

FAI Ballooning Commission Event Sanction Application

Please read the attached guidance notes before completing the form.

Section 1 - Main Information

All the information in this section is mandatory and need to be updated before the CIA Plenary where the event will be asking for a FAI/CIA sanction. No changes are allowed after the sanction is granted.

This section will become Annex C to the FAI Organiser Agreement, therefore ALL parts MUST be fully completed.

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EVENT DETAILS

Event Title & Sub-Title	66th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett 2023		
Event Venue	Airport Sion – Switzerland (Nearby Geneva)		
Event Dates	Opening Ceremony	August 31 st 2023	Closing Ceremony September 9 th 2023
FAI / CIA Sub-class	☐ AX – Hot Air Balloons ☐ BX – Hot Air Airship	☐ AA – Gas Balloons ☒ AA – WLD - Gordon Bennett	☐ BA – Gas Airships ☐ AM – Rozier Balloons
FAI Type of Event	☒ FAI World Championship		
FAI / CIA Category	☒ General	☐ Women	☐ Junior
Registration Starts	31/08/2023	General Briefing	01/09/2023
1 st Competition Flight	02/09/2023	Last Competition Flight	03/09/2023
Extra Flight if needed	N/A	Resting Period	N/A
Organising National Airsport Control – NAC	Aero-Club of Switzerland	Organising NAC's CIA Delegate (name, email, phone)	Marc André +41 79 366 63 50 marc.andre@netline.ch
Organising Body	Verein Gordon Bennett 2023 SION		
Main Contact / General Manager	Andreas Schöni aschoeni@gb23.ch +41 78 864 24 94		
Official Mailing Address (postal address, email, fax, phones)	Gordon Bennett 2023 p/a Vincent Favre consulting Rue Grande Meunière 24 CH 1958 Saint-Léonard vincent@favreconsulting.ch		Email: info@gb23.ch Phone: 078 864 24 94

ORGANISERS EVENT EXPERIENCE

Andreas Schöni

- CEO Buhler Enterprises Monthey – Switzerland
- President of the Swiss Hot Air Balloon Championship in 2016 in Burgdorf - Switzerland
- Finance and Sponsoring in the organisation of the Gordon Bennett 2018 in Bern – Switzerland
- President Balloon club Swky Walking Club – Berne - Switzerland

Martin Messner

- Entrepreneur
- Multiple experiences i.e. organising Gordon Bennett 1985
- Winner Gordon Bennett 1984
- Winner Hot Air Balloon European Championship 1986
- 10 years President of the SBAV (Swiss Balloon Federation)
- President 100 years celebration Swiss Aviation

Vincent Favre

- President of the Aeroclub Wallis – Switzerland
- Air Show organiser Wallis at the airport Sion
- CEO Favre consulting – Sion - Switzerland

EVENT OFFICIALS			
Event Director	Markus Haggene, Switzerland, mha@fai.org, CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/markushaggene/		
Deputy Director	Tomas Hora, Czech Republic, tomas.hora@airwizard.de, CV: https://www.linkedin.com/in/tomas-hora-3468a02/		
Safety Officer	Stefan Zeberli, Switzerland, info@ballon-zeberli.ch		
PR Officer / Media Officer	tbd		
Organisational Structure (Article 3.4 of the OA)	(Summary of the organizers Organisational Structure. A full version shall be submitted separately as an appendix to this document)		
Jury members	President: JC Weber - LUX Members: Jakob Burkard – SUI, Sandor Hidas - HUN		
INVITATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURE			
Number of eligible NACs	As per definition by FAI	Equal number of competitors / NAC	3
Additional Invitations Procedure (SC01 5.6.4.3)	Not applicable		
Maximum number of entrants	25	Number of medal holders invited	N/A
Entry Conditions (SC01 5.6.4.1)	According to Gordon Bennett rules		
DEADLINES AND REGISTRATION DETAILS			
Registration Method and Details	Online		
Entry Fee for Competitors (amount, currency and what is included)	CHF 900.- plus CHF 500.- logger deposit (paid back upon return of logger). Competitor package included: Hydrogen, ballast sand and water, 4 tickets per competitor for opening and closing ceremonies, Snacks on the launchfield before take off, Rate reductions for hotel accommodation. etc.		
Entry Fee Method of Payment and Details	☒ Money order ☐ Cheque ☐ Cash ☐ Credit card ☐ Other:		
Dates for Invitation process			
	NACs invitation		15/12/2022
	Deadline for NACs to accept invitation		31/01/2023
	1st Round invitations		10/02/2023
	Deadline for 1st round invitations		31/03/2023
Policy on Entry fee refunds	According to Gordon Bennett rules		
Protest Fee (amount, currency)	CHF 100		
Official Language	English		

ORGANISER AGREEMENT DETAILS

Safety Plan and Risk Assessment:	tbd	
Medical Rescue and Emergency Assistance	Briefing Centre: SION Airport rescue facilities	
	Launch Fields: SION Airport rescue facilities	
	During the flight times tbd thru Event Management	
	Other	
Media Rights (as required by Article 6 of the Organisers Agreement)	(State if the Organiser will have a media production for the event. If no then explanation is required) In accordance with FAI.	
Commercial Rights (as required by Article 7 of the Organisers Agreement)	(Describe the Commercial/Sponsorship concept, and how the revenue distribution will be implemented) Local and international sponsorship with companies and associations around Air sports and Technology. Support of local authorities Swiss sport and aviation associations	
Event Budget: as required by Article 8 of the Organizers Agreement)	(Summary of the organizers Event Budget, A full version shall be submitted seperatly as an appendix to this document) CHF 500'000.--	
Insurance Provided & Covered by Organisers (as required by Article 9 of the Organizers Agreement)	Third Party:	Yes, according to Swiss legal requirements
	Air Display Public Liability:	Yes, according to Swiss legal requirements
	Organisers & Officials On-ground Risks:	Yes, according to Swiss legal requirements
	Observer On-board:	N/A
	Other:	Insurance Requirements for competitors: According to GB competition rules.

Courtesy Invitations to be sent to:	FAI President: ☒ Yes ☐ No Date: tbd CIA President: ☒ Yes ☐ No Date: tbd Remarks: tbd		
FAI Authority to be shown on:	☒ Rules ☐ Logo ☒ Program ☒ Official documents ☒ Other: internet		
CIA and FAI Protocol will be followed?	☒ Yes ☐ No Remarks:	The organisers will respect the FAI Environmental Code of Ethics?	☒ Yes ☐ No Remarks: to be provided by FAI
Event with Loggers	☒ Yes ☐ No	Event with Observers	☐ Yes ☒ No
GPS Loggers	Type of GPS Logger to be used: YB tracking		

Section 2 - Additional Information

The information in this section is important for the evaluation of the event in the Sanction Process. Additionally it provides competitors information on how they can plan their participation. Therefore, please fill in all information as complete as possible.

Changes are allowed after the Sanction is granted only in order to improve the event.

Official Event Website	www.gordonbennett2023.ch	
Event President	Andreas SCHÖNI aschoeni@gb23.ch	
Event Prizes Offered and Details	- FAI Championship medals - FAI Diplomas - Special prizes from SION / organiser GB 2023 - Gordon Bennet 2023 Souvenir Others tbd	
Opening Ceremony	Tbd – SION, Switzerland	
Closing Ceremony / Prize-giving	Tbd – SION, Switzerland	
Country Admission Conditions	Refer to: https://www.ch.ch/en/short-term-stays-switzerland/	
Preferred Place of Entry & Closest Major Cities	Airport of GENEVA (157km), BASEL (240km), BERNE (150km) Close to Chateau d'Oeux balloon center	
Local language	FRENCH	
Location Description & Characteristics	General Description	SION AIRPORT LSGS / LSMS 1.585 ft / 483 m a.s.L
	Geographic Position	46° 13' 11" N, 7° 19' 36" O
	Topography	S and N: Mountains. Rhone river across the valley
	Landing Areas	N/R
	Main villages around the flying area	SION / SIERRE / MARTIGNY / MONTHEY / BRIG
	Other Description	
Common Launch Areas	Concrete floor, Transit Parking position 11 and 12 at the Airport, close to Terminal C.	
Landowner Restrictions	None	
Meteorological characteristics	Weather conditions: Fair and stable during the night and in the morning Prevailing winds (speed / directions): SW/NE Temperatures: 09-21°C Sunrise & Sunset time for the first competition day: 06:51 / 20:08	
Airspace Structure & Limitations	NOTAM Description	LSGS
	Flight Limitations	According to CH airspace structure
	Number of PZs expected & Descriptions	According to CH and international airspace structure
	Competition Area Altitude Limitations	According to CH and international airspace structure
	Competition Area Dimensions	Will be defined in GB competition rules (to be prepared by the Championship Director)
Competition Map Details	DATUM	N/A
	Scale	
	Grid lines	
	Paper Size	
	Electronic Version Available	☐ No ☐ Yes – expected on date:
	Electronic Version File Format	☐ JPEG ☐ PNG ☐ Other(please state):
	Remarks	no specific competition map

Driving Particularities (Right hand, left hand, speed limitations, International Driver's License required, etc.)	Right-hand driving, speed limit 80kmh with vehicles with trailers. 120km/h for vehicles without trailers See also: https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/latvia/en/home/services/driving-and-vehicles/driving-ch-foreign-licence.html	
Road Network and Infrastructure	Steep and sometimes narrow roads into the surrounding valleys. National Highway access to the SION airport.	
Venue Description, Coordinates & Characteristics	Competition Center	Meeting and office spaces at the airport SION
	Briefing Facilities	At the airport SION
	Media centre (description)	At the airport SION
	Internet connection	Yes
	Social activities	Various, possibilities of Zermatt / Matterhorn trip
	Other information	
Stewards	N/A	
Chief Scorer	Markus Haggenev	
Chief Debrief	Markus Haggenev	
Chief Observer	N/A	
Technical Support Officer		
Scoring Program	Great Circle Calculation, provided by FAI	
Special Arrangements and Assistance for Competitors	On request	
Equipment Limitations	According to GB competition rules	
Special Safety Requirements	According to GB competition rules	
Insurance Requirements for Competitors and Details	☒ Third party: According to GB competition rules ☐ Passenger:	☒ CSL: According to GB competition rules ☐ Other:
Travel & accommodation arrangements for officials	Travel Arrangements:	Jury president, CD, CD deputy and Safety Officer on organisations account to SION / free meals and accommodation for the duration of the event.
	Travel Allowance:	None
	Vehicles Provided:	None
	Type of Accommodation:	Hotel in the vicinity
	Meals Provided:	1 entry ticket per official for opening and closing ceremonies
	Other Information / Remarks:	
Travel & accommodation arrangements for observers	Travel Arrangements:	N/A
	Travel Allowance	N/A
	Vehicles Provided:	N/A
	Type of Accommodation:	N/A
	Meals Provided:	N/A

For EDS use only

*This section is for EDS use only and the Organizer will get an update **when** changes are made.*

Intention to Bid submitted to EDS	Received by		Date	
Bids document submitted to EDS	Received by	L Muir	Date	30/06/2022
Documents received	Sanction Application Form	Yes	30/06/2022	
	NAC letter of Approval	No		
	Organisation Structure	No		
	Safety Plan / Risk Assessment	No		
	Event Budget			
	Presentation	No		
ASC Coordinator	Name	Lindsay Muir	Email:	lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk
Sanction Application submitted to FAI	Recommend: ☒ Yes	L. Muir	Date	24/08/2022
	Submitted to FAI by	L. Muir		
	Recommend: ☐ No	Reason for Rejection		
Organizer Agreement Status				
Max no. Competitors	25	Event Logo Status		
Sanction Fee (CHF)	2500 CHF	Sanction Fee Status		
Performance Bond (CHF)	7000 CHF	Performance Bond Status		
Event Rules Status				
Jury approved by Plenary / Jury Board	President: JC Weber - LUX Members: Jakob Burkard – SUI Sandor Hidas - HUN			
FAI Sanction "Kit" Status	FAI & CIA Flags: Medals: Diplomas: Remarks:			
Opening and Closing Ceremonies Agenda Reviewed				
Status / Report on new versions				