiFi free internet on dropzone with 50Mbps upload/download.
  - 2.13.17. 8 Video/television locations for video debrief
- 2.14. **Aircraft:** The event will be run from Twin Otter aircraft. At the recent 2014 5<sup>th</sup> FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, the event was successfully run in two days with the use of 2 Twin Otters.
- 2.14.1. Skydive City currently owns One (1) Twin Otter and Two (2) Cessna 182 aircraft outfitted for skydiving operations, with in-flight doors, seatbelts and jump step. Skydive City will have 2 additional Twin Otter aircraft onsite for the event.
  - 2.14.2. Exits speeds will be between 85-90 MPH (74-78 Knots) or as required for the competition.
  - 2.14.3. Exit Altitudes will be per IPC Competition Rules for Wingsuit Performance Events
  - 2.14.4. With 2-3 Twin Otters, our jump capacity will exceed 120 jumpers per hour.

2.15. **Official Practice Period** will be held November 2-3, 2016. There will be no registration costs involved for the Practice Period and jump prices will be \$25 for Twin Otter jumps up to 13500' (4200m).

2.16. **Accommodations and camping**

2.16.1. Skydive City has free camping on the field for tents.

2.16.2. Skydive City has 35 available RV (Caravan) slots with electric hookups, at a cost of \$15/night or \$300/month.

2.16.3. Skydive City has hot showers, toilets, urinals, and many wash basins for our washroom facilities. Located around the facility, they can accommodate up to 1000 people at a time.

2.16.4. Laundry facilities are available onsite

2.16.5. Skydive City also owns 5 RV's/Caravans for rent on the dropzone and these will be first offered to judging and competition staff if they choose to stay on the dropzone.

2.16.6. A list of hotels and motels in the Zephyrhills area is already on the Skydive City website at <http://skydivecity.com/Facilities/facilities.html>.

Almost all the hotels offer a skydiver discount. Current rates are: (subject to change without notice)

Hotel/Motel	Address	Phone
Magnuson Hotel	5734 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills, FL	(813) 782-5527 Fax (813) 783-7102
Crystal Springs Motor Inn	6736 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills, FL	(813) 782-1214 Fax (813) 782-6834
Microtel –	7839 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills, FL	(813) 783-2211 Fax (813) 783-2266 Georgia-General Manager
Quality Inn and Suites	6815 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills FL	(813) 762-2000 Fax (813) 762-0030 (407) 780-9022 for group reservations
Twilite Motel	4040 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills FL	(813) 788-2695 Fax (813) 783-9257

2.17. **Transportation to/from hotels to Skydive City**

- 2.17.1. Skydive City will provide up to 3 rental cars for judges and staff related to the Competition. If more is required, Skydive City will provide shuttle service as required.
- 2.17.2. Competitors are responsible for their own transportation to and from the facility. Many car rental agencies operate in Florida with competitive rates.
- 2.18.     ***Media Plan***
- 2.18.1. Skydive City currently has 55 local, State and Nationals Media contacts in its own database, including major television networks across the USA.
- 2.18.2. Press Releases and media invitations will be sent by Skydive City to its media contacts every month for 6 months prior to the event. In the 2 months prior to the competition, press releases with photos will be sent every week.
- 2.18.3. The United States Parachute Association will also be available to assist with media coverage and has a dedicated staff to help with media contacts.
- 2.18.4. Television, news and all media members will be granted exclusive access to the event, with escorted tours of the competition. Interviews, photos and video footage will be made available to all media concerned.
- 2.18.5. Skydive City will provide a media officer with full cooperation with the IPC Media Liaison Officer
- 2.19.     ***Accommodations for FAI/IPC Officials*** will be provided at the Quality Inn in Zephyrhills. Advance notice is requested for any accompanying persons and room requirements.
- 2.20.     ***Judging Equipment*** will be provided by Skydive City. Computers will be available as needed to download and review Flysight data. FlySight systems will NOT be provided by Skydive City for the competition, however Skydive City will consider a rental process if needed to provide these at additional cost.
- 2.21.     ***Public Address System***: Skydive City already has an extensive Public Address System covering its 14 acre campus, with additional broadcasting on FM radio frequencies. Additional PA system capacity is available for the event with wireless microphone capabilities for the event.



- 2.22. ***A full-time Emergency Medical Tech (EMT)*** or Paramedic trained emergency person to aid in medical issues at the event. In addition, full ambulance and medical services are available with 911 emergency services. Typical response time is 12 minutes. Med-evac Helicopter and ambulance services are available and major trauma center hospitals exist both in Tampa and Lakeland FL, only minutes away by helicopter.
- 2.23. ***Proposals for Officials:*** Skydive City agrees to cover the travel, food and lodging costs for the following officials: Chief Judge, Chief Judge of Training (if applicable), Assistant to the Chief Judge, the FAI Controller, the IPC Controller, and a Technical director (if applicable) plus any other expenses connected with the duties of the last three.
- 2.24. ***On-site communications.***
- 2.24.1. Aircraft communications: Skydive City already has in place ground-to-air full-time communications with its aircraft on dedicated frequencies. There are 5 handheld aircraft radios for ground personnel use related to the aircraft operations.
- 2.24.2. Ground communications: Skydive City has 8 Motorola FRS walkie-talkie units, 12 Motorola Spirit VHF walkie-talkie radios and 12 BlackBox UHF radios for use as ground communications.
- 2.25. ***Other Federal/State/Local rules and Regulations:*** There are no particular Federal, State. Or Local legislation issues that would cause concern for the event. AAD's are not mandatory under any law, nor does Skydive City require them for participants, although they are strongly recommended. Skydive City does not require helmets, except for students who have not achieved a USPA or equivalent Certificate of Proficiency.
- 2.26. ***Visas:*** Visitors to the USA may be required to obtain a DS-160 visitors visa (B-2 Visa) to attend a sporting event such as this.
- 2.26.1. Visitors can apply online to the US State Department using form DS-160 at [http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms\\_4230.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_4230.html)

- 2.26.2. The fee at the time of this printing is \$160 US, not covered by the registration fees.
- 2.27. **Medals:** Skydive City will choose to get the awards medals from the FAI
- 2.28. **Anti-Doping:** Should anti-doping requirements come into effect prior to the competition, Skydive City does have gender based washrooms and facilities capable of meeting the requirements of testing and interviews.
- 2.29. **Emergency Medical Services:** Skydive City will supply an on-site full-time Emergency Medical Tech/Paramedic for the duration of the jumping times of the competition. Local and County emergency services are available via 911 emergency phone call. Average response time in the Zephyrhills area is 13 minutes. Trauma Center hospitals are nearby in Tampa (50km) and Lakeland (40km), both accessible within minutes by helicopter. Local hospitals in Zephyrhills (8km) and Dade City (20km) are available for less serious injuries. Given the number of jumps done each year at Skydive City and the number of years it has been in operation, the local and county emergency services are very familiar with providing appropriate and timely care to the skydiving community.
- 2.30. **Miscellaneous:**
- 2.30.1. Skydive City does not intend to host an FAI Judges Training Course. However if the IPC Judges' Committee wishes such a course to take place, it can be arranged provided a satisfactory registration fee can be agreed upon.
- 2.30.2. Skydive City will provide an online registration system for teams and delegations to make it easy to complete forms, paperwork, registration and financial responsibilities.
- 2.30.3. Skydive City will host an Opening Ceremony the evening prior to the start of Competition, (November 3, 2016), which should include a competitor's briefing.
- 2.30.4. Skydive City will host an awards and/or farewell banquet for all competitors team delegates and attending guests, complete with dinner, appetizers and drinks.

2.30.5. Skydive City will plan at least one other social evening with entertainment, (live music) and hors d'oeuvres, as well as some complimentary drinks

2.30.6. Each competitor, delegation member, and official shall receive a selection of promotional and take-home gifts from sponsors, and Skydive City alike.

### **3. Other Organizer Obligations**

2.31. Other training or practice jumps are not limited to the dates in 2.15.

Skydive City is open year round and can provide aircraft, equipment and jumping for anyone that wishes to train prior to the official date of November 2-3, 2016.

Prior scheduling or arrangement is recommended by contacting [info@skydivecity.com](mailto:info@skydivecity.com).

2.31.1. We would ask that IPC makes a decision on whether to hold the Acrobatic Event prior to the issuance of the First Official Information Bulletin.

### **Summary of Changes**

July 24 – Initial draft submitted to USPA for review

July 26 – Added Letters of Support from various Government entities