

Paragliding competition “Kaunas Cup 2019” rules

1. General

Competition objective: To promote paragliding sport in Lithuania.

Competition will take place 1st-2nd June 2019 (reserve date 8th-9th June).

Competition HQ: Česlovas Milošas Residential Conference Centre
(<https://goo.gl/maps/qYovcrLwJVeGpiMK8>).

Flights will take place near Čekiškė village in Kaunas region. Depending on weather flight place may be moved to another location.

Competition host is Kaunas's paraglider sport club.

Competition web page is <https://airtribune.com/kauno-taure-2019/registration>

2. Personnel

Competition manager – Remigijus Vertelis

Flights manager – Povilas Bačkaitis

Safety manager – Algirdas Brazas

Chief Judge – Algirdas Brazas

Logistics manager - Lukas Dunčikas

Deputy managers: to be declared

Pilot Committee may be established on site.

3. Competition participants

Any pilot having valid ParaPro 3 or higher category paragliding pilot license is allowed to participate in the competition. Maximum number of participant pilots – 45 pilots. Places are reserved in the order of registration fee reception by Competition host date. “First-paid” rule will be used to select participants for competition if there are more registered pilots than competition maximum.

3.1. Technical requirements

Competitors must possess airworthy flying equipment. Only EN/LTF/DHV certified paragliders are allowed. Competitors must possess working radio equipment able to transmit/receive on 445.100 MHz band, GPS device with track recording capabilities, paragliding helmet and tow release device.

Competitor's priority system for flight data submission is Airtribune, it is recommended for participants to take care of Airtribune installation on their devices in advance.

4. Fees

Participant fee is 35 EUR if paid by bank transfer before 28th May. If paid after 28th May fee is 55 EUR. If competition is canceled due to weather conditions 15 EUR will be paid back.

Participant's fee does not include tow fee which is 6 EUR per tow and to be paid on site.

Participant's fee includes HQ infrastructure (sauna, WC, electrical outlets availability, waste management), meals (1x supper, 2x breakfast), and logistics during competition time.

There is a lodging option in the Residential Conference Centre. There are 14 beds with the price of 10 EUR per bed per night (please bring Your sheets). For reservations please contact +370 671 01050.

Fee to be paid using the following credentials:

Bank account No (IBAN): LT537300010094185035

SWIFT code: HABALT22

Bank: Swedbank AB

Recipient name: "Kauno parasparnių sporto klubas"

Recipient code: 300543547

5. 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

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.

6. Preliminary schedule

Day 1

08:00 registration begins

10:00 registration ends

10:00 safety briefing

10:30 briefing at HQ, launch site and task announcement

11:00 briefing at launch site

12:00 start window open

17:00 start window close

18:30 finish window closed

Day 2

10:30 briefing at HQ, launch site and task announcement

11:00 briefing at launch site

12:00 start window open

17:00 start window close

18:30 finish window closed

19:00 awards ceremony

7. 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.

7.1. Starting order

Participants starting order is determined randomly before briefing at launch site. Participants can try to repeat the task multiple times while start window is open. Repeated launches are carried out using FIFO queue.

7.2. Tasks

The following task 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.

7.3. Divisions

Participants are competing in the following divisions: Global - EN/LTF A-B-C-D,CCC; Sport - EN/LTF A-B-C; Standard - EN/LTF A-B.

7.4. Task results

Task is considered valid if at least 25% of participants achieve the flight distance of 10 km.

Competition is considered valid if it has at least one valid task.

Participant results are calculated using FAI FS Software using GAP2016 rules. The best result of the day will count towards.

7.5. Penalties

Flights are to be carried using VFR. Airspace restriction information bulletin (<https://www.ans.lt/en/ais/airspace-restriction-information-bulletin/>), AIP supplements

(<https://www.ans.lt/en/ais/supplements/>) must be taken in consideration. If participant violates those rules, task result is voided.

If restricted airspace areas are violated by the participant during the competition (approach more than 20 m. to the nearest edge of restricted area), scores for the task that day are reduced by 2% for each meter of violation in either direction. If restricted airspace is violated repeatedly, participant is disqualified from the competition.

If VFR is violated by the participant, results of any tasks carried that day are voided.

7.6. 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 competition host.

8. Protests

Participant's protest are submitted to Chief Judge. Protests must be submitted in writing, not later than 1 hour after task results announcement. Participant has to indicate reasons for the protest, point out violated rules and his requests. Participant leaves a deposit of 10 EUR while submitting the protest. The deposit is returned if the protest is satisfied. If the protest is not satisfied, deposit is withheld.