



**Hurricane Open US Nationals PG  
Championship 2020**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING THE  
EVENT IMPORTANT READ THIS  
DOCUMENT**

## **Welcome to the Hurricane Open**

The organizers of this event are thrilled to be able to bring this internationally ranked competition to the amazing flying we have here in the Magic Valley (Sequatchie Valley) of Southeastern Tennessee. We are especially thankful that we are able to deliver this event during these uncertain times. This event will be the only FAI paragliding event held this year and has the sanctioning of both the FAI and USHPA. Participants will receive full WPRS points from this CAT2 registered event.

With the restrictions and concerns around Covid-19 we are providing this document to provide guidance and precautions that are designed to keep us all healthy and safe during this event. . Our guidelines are based on the directives outlined by the State of Tennessee and the FAI finally starting to lift around Europe, the organisers in Slovenia have been keen to offer an event to celebrate our release, and the ability to get back into the air. The Freedom Open is an FAI event, scoring full WPRS points and registered as a CAT2.

However, as we are all aware, we are currently living in times of the COVID-19 virus, and therefore we cannot proceed as we normally would. This event is one of the first large events to be held in United States since the pandemic began. It will therefore help establish good practice for future events, in particular those that will be held in United States in the coming months.

It is imperative that you follow the recommendations in this document throughout the event. If you fail to do so, you WILL be excluded from the remainder of the event. This is for your safety, the safety of others in the event, and the safety of those to which we will return after the event. In addition, failure to adhere to these restrictions could also lead to the event being stopped, either by the organisers or the officials.

### **Safety Briefing**

There will be a short safety briefing presented before the first task, at HQ. It will be verbal only and is expected to last just 10-20 minutes.

There was a safety document distributed prior to the event, and you must have read this. It is planned that this briefing will be held outdoor, so no requirements for wearing masks is required. We simply ask that you observe social distancing rules 6 ft ( 2 m) between you and anyone not in your immediate family/relationships.

### **Task & Other Briefings**

All our briefings are planned to be outdoors. Therefore, there are no rules currently in place that force us to wear masks etc. However,

the rules have not been written with paraglider events in mind and our briefings are held in a manner akin to being indoors. As social distancing is not possible at things such as Task briefings, we are advising the following:

- Face masks should be worn by competitors at briefings (if held indoors)
- Given that all the competitors are experienced pilots, briefings will be kept as short as practical by the organisers and competitors are expected to know and understand the routines of how a task is presented

### **Retrieve**

- Face Masks will always be worn in vehicles Vehicle capacity limits will be adhered to and are stated on the door of each vehicle. Some vehicles may differ from others
- Retrieves are expected to proceed as normal, aside from the vehicle capacity limits being observed.
- Open bed vehicles will carry equipment and a maximum of 4 people in the bed of the vehicle in addition to the capacity inside the cabin.

### **Downloads & Scoring**

The scoring tent will be open sided, so as not to be considered an indoor space. However, the following will still be observed.

- Face masks will be worn inside the download area
- There will be hand wash available at the entrance. Use it!
- You may simply leave your tracker in the provided box if you do not want to be present at the download. If you do this, be sure to check your distance as soon as the scores are issued, so we can correct mistakes
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### **Feeling Unwell?**

If a pilot feels unwell at ANY TIME during the event, and there is any risk of it being COVID-19, they MUST report it to the organiser immediately, and then isolate at their accommodation while testing is organised.

### **COVID-19 infection**

If a suspected case is reported, the following day 'may' be suspended. However, if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed, the event will probably be stopped.