EN: “Highlands Cup 2019” Rules

Competition objective: To promote paragliding and hang-gliding sport in Lithuania.

Location: Panevezys district

Competition HQ: https://goo.gl/maps/TwPSXFzgmpL2

Dates: May 18-19th 2019

Organizer: SK “Saules skrydis” SK “Panevezio parasparniai”

Competition web page: <https://airtribune.com/highlands-cup-2019-aukstaitijos-taure-2019/info>

**Competition Personnel**

Meet Director: Valentas Leipus

Launch Judge: Valentinas Raginskas

Safety Director: Valentinas Raginskas

Chief Judge: Valentas Leipus

Deputies to the Meet Director: Lukas Limantas, Edgaras Piščikas

Pilot Committee of 3-5 pilots may be formed during the competition

**Preliminary Schedule**

Schedule may be adjusted due to weather conditions.

Day 1:

08:00 HQ opens

08:30 registration begins

10:00 registration ends

10:30 briefing at Competition HQ, launch site announcement

11:00 briefing at launch site, task announcement

11:30 start window open

17:00 start window closed

18:30 finish window closed

20:00 evening meals

21:00 deadline for the delivery of GPS results

Day 2 (final day of the competition)

08:30 morning meals

09:00 HQ opens

10:00 briefing at Competition HQ, launch site announcement

11:00 briefing at launch site, task announcement

11:30 start window open

16:00 start window closed

17:00 finish window closed

18:30 deadline for the delivery of GPS results

19:00 award ceremony

**Competition rules**

Competition rules are based on Section 7B of the FAI Sporting Code and Lithuanian Flatlands League (further referred to as LLL) regulations. Protests and disagreements are resolved by order defined in these rules, FAI section 7B and LLL regulations. If these sources have conflicting information, overriding source will be 1) FAI rules, 2) LLL and 3) these rules - in this particular order.

**Participation in the competition**

Maximum number of pilots - 40+5 . 10 places are reserved for foreign pilots until 10th May 2019 (inclusive). After this date unfilled places will be released to any pilots wanting to participate in the competition.

**Registration Process**

Early registration is available on [https://airtribune.com/](https://airtribune.com/vt2017/registration) (open till 15th May 2019 inclusive), late registration will be done at Competition HQ according to the schedule provided above. Pilots must personally present a valid pilot license and to have validated FAI sporting license (if available), present/approve other needed information and also pay the entry fee if not paid earlier. “First-paid rule” will be used to select pilots if competition overfills.

**Categories**: Overall - EN/LTF A-B-C-D,CCC; Sport - EN/LTF A-B-C; Standard - EN/LTF A-B; Women.

Pilots compete individually.

**Launch method**: Towing will be organized with passive tow winches. Minimum tow altitude - 300m.

**Requirements for competitors**

Competitors must: have valid paragliding license (category ParaPro 3 or higher, FAI license is required for FAI ranking points), have medical insurance valid in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, participate in all briefings, follow the instructions given by the Meet Director, the Launch Marshal and the judges. It is recommended for the competitors to have a third party liability insurance valid in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

Competitors must have: airworthy flying equipment which corresponds to their skill level, only EN/LTF/DHV certified wings, reserve, working radio equipment and GPS device, helmet, tow release device. Task results will be determined only by valid GPS data from GPS devices.

**Entry and tow fees**

**50 EUR** until 15th May 2019 and 6**0 EUR** after 16th May 2019 entry fee can be paid by bank transfer by 18th May 2019 (inclusive) or by cach on registration.

Tow fee is not included into the entry fee. The price is 6 EUR per tow.

**Entry fee should be paid to**:

IBAN: LT95 7044 0600 0780 9313 (SEB bank)
SWIFT: CBVILT2X
Receiver: Sporto klubas "PANEVĖŽIO PARASPARNIAI"
Receiver's code: 302728516
Name, surname, Highlands cup 2018 entry fee must be indicated in the document.

**Entry fee includes**:

\* Accommodation in camping
\* Retrieves
\* Lunch packet
\* Map
\* Camping facilities (WC, shower, electricity)
\* Dinner.
\* Breakfast snacks, coffee, tea.
\* Competition awards and prizes.
\* T-shirt

**Launch Order**

Launch order method will be determined by the Chief Judge. Live launch order queue will be managed by the Launch Marshal. Pilot can make multiple launch attempts while the start window is open.

**Tasks**

The following race types will be used: Elapsed Time or Race to goal. The task is prepared by the Chief Judge together with the Pilot Committee before the opening of the start window.

**Retrieves**

Retrieves will be organized by competition organizers.

**Point Calculation**

Points will be calculated using GAP formula and FS software. ***The best* result of the day will count towards competition (continued starts will not eliminate results of a present day).**

**Start window and Launch**

The time of start window is described abowe in shedule.

The pilot is considered as started after crosing start cylinder in the air. Launching on winch is not considered as start. Before launching pilot has to evaluate if there is enough time to cross start cylinder before start window closing

**Task and Competition Validity**

Task is considered valid if 25% of participants fly at least the distance of 10 km. Competition is considered valid if it has at least one valid task.

**Protests and Penalties**

Competition pilots can submit protests to the Chief Judge. Protests must be submitted in writing, no later than in 1 hour from the publishing of preliminary results and must contain information about reasons, pointed out violated rules and submitter’s requests. Submitter must pay 20 EUR protest fee, which will be returned if protest is upheld or kept in competition budget if denied.

For air space violation during competition (regardless of the other flights available for the same day) the pilot is to be punished by reducing all of the pilot’s points scored for that day by 2% for 1 meter of violation (either vertically or horizontally). Airspace violations will be determined by the data of the pilot’s GPS device. Violation starts than pilot enters buffer zone (less than 20m. vertically or horizontally) of prohibited area. **For repeated airspace violation participant will be disqualified from the competition.**

For cloud flying the pilot would be punished by removing all of the pilot’s points scored for that task. For the repetitive cloud flying the pilot would be disqualified from the competition.

The pilot approaching prohibited or controlled airspace boundary must ensure the continuity of the GPS data. In this situation if the pilot's GPS data would have gaps - the pilot would be punished by removing all of the pilot's points scored for that task.

**Safety Considerations**

Wind speed suitable for the competition is up to 7 m/s (measured at 2 m. height). Chief Judge, with consultation from Pilot Committee if needed, has the right to close start window or cancel the task if the weather conditions pose risk to safety.

Alcohol breathalyzer procedure may be invoked by anyone of organizers or judges. In that case pilots will be allowed to launch if the test result will be 0.0 promiles.

**Liability**

Pilots are solely responsible for their personal equipment, actions on the ground and in the air. This has to be confirmed by the signature during the registration.

**Disqualification**

Pilot can be disqualified from the competition for the violation of these rules or other laws. Any person taking part in the competition could be removed from the competition for the offensive behavior which negatively affects the reputation of the competition. The pilot can be disqualified if posing increased risk for safety of themselves or others, appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other banned substances (drugs). Decisions about the disqualifications are carried out by competition judges and organizers.