

Local Regulations for the 2017 Belgian Hang Gliding Open

Organiser

The 2017 Belgian Hang Gliding Open is organised for the BVVF (Belgian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Federation) by Tom Haagdorens and Jochen Zeischka.

Meet Director & Pilot Committee

The meet director for the competition will be Jan Lauwers.

The meet director will be assisted by an advisory pilot committee. The pilot committee will exist of 3 pilots, suggested by the organizers. The composition of the pilot committee needs to be approved by the competition pilots during the mandatory safety briefing.

Location

The competition's headquarters (HQ) is located at the camping site at Laragne-Monteglin, France.

Goal of the Competition

The goal of the competition is to

- appoint a Belgian Champion in the FAI classes 1 and 5 of hang gliding. Only a Belgian pilot having a Belgian Free Flight Federation membership and a Belgian cross-country license can become Belgian Champion. A foreigner or non-member can of course compete in the Belgian Open. A class needs at least 5 participants to appoint a champion.
- stimulate the beautiful sport of cross-country flying by bringing pilots together in an atmosphere of camaraderie and fair sportsmanship, thus providing an enjoyable and safe experience for pilots of varying skill levels.
- introduce new pilots to cross-country flying. Kingposted glider pilots will also be listed in a separate Sports Class classification.

Schedule

Registration: Sunday May 28th, 6 PM until 8 PM at HQ

Competition days: Monday May 29th until Saturday June 3rd

Prize giving: Saturday June 3rd, 9 PM

Competition Classes & Prizes

Hang gliding, class 1, 5 & Sport. We will only have a ranking and prizes for a class if at least 5 competitors have entered the competition.

The ranking of the Belgian pilots in class 1 will be used to determine the Belgian ranking. The first Belgian will be the 2017 Belgian champion.

Entry

Online registration will be available on <http://airtribune.com/belgianopen>. The competition is limited to a total participant number across all classes of 70 pilots. If the competition is oversubscribed, the pilots will be selected in order of payment: pilots who's payment was received earlier have precedence over other pilots.

The early bird entry fee is 70 euros. After April 15th, the fee is 100 euros.

Before the competition starts, each pilot must present himself during the on-site registration (see 'Schedule') and needs to present the following documents:

- Hang gliding license
- FAI sporting license
- Proof of 3rd party liability insurance

Launch

The launch type is foot launch.

There is no predefined launch order.

All classes use the same launch lines in a single launch zone, meaning that a push applies to all classes across all launch lines.

Relaunch is not allowed under any circumstances.

Task Types

The competition will use race to goal tasks.

Report back

Every pilot who launched during a task, must report back after landing. The means to do so will be presented during the safety briefing. Failure to report back might cause the meet director to trigger a search and rescue operation. The costs of such an operation will be charged to the competitor.

For safety reasons, we advise all pilots to use some sort of live tracking system and to make sure that at least some other competitors and preferably also the meet director, are aware of the system you're using. But, no matter what system you are using, you are always obliged to report your landing as instructed during the safety briefing.

The report back deadline will be announced during each task briefing.

Scoring

The tasks will be scored using the GAP2016 formula in a hang gliding configuration (distance, leading, speed and arrival points, use of goal cylinders). The GAP parameters will be presented during the safety briefing. Provisional parameters are 40 km nominal distance, 1,5 hours nominal time & 20% pilots in goal, jump the gun factor 5.

For the sports class, nominal distance will be 25 km and nominal time 1 hour.

The competition will be scored as usual in hang gliding: simply by adding all task scores per pilot across the competition (using non-normalized, actual day quality as determined by the GAP formula and without using the FTV system).

Complaints & Protests

The protest fee is 50 euros.