

Local regulations

FESTARI - PARAGLIDING ACCURACY

SUHAREKA 2023

15th September – 17th September Suhareka,
Kosova

Organized by:

AEROCLUB "SHQIPONJA ARTE"

On behalf NAC of Republic of Kosova

Aeronautical Federation of Kosova

These local regulations are to be used in conjunction with **General Section** and **Section 7C** of the **FAI Sporting Code** as far as appropriate for a Cat 2 event.

1.General

The purpose of the competition is to provide safe, fair and satisfying contest flying in order to determine the 2023 Suhareka Open Paragliding Accuracy Winners and to reinforce friendship among pilots and nations.

2. Contacts and officials

Organizing NAC

NAC of Republic of Kosova - Aeronautical Federation of Kosova
Str. Agim Ramadan inn, 10000, Prishtina, Kosova
info@aeronautika.org www.aeronautika.org

Competition organizers

Aeroclub "Shqiponja Arte"

Meet Director

Avni Kuci (KOS)

Safety Director

Alket Islami (ALB)

Chief judge

Xhelal Leskovci (KOS)

Event judge

Lejla Boshnjak (KOS)

Target judge/s

Kadrije Tosuni (KOS)
Silvi Shukullanji (ALB)
Ardall Celina (KOS)
Drita Durmishi (KOS)

Launch Marshall

Rita Mustafa (ALB)
Shkumbin Vula (KOS)

Complains committee

To be defined on general briefing

Security committee

To be defined on general briefing

3. Program and schedule

Event program

Official Registration / Selection of flying order and Opening Ceremony

Friday, 15th September, (19:00 - 21:00)

Training Day

Friday, 15th September

Mandatory Safety Briefing

Saturday, 16th September, (08:30 - 09:00)

Official Contest flying days

Saturday, 16th September 2023 to Sunday, 17th September 2023

Prize-giving and Closing ceremony

Sunday, 17th September 2021, (17:00 - 18:00)

Typical Daily Schedule

- 08:30 - Pilots briefing at the official landing / Previous day official results
- 09:00 - Transport to the takeoff
- 09:30 - Launch and start of flying rounds
- 20:00 - Provisional results

The daily schedule is subject to change. Any changes to the schedule will be announced by the Meet Director at Pilot Briefing.

4. Selection criteria and registration

The limits

The maximum number of pilots in the competition is 50.

The maximum number of pilots constituting a team is 4 total. Teams shall be constituted and registered latest on Saturday, 16th September, (08:30 - 09:00).

Selection Procedures

All applications for competition shall be made personally or through authorization at the official registration, selection criteria is based on first-come-first-served policy.

Entry Fee

Competition entry fee is: **50EUR** and shall be paid during pilot registration.

The Entry fee includes:

- Transport to the take-off and retrieve for all competition days
- Lunch package
- Access to all competition events and parties
- Accommodation (hotel & breakfast)
- Free internet access at the HQ
- Dinners

Refund policy

Cancellation requests which are submitted after payment is completed and participation confirmed will be treated individually. Decision upon refund remains at organizers discretion.

Registration

Pre-registration of the pilots must be done through the Event Organizer:
Avni Kuci, avni.kuci@king-ks.com, +38649224005

The official registration will shall take place on Friday, 15th September 2023. On registration each competitor will be requested to present:

- Valid FAI Sporting License. (through FAI online database)

- Satisfactory evidence of glider airworthiness (all certified gliders on class EN: A,B,C,D are accepted)
- Certificate of third party insurance as detailed

On registration each competitor will be requested to sign:

- The Waiver Declaration (agreement on release of liability), *see the last page of this regulation*
- The Entry Form

5. Insurance

Documentary proof in English of valid:

- Insurance covering public liability risk (third party insurance) to the value of minimum **20,000 EUR (twenty thousand euro)** must be presented to the organizers before the start of the championship.

6. Equipment

All pilots must fly with certified paraglide, harness, helmet, rescue parachute and radio. All equipment must abide by FAI section 7C-8.

8. Radios

- Radio receivers are mandatory for all pilots.
- Radio transmitters are permitted.
- Only frequencies allocated by the organizers may be used.
- Safety frequency is 163.100 MHz.
- Retrieval frequency is 163.100 MHz.
- Other available frequencies will be advised at the first briefing.
- Voice activated microphones (VOX operated) are strictly forbidden.

The use of mobile telephones (SMS) is essential for efficient retrievals in cases if pilot lands far from landing zone, and may be used as main communication device. All pilots must stay in contact with the organizer at all times during the day, through the safety frequency.

9. Contest numbers

Numbers are mandatory for this event, though each pilot shall get his/her contest ID number during the official registration and shall label it in a visible part of its equipment such helmet, harness etc.

10. Rescue and medical service

A first aid team will be present landing.

It will include a Doctor specialized in emergency procedure. Emergency equipment will be available. The Doctor will be able to contact the National First Aid Service at any time.

Helicopter rescue is not available.

Please be aware that this is payed service in the country. Expenses that may occur during rescue operations and hospital treatment are covered by the pilot him/her self.

That's why appropriate insurance is mandatory.

11. Flying sites

The event is a hill launch competition.

Main location to be used if Lubizhda take-off and official landing in front of Hotel OK.

12. Take-off area

During the competition, part of the overall take-off area will be reserved for the pilots, the media and identified staff personal. The public in general will be kept outside the take-off area reserved for the competition.

13. Launch

An ordered launch method will be used and handled by Launch Marshall.

Re-launch

A competitor will be allowed one take-off per round.

A failed take-off attempt or a safety problem arising immediately after take-off or during the landing which results in a unappropriated landing will not count as one take-off.

In case of technical problem a pilot can ask permission from the Meet Director to land and re-launch again. **Granted permission from the MD is mandatory.**

The pilot that is re-launching must respect established take off routine at that moment and ask MD to perform a re-launch.

14. Free flyers

Free flyers won't be allowed to take-off from 15 minutes before the opening of the window and the window closing time, except with the permission of the Meet Director. Official winddummies will take-off by Meet Director request.

15. Competition Committees

Safety Committee will be composed of Safety Director and two other elected members during the first mandatory meeting.

Complaints committee will be composed by MD and two other elected members during the first mandatory meeting.

Pilots' names composing the safety and complaints committee will be announced at the first Pilots Meeting.

16. Flying Rounds

- Number of rounds: According to Section 7C-5, the maximum number of rounds is 6. If at least 5 rounds have been completed, pilots worst round result is to be removed from the overall calculation.
- Scoring: target radius 10m
- The team score for each round shall be the aggregate score of the best 3 pilots in the team.
- Video evidence: In the case where amateur video evidence is available when an official complaint is made, the Meet Director and Chief Judge reserve the right to choose whether and when to view that video evidence. The decision will be made on a case to case basis

17. Maximum wind speed

No flying round will be held with an average wind speed above 6 m/s at launch or landing. Launch may be suspended if the window has already opened and the maximum wind speed is attained.

19. Flight safety

Dangerous flying conduct, including: cloud flying, aggressive flying, non-sportive in flight behavior, are prohibited and will be penalized.

Pilots who witness a dangerous flying conduct may submit a written complaint to the MD.

Verbal complaining will be not treated as a cause to perform subsequent action.

20. Stopping of a round

The Meet Director and Safety Director may stop a round according to Section 7C.

Stopping of a round will be announced on the Safety frequency.

All pilots in the air are then requested to pull in "big ears" (if their glider is suitable to perform such a maneuver) to signal to one another that the round is stopped.

21. Rest day

There will be no rest day in this comp.

22. Scoring

All pilots in the competition compete against each other for the title of an Event Winner.

All teams in the competition compete against each other for the title of Winner Team.

25. Complaints and protests

Complaints

Complaints for each round must be submitted latest before the first morning briefing at the HQ (08:45) hours next day, after the publication of the provisional results and will be dealt as soon as possible. For the last competition round the complaints must be submitted at the latest 30 minutes after the publication of the provisional results.

Protests

Protests must be submitted at the **latest 12 hours** after the result of the complaint is published at the main Headquarters.

For the last competition round, protests must be addressed at the **latest 20 minutes** after the result of the complaint is published at the main Headquarters.

The Protest fee is €20. It will be returned if the protest is upheld.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS

Please read carefully. This is a release of liability, waiver of legal rights :

1. I am a participant in the FESTARI - PARAGLIDING ACCURACY SUHAREKA 2023, held in Suhareka, Kosovo, (collectively, the "Competition"). I acknowledge that participating in the Competition or any other activity related there to (collectively, the "Events") **involves**

INHERENT DANGERS, may be HAZARDOUS and involves RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURIES OR DEATH. I expressly assume all risks associated with participating in the Events, including, without limitation to direct participation in the Competition or in training sessions, accessing restricted areas, sharing area facilities with people not directly involved in the Events and travelling in and between the Events' venues. Despite all the risks, I voluntarily choose to take part in the Events. (Initials:.....)

2. In consideration of receiving permission to take part in the Events, **I agree to release and hold harmless the contest organizers, the organizing National Aero club and Aeronautical Federation of Kosova, the property owners of the operation areas (including launch and landing areas), the Federation Aéronautique Internationale and its Commission Internationale de Vol Libre, their respective affiliates, agents, officers, directors, owners, commission or jury members, contractors, volunteers, employees and insurers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims I might make as a result of physical injury, including death, or property damage sustained in connection with the Events. I hereby clearly declare not to sue the Released Parties and agree that if anyone is physically injured or property is damaged while I am engaged in the Events, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Released Parties. The provisions of this paragraph 2 shall not apply to misconduct determined to have been undertaken intentionally or recklessly. (Initials:.....)**
3. This Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights **supersedes any other agreements or representations by or between the parties and is governed by the laws of Republic of Kosovo.** I intend this document to be interpreted as broadly as possible. I agree that exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any legal action shall be in Kosovar courts and such courts have personal jurisdiction. (Initials:.....)
4. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable under the applicable law, all other parts shall still be given full force and effect and the agreement shall be completed in respect of the aspects covered by the part which is declared unenforceable as to give effect to the intent herein expressed to the fullest extent permissible by law. (Initials:.....)

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signed on this date: _____

Signature of Participant / _____ / _____
Printed name of Participant

Address of Participant _____

Witnessed by (Full name, signature) _____