Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship igniting Australia this weekend!

Lausanne, Switzerland, 30 August 2023 – Thirty of the world’s best female hot air balloon pilots are heading to Australia to compete in the 5th FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship.

After the opening ceremony and pilot parade in Northam, Western Australia on 2 September, competition flights will take place from 4 - 9 September in a 30-40 km area above the Avon Valley. It is the first time that the competition has taken place outside Europe and will be a central part of the Northam Festival of Ballooning.

During the two daily flights (early mornings and afternoons) the highest ranked female pilot Nicola Scaife from Newcastle, New South Wales, will seek to make her two previous world champion titles into a hat trick on her home territory.

Other pilots battling for top spot include well-known pilot Lindsay Muir of Great Britain and her daughter Chloe Hallett, and twice US Women’s national champion Meg Skelton from Denver, Colorado.

Pilots from Lithuania, Austria, Brazil, Germany, UK, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland and the USA will compete against the Australian home team.

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FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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