



Local Regulations

2014 Paragliding Finnish Open

6-12 July 2014, Kiikala, Finland

Organized by:

Southern Finland Paragliding Club (ESV) on behalf of Finnish Aeronautical Association (SIL)

These local regulations are to be used in conjunction with FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 7B (dated 1 May 2013), General rules for Finnish national championships in airsports (dated 29 Nov 2011) and the rules for Paragliding and Hang Gliding competitions in Finland (dated 17 Dec 2013).

1. INTRODUCTION

2014 Paragliding Finnish Open is a FAI-2 paragliding cross country (XC) open competition. Competition will be held at Kiikala airfield between 6-12 July 2014. The purpose of the competition is to provide safe and fair contest in several categories, including category of paragliding Finnish national championships 2014, and to reinforce friendship among the pilots from Finland and visiting countries.

All pilots fly under their own responsibility. It is each pilot's responsibility to take all necessary actions to maintain their own safety during the competition, and to ensure that they do not act in any way that might endanger any other pilots during the competition.

Official event website address is <http://airtribune.com/finopen2014>

This document is an English summary of Local Regulations that are approved by Finnish NAC. The full version of the rules in Finnish are published on Finnish Aeronautical Association's web page http://www.ilmailuliitto.fi/easydata/customers/ilmailuliitto/files/riippuliitto/rl-vl_kilpailusaannot_17_12_2013.pdf

2. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

2.1 ENTRY

To enter this competition the pilots must hold valid level 5 pilot rating and FAI license. Only the serial class paragliders are allowed in this competition. Maximum number of participants is 40 out of which 30 are reserved for Finnish pilots. In case of overbooking the selection among the Finnish pilots will be based on the national championships rules published by Finnish Aeronautical Association.

Online registration for the competition opens 17 March, 2014 and closes 31 May 2014. The official registration will be on Sunday 6 July 2014, 7:30-10:00 at the Kiikala airfield. On arrival the competitor shall report to the competition headquarters to have their documents checked and to receive supplementary information. The end of the official registration period is considered to be the official start of the first briefing.

The following documents are required:

- Passport/ID
- Valid FAI Sporting License.
- Pilot proficiency identification / certificate
- Proof of valid insurance as stated below

The organisers require documentary proof of valid insurance as follows:

- Insurance covering public liability risk to the value of minimum € 50.000 (fifty thousand euro)
- Personal accident insurance valid for paragliding competitions

The organiser will not offer insurance for competitors at the competition.

Entry fee to the competition is:

- 185 EUR before 1 June, 2014
- 200 EUR after 1 June, 2014

Entry fee is to be paid by bank transfer by 1 June or thereafter in cash during the official registration.

Entry fee includes:

- towing
- retrieve on the main route for all the registered pilots during all competition days,
- upload of turnpoints GPS coordinates,
- GPS tracklog download,
- ID card,
- lunch package, water
- competition shirt,
- free access to events and parties

2.2 SCORING CATEGORIES

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked - Overall in the competition
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked - Women overall in the competition. This category will be made in case we have 5 or more women on competition.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked - Sport class (max EN-C glider) overall in the competition. This category will be made in case we have 5 or more qualifying participants in the competition.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked - Finland national championships
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked - Women Finland national championships. This category will be made in case we have 5 or more Finnish women on competition.

3. TAKE-OFF METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS

The only take-off method is towing. Competitors must have proficiency for tow launching. There will be an ordered launch method in use. In the beginning of each task the take-off order will be drawn. Competitor must take off immediately when it is his/her turn and conditions are deemed safe by the launch marshal. Pilots who do not wish to take off when it is their turn will be placed last in the towing queue.

4. RETAKE-OFF

A competitor will be allowed unlimited number of take-offs to attempt the task within the stated take-off period. A failed take-off attempt or safety problem arising immediately after take-off which results in a landing will not count as one of the permitted number of take-offs. After such failed take-off the pilot has a way of right in towing queue. There is no way of right if the take-off failed due to pilot error.

5. EQUIPMENT

Pilots' equipment must conform to the requirements of Section 7B Chapter 11. In addition the pilots must have 3D GPS receiver with necessary cables for track download, a mobile phone capable of sending and receiving SMS messages and an adequate tow release attached to the harness. VHF transceiver that is supporting the International Aircraft Communication Band as well as a PMR-446 transceiver is recommended. The latter is being used for ground and towing operation at the airfield. Frequencies in use will be announced in task briefing.

6. TASK PERIOD

Times of window open for take-off and times for the closing of the window, turn points and last landing will be displayed in writing. Any window extension policy will also be displayed in writing.

7. STOPPED TASKS

If the task is stopped the Meet Director will announce this on the Safety Frequency and pilots must proceed immediately to a safe landing place.

8. SCORING

For scoring, the GAP 2013 formula will be used in combination with the FS scoring software. Scoring formula parameters will be announced at the first briefing.

9. COMPLAINTS

A complaint may be made to the Meet Director in writing, to request a correction. It should be made with the minimum delay and it will be dealt in a shortest possible time. Meet Director's decision is final.