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Related Documents (latest version):

GS	Sporting Code, General Section
S1	Sporting Code, Section 1
SOH	Safety Officer Handbook
COH	Competition Operation Handbook
OH	Observer Handbook

SECTION I - EVENT DETAILS**I. 1 TITLE**

The Event shall be known as:
<* name of Event *>

I. 2 SANCTION (S1 An3 2)

THE EVENT IS AN APPROVED FAI FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENT
SANCTIONED BY THE FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION (CIA).

I. 3 ORGANIZATION

The Event is organised by:
<* name of NAC or organisers acting on its behalf *>.

I. 4 CORRESPONDENCE

All entries and official correspondence should be addressed to:
<* Name, address, telephone number, email, etc. of Event Secretary *>.

I. 5 PERSONNEL

Event Director : <* name *>.
Deputy Director : <* name *>.
Safety Officer : <* name *>.
Jury President <* name *>.

I. 6 PLACE

The Event will be held at:
<* location *>.

I. 7 DATES

The Event will run from <* day/date, on which competitors are required to be present *>.
The last flying day will be <* day/date *> unless the minimum tasks under rule 1.2 have not
been achieved in which case the last flying day will be <* day/date *>.

I. 8 PROTEST FEE (S1 An3 8.3)

THE PROTEST FEE TO ACCOMPANY A PROTEST SHALL BE 100 EUROS OR ITS
EQUIVALENT IN LOCALLY RATED CURRENCY: <* amount / currency *>.

I. 9 LANGUAGE (GS 3.9.5 part)

I. 9.1 THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE(S) OF THE EVENT SHALL BE ENGLISH AND <*

*LANGUAGE(s) *> IN ALL INTERPRETATIONS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION
SHALL PREVAIL.*

< (For International Category I events, the organiser shall indicate which language(s)
they propose to use when seeking sanction by the CIA. When using languages other
than English, the following should be printed in the rules.)*

I. 9.2 *Printed material (e.g. Task Data, Meteorological information etc) shall be in English and
may additionally be in <* Language(s) *>. The language used verbally during briefings
shall be English. *>*

I. 10 PARTICIPATION (GS 3.6.1 part)

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL NACs *<* IN THE CONTINENT OF..., IF APPLICABLE *>* WHICH HAVE MET THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE FAI.

I. 11 CLOSING ENTRY DATE

The closing entry date for the Event is:
< day/date *>*.

I. 12 RISK

The balloon and other property of a competitor shall be at the risk of the competitor at all times. *<* By entering an Event a competitor agrees to waive all claim for injury to himself or loss or damage to his property. (This clause may be omitted if it would invalidate insurance.) *>*

I. 13 INSURANCE

Each balloon shall be insured against all claims by third parties to a minimum of *<* amount of money, currency *>*. The competitor shall produce documentary evidence of this insurance valid for the period of the Event covering any balloon which he may fly *<* , or he shall purchase such insurance from the organisers *>*.

SECTION II - COMPETITION DETAILS**II. 1 CONTEST AREA (7.1)**

The competition map will consist of *<specify numbers or other specification of map sheets. When publicly available, include ordering source. Include map datum, grid system, variation (Magnetic-, Grid- and True North), and other relevant information *>*

The contest area is *<specify area in relation to the competition map *>*

II. 2 OUT OF BOUNDS (7.2)

*< Declare out of bounds areas by coordinates or sketches and other relevant information *>*

II. 3 PZ LIST (7.3)

*< When possible provide list of PZs *>*

II. 4 COMMON LAUNCH AREA(S) (9.1.1)

*< Provide Launch area description as available *>*

II. 5 COMMON LAUNCH POINT(S) (9.1.2)

*< Provide CLPs as available *>*

II. 6 LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION (9.3)

*< If applicable provide information under which circumstances balloons may take-off and / or pack up without prior permission. Specify what constitutes public property when taking off is allowed from it. etc.) *>*

*< Specify any other relevant landowner relation information. *>*

II. 7 LIVESTOCK AND CROP (10.6)

*< Provide local and seasonal information concerning livestock and crop. *>*

II. 8 DRIVING LAW (10.11)

*< Provide local driving laws other than normal. *>*

II. 9 AIR LAW (10.14)

*< Provide information concerning air law. When sensitive ATC zones are present in the competition area, provide description so that they can be drawn on the competition when required. *>*

II. 10 RECALL PROCEDURE (10.15)

*< Specify whether a recall procedure will be used. If used specify how e.g. via car radio, beepers, etc. *>*

II. 11 GOALS (12.2)

The centerpoint of the intersections of roads will be:

*< * the intersection of the centerlines of the roads. * >*

*< * the center of the largest circle that can be accommodated within the area of hard road surface at the intersection. * >*

The director shall provide a graphical definition of unusual intersections.

The following types of roads are permitted for the purpose of goals selected by competitors:

*< * Specify with reference to the map legend. * >*

*< * If applicable, specify list of goals that may be selected by competitors. * >*

II. 12 SAFETY LIMITATIONS (12.4)

No goal selected by a competitor shall be:

a. within a built-up area *< * Specify built-up areas. * >*

b. on the following roads: *< * Specify type of roads excluded for goals selection. * >*

c. within 200 meters of a Red PZ

d. within 200 meters of a motorway or a road designated to be of motorway status (measured from the outer edge as shown on the map).

*< * Specify what constitutes a motorway and motorway status. If possible use map legend. * >*

e. within 200 meters of a power line shown on the competition map

*< * Add any other restrictions according to local conditions and, if applicable, refer to colours of road types as printed on the maps used. Built-up areas to be defined by, for example, the method by which they are shown on maps. * >*

II. 13 LOCATION OF OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (5.10)

*< * Specify location of official Notice Board * >*

II. 14 COMMUNICATION TIMES (5.3)

*< * Specify when replies to complaints will be posted daily * >*

II. 15 PUBLICATION TIMES ON THE LAST FLYING DAY (5.6.3)

*< * Specify publication time on the last flying day * >*

II. 16 FLIGHT CREW (2.2.2)

*< * When seeking CIA sanction organisers may apply for a waiver of the Rule 2.2.2, for competitions where teams fly against each other. In these Events competitors of one team may swap or fly together irrespective of the NAC that issued the competitors FAI sporting license. * >*

II. 17 DETAILS FOR THE USE OF GPS LOGGERS (6.8)

*< * When running a competition with GPS loggers, provide operational instructions on their use. * > < * If a GPS logger supplied by the organiser fails to record a log, the GPS log recorded by the GPS of the competitor may be used as backup. * >*

SECTION III - RULES**CHAPTER 1 - OBJECTIVES****1.1 OBJECTIVES (S1 5.2)**

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT ARE:

- TO DETERMINE THE CHAMPION PILOT;
- TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AEROSTATION BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE OF PILOTS AND AEROSTATS;
- TO REINFORCE FRIENDSHIP AMONGST AERONAUTS OF ALL NATIONS.

1.2 DEFINITION OF A CHAMPION (S1 5.8)

1.2.1 THE WINNING COMPETITOR SHALL BE THE COMPETITOR WITH THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AT THE END OF THE EVENT.

1.2.2 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENT AND FOR A CHAMPION TO BE DECLARED, AT LEAST THREE TASKS MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON NOT LESS THAN TWO SEPARATE FLIGHTS.

1.3 INTERPRETATION OF ENGLISH WORDING

1.3.1 Shall and Must mean the application is mandatory. Failure to comply will normally lead to a penalty, disadvantageous interpretation or other disadvantages.

1.3.2 Should means that the application is recommended. Failure to comply may lead to penalties, disadvantageous interpretation or other disadvantages.

1.3.3 May means that the application is optional.

1.4 DOCUMENTATION

The following documents will be inspected when each competitor registers on arrival at the Event.

- a. Pilot License
- b. Pilot Log Book
- c. Balloon Log Book
- d. Certificate of Airworthiness
- e. Certificate of Registration
- f. Certificate of Insurance
- g. FAI Sporting License
- h. Passport or Identity Document

CHAPTER 2 - ENTRY CONDITIONS**2.1 COMPETITOR (GS 3.2.2 part, S1 5.5.5)**

- 2.1.1 A PERSON ENTERED AND COMPETING IN A SPORTING EVENT.
- 2.1.2 AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL BRIEFING OF A FIRST CATEGORY SPORTING EVENT, NO CHANGE OF COMPETITOR IS PERMITTED.

2.2 COMPETITOR'S RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION (GS 3.7.2)

- 2.2.1 IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS, A COMPETITOR REPRESENTS THE NAC THAT ISSUED HIS FAI SPORTING LICENCE, UNLESS HE BELONGS TO AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM.
- 2.2.2 If a flight crew and/or passenger flying in the basket, other than the appointed observer, has competed in any previous national or international balloon competition (events), he must be of the same nationality as the competitor.

2.3 QUALIFICATION (S1 5.6.4)

PILOTS-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF THAT SUB-CLASS OF AEROSTAT FOR WHICH THE FIRST CATEGORY EVENT IS HELD, AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT. EACH PILOT-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE ACCUMULATED AT LEAST 50 HOURS AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF AEROSTATS OF THAT SUB-CLASS BY THE CLOSING ENTRY DATE.

2.4 SPORTING LICENCE (GS 8.1.2 part)

THE HOLDER SHALL SIGN HIS SPORTING LICENCE. IN DOING SO HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND COMMITS HIMSELF TO ABIDE BY IT.

2.5 ENTRY

The completed entry form and entry fee for each competitor must reach the organisers by the closing entry date, except in the case of extra places offered by the organisers.

2.6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A competitor who has not received an acknowledgement of his entry within seven days after the closing entry date should make inquiries of the organisers.

2.7 ACCEPTANCE OF SPORTING CODE, RULES AND REGULATIONS (GS 3.11.1)

THE ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW, UNDERSTAND, ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY THE SPORTING CODE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EVENT, AND BY ENTERING ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT WITHOUT RESERVATION. THEY SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT THEY REPRESENT THEIR NAC AND THAT THEY SHOULD COMPETE IN A SPORTING MANNER AND THAT THEIR BEHAVIOUR MUST BE BEYOND REPROACH.

2.8 WAIVER

By entering the Event, a competitor waives any right of action against the organiser, the owner of any site and their respective members, employees or personnel for any loss or damage sustained by him in consequence of any act or omission on their part, or on the part of other competitors.

2.9 LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES

By entering an Event a competitor assumes all liability for injury, loss or damage to third parties or their property caused by himself or his crew.

2.10 SAFETY

Any meteorological report or forecast, or other safety or navigational information, is provided in good faith for the guidance of competitors. Officials will be appointed to regulate the inflation and launching of balloons. However, nothing shall diminish the responsibility of competitors under this chapter.

2.11 RESPONSIBILITY (S1 An3 3)

ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS REMAIN COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF THEIR AEROSTATS AT ALL STAGES OF INFLATION, LAUNCH, FLIGHT AND LANDING. THEY MUST ENSURE THAT THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEIR CREW AND THEIR OWN LEVEL OF SKILL AND EXPERIENCE ARE SUITABLE FOR THE CONDITIONS IN THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT. A COMPETITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE ACTIONS OF HIS CREW DURING THE EVENT.

2.12 CONDUCT (S1 An3 4)

ENTRANTS AND COMPETITORS AND THEIR CREWS ARE REQUIRED TO BEHAVE IN A SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER, AND TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF EVENT OFFICIALS. INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR SHALL BE PENALISED BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR.

CHAPTER 3 - BALLOON QUALIFICATIONS**3.1 DEFINITION OF A BALLOON (GS 2.2.1, 2.2.1.1, S1 2.1.1.2)**

- 3.1.1 AEROSTAT - AN AIRCRAFT LIGHTER-THAN-AIR.
FREE BALLOON - AN AEROSTAT SUPPORTED STATICALLY IN THE AIR, WITH NO MEANS OF PROPULSION BY ANY POWER SOURCE.
- 3.1.2 SUB-CLASS AX - FREE BALLOONS WHICH OBTAIN THEIR BUOYANCY SOLELY AS A RESULT OF HEATING AIR. THE ENVELOPE MAY CONTAIN NO GASES OTHER THAN AIR AND THE NORMAL PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION.
- 3.1.3 Vents which are designed to rotate or propel a balloon may only be operated in flight after all tasks are completed. Penalty 250 to 500 task points.

3.2 FUEL

Each balloon shall carry sufficient fuel to complete the flight with an adequate reserve. Lack of fuel to complete a flight shall not be grounds for protest.

3.3 NOMINATION OF BALLOON

Each competitor shall nominate the balloon he is to fly during the Event. No change of balloon may be made after the start of the first task briefing, except as provided in these rules.

3.4 AIRWORTHINESS (S1 5.5.3)

AEROSTATS FLOWN IN THE EVENT MUST HAVE CURRENT CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AND AIRWORTHINESS, OR IN PLACE OF THE LATTER, AN EQUIVALENT DOCUMENT FROM THE RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY OF THE NATION CONCERNED. THE ORGANIZERS ARE EMPOWERED TO REJECT ANY AEROSTAT WHICH IN THEIR OPINION IS NOT OF A REASONABLE STANDARD OF AIRWORTHINESS.

3.5 DAMAGE

- 3.5.1 If a balloon is damaged during the Event, it may be repaired. Damaged components may be replaced or repaired, except that a complete envelope may be replaced only at the discretion of the Director.
- 3.5.2 Any damage to a balloon affecting its airworthiness must be reported to the Director before it is entered for a further task, and the balloon may only be flown after his approval of any repairs. Penalty: up to 1000 competition points.

3.6 AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROLS (S1 5.9.2)

ANY DEVICE DESIGNED TO ACT AS AN AUTOMATIC FLIGHT CONTROL IS PROHIBITED, REGARDLESS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE DEVICE.

3.7 ALTIMETER

Each balloon shall carry a serviceable altimeter which shall either be digital or be scaled with one complete revolution per 1000 feet (or 1000 meters), and be adjustable for pressure setting. Any other altimeter must be of a similar type and approved by the director. The altimeter must be positioned such that it may easily be read by an Observer in the basket.

3.8 COMPETITION NUMBERS

The organiser will provide two banners (COH) which will be displayed on opposite sides of the basket during tasks. All crew vehicles shall be clearly identified on opposite sides with competition numbers.

3.9 BASKET

The term "basket" includes any crew or passenger compartment, regardless of its construction.

3.10 RETRIEVE

- 3.10.1 Retrieve Crew shall not be within 100m radius of a marker of the competitor unless in the presence of an Official or an Observer. The appointed Observer flying in the basket may allow the crew to mark the location of the marker while he is in full visual contact and calling distance.
- 3.10.2 All vehicles used to aid the retrieval of a balloon shall be marked with the competition number.
- 3.10.3 Retrieve vehicles shall not be parked within 100m of a goal/target set by the Director or selected by the competitor.

CHAPTER 4 - ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS**4.1 EVENT DIRECTOR (GS 4.3.4.1)**

- 4.1.1 THE EVENT DIRECTOR SHALL BE IN OVERALL OPERATIONAL CHARGE OF THE EVENT. HE SHALL HAVE A DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS TO ASSIST HIM. THE EVENT DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE CIA.
- 4.1.2 THE EVENT DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOOD MANAGEMENT, SMOOTH AND SAFE RUNNING OF THE EVENT. HE SHALL MAKE OPERATIONAL DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE SPORTING CODE AND COMPETITION RULES. HE CAN PENALISE OR DISQUALIFY A COMPETITOR FOR MISCONDUCT OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULES. HE SHALL ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY AND GIVE EVIDENCE IF REQUESTED.
- 4.1.3 In these rules the word "Director" may be used instead of "Event Director".

4.2 STEWARDS (GS 4.3.4.2)

- 4.2.1 STEWARDS ARE ADVISORS TO THE DIRECTOR.
THEY WATCH OVER THE CONDUCT OF THE EVENT AND REPORT ANY UNFAIRNESS OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OR BEHAVIOUR PREJUDICIAL TO THE SAFETY OF OTHER COMPETITORS OR THE PUBLIC OR IN ANY WAY HARMFUL TO THE SPORT.
THEY ASSEMBLE INFORMATION AND FACTS CONCERNING MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JURY.
They advise the event director on interpretation of the rules and regulations and on penalties
- 4.2.2 A STEWARD HAS NO EXECUTIVE POWERS. HE MUST NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.
A STEWARD MAY ATTEND A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY AS AN OBSERVER OR WITNESS.

4.3 DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY (GS 4.3.1, 4.3.2, S1 5.10 part)

- 4.3.1 MATTERS OF ADVICE, ARBITRATION OR RULE INTERPRETATION, SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY HAVING BEEN APPOINTED OR APPROVED BY THE CIA.
- 4.3.2 IN ADDITION TO BEING CHAIRMAN AT JURY MEETINGS, THE PRESIDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE ORGANISERS TO ABIDE BY THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND THE PUBLISHED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EVENT. IF THE ORGANISERS FAIL TO DO SO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY HAS THE POWER TO STOP THE EVENT UNTIL A JURY MEETING HAS CONSIDERED THE SITUATION
- 4.3.3 THE JURY HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE EVENT IF THE ORGANISERS FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE FAI SPORTING CODE AND PUBLISHED REGULATIONS. THEY MAY RECOMMEND TO THE FAI SECRETARY GENERAL THAT ALL ENTRY FEES BE RETURNED.
- 4.3.4 A JURY MEMBER MUST POSSESS A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELEVANT SPORTING CODE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EVENT. AT LEAST ONE JURY MEMBER IS TO BE ON SITE DURING COMPETITION OPERATIONS.

4.4 SAFETY OFFICER (S1 5.11)

4.4.1 THE SAFETY OFFICER SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE CIA.

4.4.2 THE SAFETY OFFICER SHALL GIVE ADVICE TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR ON ANY MATTERS REGARDING SAFETY. MANDATORY OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE SAFETY OFFICER ARE CONTAINED IN THE SOH.

CHAPTER 5 - COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**5.1 ASSISTANCE (S1 An3 7.1)**

A COMPETITOR WHO IS DISSATISFIED ON ANY MATTER SHOULD FIRST ASK THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO ASSIST HIM. HE MAY ASK FOR HIS RESULT OR POINTS SCORE TO BE CHECKED, OR THE CALCULATION TO BE EXPLAINED.

5.2 COMPLAINT (GS 5.1.1, S1 An3 7)

5.2.1 THE PURPOSE OF A COMPLAINT IS TO OBTAIN A CORRECTION WITHOUT THE NEED TO MAKE A FORMAL PROTEST.

5.2.2 A COMPLAINT IS A REQUEST BY A COMPETITOR TO THE DIRECTOR TO INVESTIGATE ANY MATTER IN WHICH THE COMPETITOR IS DISSATISFIED.

5.2.3 COMPLAINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO THE COMPLAINT AND MUST BE DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY.

5.2.4 A FORMAL COMPLAINT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH AND IN WRITING AND WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPLY.

5.2.5 COMPLAINTS SHALL BE HANDED OR TRANSMITTED BY THE COMPETITOR TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNATED OFFICIAL, WHO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND RECORD THE TIME OF RECEIPT.

5.2.6 Complaints concerning scoring must be made to the Event Director within eight hours of publication of the official scores for a task. The hours between 2100 and 0800 local time will be disregarded for the purpose of the time limits.

5.2.7 Publication of a new version of official scores will only extend the complaint time in the matter concerned.

5.3 COMMUNICATION (S1 An3 7.7)

REPLIES TO COMPLAINTS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AT FIXED TIMES, ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE BY THE DIRECTOR.

5.4 PUBLICATION (S1 An3 7.7)

THE DIRECTOR MAY AT HIS DISCRETION PUBLISH THE TEXT OF ANY FORMAL COMPLAINT TOGETHER WITH HIS REPLY. IF REQUESTED BY THE COMPETITOR, HE MUST DO THIS.

5.5 PROTEST (S1 An3 8)

5.5.1 IF DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION ON A COMPLAINT MADE DURING THE EVENT, A COMPETITOR HAS THE RIGHT OF PROTEST. HE SHALL, WITHIN ONE HOUR OF THE REPLY TO HIS COMPLAINT, DECLARE HIS INTENTION TO PROTEST TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR.

5.5.2 WITHIN 8 HOURS OF THE REPLY TO HIS COMPLAINT THE COMPETITOR SHALL SUBMIT HIS PROTEST IN ENGLISH AND IN WRITING ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROTEST FEE.

5.5.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION TO PROTEST AND PROTESTS WITH PROTEST FEES SHALL BE HANDED OR TRANSMITTED BY THE COMPETITOR TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNATED OFFICIAL, WHO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND RECORD THE TIME OF RECEIPT.

5.5.4 A COMPETITOR WHO HAS MADE A PROTEST HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A VERBAL PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE TO THE JURY. HE MAY BE ASSISTED BY AN INTERPRETER OR ADVISOR OF HIS CHOICE DURING THIS MEETING.

5.5.5 THE TEXT OF ALL PROTESTS AND THE DECISIONS OF THE JURY SHALL BE

POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD.

5.6 SHORTENED TIME LIMITS (S1 An3 7.6, 8.6 part)

5.6.1 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SCORING OR ANY MATTER MADE ON OR AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE EVENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN ONE HOUR OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL scores.

5.6.2 PROTESTS MADE ON OR AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE EVENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE HOUR OF THE REPLY.

5.6.3 The Event Director shall announce the publication times for all task scores on the last flying day.

5.6.4 Time limits applying to scores published after 1300 on the day before the last flying day will also be reduced to one hour on or after the last flying day of the event.

5.7 TREATMENT OF PROTESTS (GS 4.3.2, 5.5 part)

5.7.1 THE EVENT DIRECTOR MUST PRESENT ANY PROTEST TO THE JURY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DELAY. THE PRESIDENT SHALL CALL A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIVING A PROTEST.

5.7.2 THE JURY SHALL HEAR BOTH SIDES ON THE MATTER OF ANY PROTEST, APPLYING THE RELEVANT FAI REGULATIONS AND THE RULES FOR THE EVENT.

5.7.3 THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY SHALL REPORT THE RESULT AND A SUMMARY OF ANY RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS IN WRITING TO THE EVENT DIRECTOR WITHOUT DELAY, WHO SHALL MAKE PUBLIC THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

5.8 RETURN OF DEPOSIT (GS 5.4.3, 5.4.4)

5.8.1 NORMALLY THE DEPOSITED FEE IS RETURNABLE ONLY IF THE PROTEST IS UPHeld, OR IS WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO THE HEARING BY THE JURY.

5.8.2 ALL NON-REFUNDED DEPOSIT FEES FROM PROTESTS WILL BE SENT BY THE JURY TO THE FAI, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT. THE FEE WILL THEN BE SEGREGATED FOR THE USE OF THE CIA.

5.9 JURY APPROVAL OF SCORES & PRIZEGIVING (GS 3.16.1)

THE scores OF THE EVENT SHALL BE FINAL ONLY AFTER ALL PROTEST HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE JURY AND THE JURY HAS CEASED ITS FUNCTIONS. THE FINAL scores MUST BE MADE PUBLIC BEFORE THE PRIZEGIVING IS HELD.

5.10 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Event Director will announce at the General Briefing the place where the Official Notice Board is located. This should be marked OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD and is the place where all results, scores, replies to complaints and protests, and other official communications directly relating to the event will be published. All information posted shall be signed, dated and timed.

CHAPTER 6 - OBSERVERS**6.1 OBSERVERS**

An Observer is a competition official, responsible to the Chief Observer. His duties are primarily the impartial recording of particulars of positions, times, distances etc. achieved during a flight. He also has the duty to report any apparent infringement of these rules or of air law, and any case of inconsiderate behaviour towards landowners or the public by any competitor or crew member.

6.2 APPOINTMENT

At the task briefing an Observer will be appointed to each competitor. An Observer will not be appointed to the same competitor more than once. In WAG, World Championships and European Championships, the observer will not be of the same nationality as the competitor.

6.3 ASSISTANCE

6.3.1 An observer may not assist the competitor with advice at any time. He should not attempt, to amplify, explain or interpret the rules to a competitor.

6.3.2 He may not handle the marker or any of the controls of the balloon during a task.

6.3.3 If he wishes, and is invited by the competitor, he may assist in the ground handling and inflation and, if flying, may assist with the final landing under the competitor's direction.

6.4 REQUEST TO WITNESS

If an observer is asked by a competitor to record or witness any particular piece of information during a task he shall do so.

6.5 OBSERVER ON RETRIEVE

6.5.1 When the observer is not flying, he will occupy a seat with a window in the retrieve vehicle and the crew must do their best to keep in visual contact with the balloon until the final marker has been dropped. The observer may not drive the vehicle. He may assist with map reading during the retrieve if asked to do so by the crew, at their responsibility.

6.5.2 It is the duty of the competitor and crew to convey the observer to the launch area, and to return him promptly to the Competition Center after measurement of results and recovery of the balloon.

6.6 PHOTOGRAPHY

An Observer may not take a camera on board or engage in photography while flying, except by permission of the competitor, or if required by his duties.

6.7 OBSERVER REPORT

The competitor should read and sign the observer's report sheet after completion of the flight. If the competitor disagrees with any information on the sheet, it should be noted at the time of signing.

6.8 GPS LOGGERS

A GPS logger is a device that logs the track and altitude of a balloon. GPS loggers may be used in competition as an observation tool and for scoring purposes. For scoring purposes, specific rules are required. Competitors shall comply with the operational instructions on their use.

In World and Continental Championships, GPS loggers shall not be used for scoring purposes, only as an additional observation tool for PZ monitoring.

CHAPTER 7 - MAPS**7.1 CONTEST AREA**

An area defined by reference to the Official Competition Map, published at the start of the Event. Tasks will not be set, and results will not be measured, outside this area.

7.2 OUT OF BOUNDS

The Director may define areas as out of bounds. Competitors achieving a mark or contest landing in such areas will not achieve a result.

7.3 PROHIBITED ZONES (PZs)

7.3.1 The director may define airspace or areas as prohibited for competition purposes. The boundaries and, if applicable, the altitude limits in feet MSL, shall be published in writing for each PZ.

7.3.2 Circular PZs shall be defined by the center point map reference and radius in meters. PZs with natural boundaries shall be defined by marked copies of the competition map to each competitor individually.

7.3.3 There are three classifications of PZs, Red , Yellow and Blue.

7.3.4 A RED PZ is restricted airspace and will include an upper altitude limit.

7.3.5 A YELLOW PZ is a restricted area where no take-offs or landings are permitted.

7.3.6 A BLUE PZ is a restricted airspace, generally as a result of ATC restrictions, and will include a lower altitude limit.

7.4 PZs IN FORCE

At each task briefing PZs will be published as in force or not in force for competition purposes in that flight. This does not necessarily describe their operational activity or status for other aviation purposes.

7.5 PZ INFRINGEMENT

A competitor violating a PZ in force will be penalised by up to 1000 competition points, proportionally to the offence.

7.6 MAPS

A competitor is required to carry a competition map in the basket. All published PZs, whether or not in force for the task, and all out-of-bounds areas shall be clearly and accurately marked on these maps. An adequate map of aeronautical restrictions must be carried, unless these are also marked on the competition map. A competitor violating this rule will not be permitted to fly the task, or having flown, will be penalised up to 500 competition points.

7.7 EARTH TO BE FLAT

For scoring purposes the earth is flat. Calculations based on the competition map will be taken as accurate.

7.8 MAP COORDINATES

To identify a point on the competition map, the coordinates must be written in eight-digit format. First four digits west/east and the second four digits south/north. (Easting then Northing.)

CHAPTER 8 - PROGRAM, BRIEFINGS**8.1 TASK PROGRAM**

The Event will consist of a series of tasks. The number and frequency of the tasks and rest periods are at the discretion of the Director. At the first task briefing on the day before the last planned flying day, the director shall publish the remaining flying program.

8.2 VALID TASK (S1 5.9.1)

8.2.1 A VALID TASK IS DEFINED AS ONE IN WHICH ALL ENTERED COMPETITORS WERE GIVEN A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A valid take-off, UNLESS THEY HAD WITHDRAWN OR HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED.

8.2.2 The Director has the authority to cancel a task(s) for safety reasons at any time before the task scores are published.

8.3 TASK SELECTION

The Director shall select tasks from those described in Chapter 15. Particular tasks may be set more than once or not at all.

8.4 MULTIPLE TASKS

8.4.1 The Director may set more than one task to be performed on one flight. The tasks will be scored separately, with a winning score of 1000 points before penalties for each task. The combination of tasks should aim at the possibility of winning each task independently.

8.4.2 Unless otherwise specified, tasks in a multiple task flight shall be flown in the order indicated in the task data, penalty up to 1000 task points in each task.

8.4.3 Penalties related to the take off will normally be applied in the first task. Penalties related to the landing will normally be applied in the last task. Other penalties should be applied in the task in which they were incurred unless this is impossible, in which case they will be divided equally over more than one or all tasks.

8.4.4 If not otherwise stated in the Task Data, the minimum distance from the launch point to a goal/target applies as well to all further goals/targets on that flight.

8.4.5 Marker order. The task data shall specify for each task the marker(s) to be used. If no competitive advantage is gained, the penalty for releasing the wrong marker is 25 task points per task.

8.5 MODIFICATION OF RULES (GS 3.9.1 part)

8.5.1 COMPETITION RULES FOR A PARTICULAR EVENT SHALL NOT CONFLICT WITH THE SPORTING CODE. THEY SHALL BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE CIA AND MUST NOT BE CHANGED THEREAFTER.

8.5.2 The task rules of Chapter 15 are defined as variable rules and changes to those may be made without authorisation.

8.5.3 Variations to task rules shall be notified individually to each competitor in writing.

8.6 GENERAL BRIEFING (S1 An3 6)

A GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE EVENT SHALL BE HELD BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT. ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL BRIEFING IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ENTRANTS, OBSERVERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THE OFFICIAL COMPETITORS LIST, COMPILED FROM THE ROLL CALL OF THE ENTRANTS TAKEN AT THE GENERAL BRIEFING, SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE GENERAL BRIEFING BUT BEFORE THE FIRST TASK BRIEFING. WHERE A JUSTIFIABLE REASON EXISTS, A LATE ENTRY MAY BE ACCEPTED BY THE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE JURY, BUT BEFORE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST SCORES.

8.7 TASK BRIEFING

8.7.1 Task briefings will be called by the Director at times published on the official notice board. At the briefing the following information will be given verbally, by written circular or by posted notices.

- a. Arrangements for Observers
- b. Meteorological information
- c. Air traffic and safety information (if any)
- d. Task data

8.7.2 Where written information is supplied, five minutes study time should be allowed before briefing proceeds.

8.8 TASK DATA

8.8.1 At task briefings the task data, preferably in writing, shall be handed out to competitors. They shall contain flight data related to all tasks and individual task data.

8.8.2 Flight data:

- a. date
- b. official sunrise/sunset
- c. PZs in force
- d. launch area
- e. launch period
- f. provisional time and place of next briefing
- g. observer (to follow on ground/competitors invitation)
- h. solo flight (if directed)
- i. search period.

8.8.3 Individual task data:

- a. Marker(s) colour to be used
- b. Task/Marker order (if other than normal)
- c. Dropping method (if gravity drop directed)
- d. scoring period (if set)
- e. scoring area (if set)
- f. task data as per task rule

8.9 SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEFING

If it should be necessary to publish additional or revised information to competitors at the common launch area, a pink flag will be raised at the signals point. The competitor should attend in person or send a responsible crew member to the signals point. The information will be given verbally and a written copy may be displayed. All competitors will be deemed to have proper notice of the information. Alternatively, an official may circulate a written notice to each balloon and obtain the signature of the competitor or crew member.

8.10 ENTRY FOR TASKS

A competitor shall enter a task by answering his name or competition number at the roll call at the task briefing.

8.11 LATE ENTRY

8.11.1 A competitor may make a late entry at the signals point with a penalty of 50 task points up to five minutes before the start of the launch period, or 100 task points thereafter. Officials will not be available to give a personal briefing except for Air Traffic, safety matters and PZs.

8.11.2 In tasks where competitors select their own launch areas, late entries shall be made at the Competition Center.

8.12 OFFICIAL TIME

The official time is GPS time corrected for the local time offset. Competitors, observers and officials not using GPS must ensure to set their watches to GPS time

CHAPTER 9 - LAUNCH PROCEDURES**9.1 COMMON LAUNCH AREA(S)**

- 9.1.1 One or more areas defined by the organiser and used when the task requires all competitors to launch from a common area. A competitor taking off outside the prescribed common launch area will not achieve a result in all tasks of that flight.
- 9.1.2 The COMMON LAUNCH POINT (CLP) is a point in or near the launch area, physically marked on the ground before the beginning of the Event, from which all angles and distances are measured, irrespective of the take-off points of individual balloons.

9.2 INDIVIDUAL LAUNCH AREAS

- 9.2.1 Individual launch areas selected by the competitors. The boundary of the launch area is a circle of 100 meter radius from the individual launch point or the physical boundary of the area if closer.
- 9.2.2 In tasks where competitors select an individual launch area, the INDIVIDUAL LAUNCH POINT (ILP) is the position of the basket at the start of hot inflation.
- 9.2.3 Individual launch areas may not be selected outside the contest area. A balloon inflated in an individual launch area may not take off outside of it unless it is deflated, moved to another launch area and re-inflated.

9.3 LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION

Competitors must ensure permission has been obtained from the landowner or occupiers before driving onto, or launching from, any land which is enclosed or cultivated or apparently private or used for agricultural purposes. The permission must be obtained in the presence of an official or observer. Penalty for infringement is up to 250 task points.

9.4 VEHICLES

- 9.4.1 Not more than one vehicle per balloon may be present in the launch area during the launch period.
Penalty 100 task points.
- 9.4.2 Vehicles must be driven at suitably reduced speeds within the launch area. The Safety Officer and the Launchmasters may bar from the area any vehicle that is driven inconsiderately.

9.5 LATE VEHICLES

No vehicle may enter the launch area after the advance yellow warning flag has been raised except by permission of a launchmaster.
Penalty 100 task points.

9.6 PREPARATION OF BALLOONS

- 9.6.1 The launchmaster will allocate to each competitor a space in which to prepare and inflate his balloon. He has the authority to regulate the operation of all balloons and vehicles on the launch area.
Penalty is up to 200 task points.
- 9.6.2 Quick-release tie-offs must be used for all balloons inflating in a common launch area and are recommended in individual launch areas.

9.7 COLD INFLATION

Burners may be briefly tested and cold air may be introduced into envelopes for rigging and inspection, but before permission for hot inflation has been given, there must be no hot inflation, no use of powered fans, and no part of the envelope fabric may be more than two meters off the ground. Fans may be tested or used before the launch period until a flag of any colour has been raised.

9.8 SIGNALS POINT

One or more points at the launch area at which flag signals are displayed and competitor's task declarations, late entries and supplementary briefings take place. Competitors are responsible for keeping observation on the signals point, and its obscuring shall not be grounds for complaint.

9.9 LAUNCH SIGNALS

9.9.1 Coloured flags shall have the following meanings when displayed at the signals point:

RED	No take-off permitted. Any previous permission to take-off cancelled.
GREEN	Permission to all balloons to begin hot inflation.
BLUE	Permission to 'blue' wave (odd numbered balloons) to begin hot inflation.
WHITE	Permission to 'white' wave (even numbered balloons) to begin hot inflation.
YELLOW	Five minute warning.
PINK	Supplementary or amended briefing information available.
BLACK	Task cancelled.
VIOLET	Reserve: meaning as declared at task briefing.

9.9.2 An audible signal may be given to draw attention to changes of flag signals.

9.10 PUBLIC ADDRESS

Unless the Director has specified at the flight briefing that the public address system will be used, any information given over the public address system is of no effect for competition purposes.

9.11 LAUNCH PERIOD

Take-off may not be made before or after the launch period. Any take-off made outside the launch period, except under rule 9.13, will be subject to a penalty of 100 task points per minute or part minute early or late. The yellow warning flag will be raised 5 or more minutes before the end of the launch period.

9.12 ADEQUATE TIME

A competitor who is given permission to begin hot inflation 20 or more minutes before the end of the launch period is deemed to have adequate time, even if the launch period is curtailed for any reason.

9.13 EXTENSION OF TIME

A competitor may request an extension of time from the launchmaster. The launchmaster may grant an extension if he is satisfied that the competitor was delayed by the action of officials or other competitors, or by other causes outside his control (equipment malfunction excluded).

9.14 LAUNCHING ORDER

Balloons may be allotted an order of priority for inflation, which will be rotated from one task to the next. Competitors may commence hot inflation according to the flag signal or when given individual permission by a launchmaster.

9.15 READINESS FOR TAKE-OFF

When a competitor is completely ready for take-off, and has positive buoyancy, he should wave a white flag to indicate his readiness to the launchmaster. When the launchmaster has acknowledged this signal, the competitor should leave the flag displayed on the edge of the basket and await further instructions while maintaining his readiness to take off. The launchmaster will, as far as possible, launch balloons in the order of signalling their readiness. Competitors should equip themselves with a suitable white flag about 50 cm square for this purpose.

9.16 OBSTRUCTION

Once his balloon is fully inflated a competitor may not unnecessarily remain in position where his balloon obstructs another.

9.17 TAKE-OFF PERMISSION

9.17.1 The launchmaster will give each competitor permission to take-off with the words "On my sign, number ... clear to take-off." The competitor may then take-off at will, subject to any instructions from the launchmaster at the time. This permission does not relieve the competitor of complete responsibility for his take-off, including adequate lift to clear obstacles and other balloons, and to continue safely in flight. A competitor taking off without permission, whether due to loss of control or any other reason, may be penalised up to 500 competition points

9.17.2 If the balloon does not take off within 30 seconds, permission to take off may be cancelled by the launchmaster.

9.18 LOSS OF CONTROL

A competitor losing control of his balloon shall deflate immediately or take appropriate action.

9.19 TAKE-OFF (S1 3.2.6.2, 3.2.6.6)

THE POINT AND/OR TIME AT WHICH ALL PARTS OF AN AEROSTAT OR ITS CREW CEASE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH OR CONNECTED TO THE GROUND OR WATER.

9.20 VALID TAKE-OFF

A balloon is considered to have taken off and to be flying the task if it passes over the boundary of any launch area.

9.21 ABORTED TAKE-OFF

9.21.1 A competitor may abort his take-off for safety reasons but must avoid the obstruction of other balloons. He may attempt further take-offs inside the Launch Period.

9.21.2 At a common Launch Area he must inflate in his originally allocated space, except by permission of the launchmaster, and must again obtain permission to take off.

9.22 CLEARING LAUNCH AREA

Within three minutes of his basket first leaving the ground a competitor shall have passed over the boundary of the launch area or shall have climbed to 500 feet above ground level. He shall not re-enter the launch field below 500 ft before the end of the launch period or after all balloons have taken off, whichever is earlier.

CHAPTER 10 - FLIGHT RULES**10.1 RATE OF CLIMB**

A competitor shall not initiate or maintain a fast climb unless he is certain that no higher balloon is in his ascent path.

10.2 RIGHT OF WAY

A competitor is responsible for avoiding collision between the non-fabric parts of his balloon and the envelope of another balloon. When two balloons are converging in flight the competitor of the higher balloon shall give way and shall climb if necessary to avoid collision. In case of collision, both competitors may be penalised, not necessarily by the same amount.

10.3 CLEARING GOAL/TARGET AREA

A competitor who has dropped his marker shall clear the vicinity of the goal/target as quickly as reasonably possible.

10.4 DROPPING OBJECTS

No object may be dropped from the balloon except for official markers, or small pieces of paper or similar lightweight materials for navigational purposes.

10.5 BEHAVIOUR

Competitors are required to fly with proper consideration for persons and livestock on the ground and to follow good landowner relations etiquette or code of conduct when provided. Inconsiderate behaviour by competitors or crew members, or reckless flying, may be penalised by up to 1000 competition points.

10.6 LIVESTOCK AND CROP

Balloons shall not fly closer than 500 feet from livestock or buildings containing livestock, and competitors and crews must not damage crops unless given permission by the landowner or person responsible for the crop. Penalty: up to 1000 competition points.

10.7 LANDOWNER

In these rules the term "Landowner" means the person who is responsible for any crop or livestock on the land, not necessarily the legal owner of the land itself.

10.8 COLLISION

A competitor whose balloon is in collision with power or telephone wires or their supports, at any time between inflation and completion of final landing will be penalised up to 500 competition points.

10.9 FLIGHT CREW AND PASSENGERS

10.9.1 Competitors may carry other crew during a flight, and they may perform any duties he wishes to assign to them, except to act as pilot-in-command.

10.9.2 Competitors may, with the agreement of the Observer, carry him in the basket on a particular flight.

10.9.3 Competitors may be required to perform a particular flight "solo" or "solo with the observer as an option" as specified in the task data.
Penalty: the competitor will not achieve a result.

10.10 GROUND CREW

Each competitor shall ensure that he has sufficient crew to operate his balloon and retrieve vehicle. He shall ensure that all those involved with his balloon are adequately briefed on safety.

10.11 DRIVING

Vehicles must be driven safely during the retrieve and comply with local driving laws. Penalty up to 500 competition points

10.12 DISEMBARKATION

No person may enter or leave the basket between take-off and final landing (except as in 11.1.3).

10.13 ASSISTANCE

The use of handling lines or any handling assistance from persons on the ground is forbidden during flight.

10.14 AIR LAW

Infringements of air law which do not contravene the rules of the Event or provide competition advantage will not be penalised by the Director except in cases of damage, disturbance or reasonable complaint from persons not connected with the Event.

10.15 RECALL PROCEDURE

The organiser may introduce a recall procedure to be defined in the competition details.

CHAPTER 11 - LANDINGS**11.1 LANDINGS**

- 11.1.1 A competitor may land at will when he has released all markers during flight.
- 11.1.2 A competitor makes a contest landing when he retains any marker(s) not released during flight.
- 11.1.3 In order to reduce damage or to reach a safe or more convenient point, ground handling of the balloon is permitted after the landing point has been marked by any official or observer.

11.2 LANDING AT WILL

- 11.2.1 When a competitor makes a landing at will, the landing point is the final resting place of the basket after landing.
- 11.2.2 Unless otherwise stated in the task data, a landing at will is not permitted within 200 meters of goals/targets, or any mark of the competitor.

11.3 CONTEST LANDING

- 11.3.1 Where a competitor elects not to release his marker, his landing will be deemed a contest landing. The scoring position for a contest landing is the final resting place of the basket. Published scoring periods and search periods apply.
- 11.3.2 No handling assistance may be received from anyone on the ground and no one of the flight crew may leave the basket before the basket has reached its final resting place.
- 11.3.3 Any retained marker must be handed over to the appointed observer at the earliest opportunity.
- 11.3.4 Unless otherwise stated in the task data, a contest landing is not permitted within 200 meters of goals/targets.

11.4 GROUND CONTACT 1

After passing over the boundary of any launch area, no part of the balloon or anything attached to it may make contact with the ground or water surface or anything resting on or attached to the ground, until the final marker has reached the ground. Penalty 200 task points for each contact.

11.5 GROUND CONTACT 2

No part of the balloon or anything attached to it may make contact with the ground or water surface or anything resting on or attached to the ground, (marker tail excepted) within 200 meters of any goal/target set by the Director or selected by the competitor. Penalty for infringement of this rule is 500 task points.

(Note: Competitors will not be penalised under both rules for any single contact.)

11.6 PERMISSION TO RETRIEVE

Competitors must ensure that permission has been obtained from the landowner or occupier before driving onto any land which is enclosed or cultivated or apparently private or used for agricultural purpose. Penalty up to 250 task points.

CHAPTER 12 - GOAL, MARKER**12.1 GOAL**

A place defined by reference to the competition map, set by the Director or chosen by a competitor.

12.2 GOAL SELECTED BY A COMPETITOR

12.2.1 A goal selected by a competitor shall appear from the map to be easily accessible to vehicles on the ground and precisely identifiable for measurement. Unless otherwise allowed in the task data, the goal shall be the intersection of two roads.

12.2.2 Measurements will be made from the center of the intersection as specified in the competition details. If the intersection shown as a crossroad on the map turns out to be a staggered tee-intersection, then the goal will be the midpoint between the points defined with the method mentioned in the competition details.

12.3 IDENTIFICATION

12.3.1 A competitor shall identify his goal by map coordinates. He may add descriptive detail to distinguish between possible goals located close together near his coordinates.

12.3.2 In case of ambiguity between more than one valid goal within 200 m of the coordinates, the goal achieving the least advantageous result will be placed upon a competitor's declaration.

12.3.3 If there is no valid goal shown on the map within 200 m of the coordinates, the competitor will not achieve a result.

12.4 SAFETY LIMITATIONS

A competitor shall not select a goal within the safety limitations specified in the competition details.

Competitors violating this rule will not achieve a result.

12.5 TARGET

12.5.1 A prominent cross displayed in the vicinity of a goal or at a specified coordinate. Where a target is displayed, any measurements are made from the target, not from the goal. A competitor reaching a goal where an expected target is not displayed should aim for the goal.

12.5.2 The target shall be made from a contrasting coloured, non slippery material in the form of a rectangular cross. The dimension shall be 10m x 10m x 1m wide. The center point shall be marked with a visible "X".

12.6 MARKER

Markers supplied by the organizers will be used as a substitute for landing. The marker will be a streamer, made from coated nylon of less than 100 gr/sqm, 170 cm long, 10 cm wide and weighted with 70 grams of ballast. Competitors are responsible for collecting the necessary marker(s) before the task. The marker must not be modified in any way. Penalty for modified or unauthorized markers is up to 250 task points.

12.7 MARKER TO BE VISIBLE

All markers must be visible in the basket at take-off. The appointed observer may inquire of the competitor if the marker(s) cannot be seen.

12.8 MARKER RELEASE

The marker may be thrown by hand, unless Gravity Marker Drop is specified at the task briefing.

12.9 GRAVITY MARKER DROP

The marker must be completely unfurled when released. The tail may be loosely collected in the hand of the person releasing the marker. Gravity shall be the only means for the marker to drop. No horizontal motion shall be applied to the marker in relation to the basket. The person releasing the marker must stand on the floor of the basket. Penalty: 50 meters will be added to the competitors result in the least advantageous direction. A marker thrown into a scoring area will be regarded as a valid result and the penalty will be applied.

12.10 FREE MARKER DROP

The marker must be completely unfurled when released. No mechanism may be used to propel the marker. The person releasing the marker must stand on the floor of the basket. Penalty: 50 meters will be added to the competitors result in the least advantageous direction.

12.11 MARK

The point on the ground vertically below the weighted part of the marker where it comes to rest after falling from the balloon.

12.12 OBSERVED MARK

12.12.1 A mark which has been measured by an official or observer. It is the duty of the retrieve crew to assist the observer to locate the marker and measure its position. The observer may not be left unaccompanied to search for a marker.

12.12.2 Measurements will be made to the closest point of the weighted bag portion of the marker.

12.13 INTERFERENCE WITH MARKER

No person other than an official or the appointed observer may touch or interfere with a marker on the ground.

12.14 SEARCH PERIOD

12.14.1 Competitors have a specified period from the actual start of the launch period in which to find their marker(s).

12.14.2. The choice between searching for the marker, or first recovering the competitor rests with the competitor or his crew.

12.15 LOST MARKER

12.15.1 A marker is considered lost if it is not found and in possession of Officials or an Observer within the time limit specified, except that the Director, or his delegated official may grant an extension of this time limit if there is sufficient reason to believe that the marker(s) may be found.

12.15.2 If the marker has earlier been seen on the ground by an official or observer, then the competitor will be given an assessed result based on the least advantageous interpretation of evidence available. Otherwise the competitor's scoring position will be his following (in time) marker position or landing position, which ever is better.

12.16 SCORING PERIOD

- 12.16.1 When defined by the Director in the task briefing, the scoring period is the time limits, within which a goal/target or scoring area is valid.
- 12.16.2 A competitor will only score if his marker is found or seen falling to the ground by officials or an Observer, or he has landed, within the set time limits.
- 12.16.3 A competitor who does not achieve a scoring position within the scoring period will not achieve a result.
- 12.16.4 A competitor who does not achieve a scoring position within the Search Period will not achieve a result.
- 12.16.5 Under all circumstances scoring after official sunset is prohibited and the relevant paragraphs under this rule apply.

12.17 SCORING AREA

- 12.17.1 An area or areas, defined by the Director in the task data within which a valid mark can be achieved. Unless otherwise stated in the task data the boundary will be the inner hard surface or gravel edge of a road, the inner bank of a river, or other defined marked area. Any part of the weighted bag that is on the inner edge will be considered valid.
- 12.17.2 A competitor who does not achieve a scoring position inside the scoring area(s) will not achieve a result.

CHAPTER 13 - PENALTIES**13.1 UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR (GS 5.2.2.3 part)**

CHEATING OR UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR, INCLUDING DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS TO DECEIVE OR MISLEAD OFFICIALS, WILFUL INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER COMPETITORS, FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS, USE OF FORBIDDEN EQUIPMENT OR PROHIBITED DRUGS, OR REPEATED SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS OF RULES SHOULD, AS A GUIDE, RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT.

13.2 UNSPECIFIED PENALTIES

13.2.1 A competitor infringing any rule for which the penalty is not specified may have a penalty (distance, angle or time) applied to his result or a deduction of points.

13.2.2 Where safety is not an issue, and no competitive advantage has been gained, he will normally receive a warning in the first instance.

13.2.3 A competitor may not be penalised under this rule if he has already been penalised under the same rule in a previous task, but has not been informed of the fact before the beginning of the task in question, except for follow-on tasks in the same flight.

13.3 DISTANCE INFRINGEMENTS

13.3.1 Where the individual launch point, a goal selected by a competitor, a mark, or a final landing infringes a distance limit at any time, the competitor will be penalised.

13.3.2 If a launch point infringes a natural set boundary, the infringement is the distance to the closest correct point.

13.3.3 Where the penalty relates to landing too close to a goal/target or mark, the competitor will only be penalised for the greater infringement. The penalty will be waived if the competitor can show that he was unable to comply within 10 minutes because of light wind.

13.3.4 The penalty will be in case of:

a) an Elbow task an increase or an Angle task a decrease of the competitors achieved angle with:

$$2 \times \text{ARCSIN} [\text{INFRINGEMENT} / \text{DISTANCE LIMIT}]$$

b) a Race to an Area or Land Run task:

1 task penalty point per meter infringement.

c) all other tasks:

An increase (or decrease) of the competitors result by twice the amount of the infringement.

13.4 PENALTY POINTS

13.4.1 There are two kinds of point penalties: task points and competition points.

13.4.2 Task point penalties are subtracted from a competitor's task score, which cannot be reduced below zero. Competition point penalties are also subtracted from a competitors task score and may result in a negative score, which will be set against his total score in the Event.

13.5 PROOF OF RULES VIOLATION (S1 An3 8.9)

THE PRODUCTION AND DEMONSTRATION OF EVIDENCE FOR ANY ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT BY A COMPETITOR ALWAYS RESTS ENTIRELY WITH THE EVENT OFFICIALS. RULES SHALL NOT BE WRITTEN IN ORDER TO OBLIGE THE COMPETITOR TO PROVE HIS COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES OR HIS INNOCENCE IN CASE OF ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT.

CHAPTER 14 - SCORING**14.1 RESULT**

A competitors result is the achieved outcome in a task including distance penalties. Results will be expressed in meters, square kilometers, minutes or degrees with an accuracy of two decimal places.

14.2 SCORE

A competitors score is the number of points achieved in a task when applying the appropriate formulas. Task or competition penalties may be applied according to the rules.

14.3 PUBLICATION OF SCORES (S1 5.9.4 part)

14.3.1 THE scores OF EACH TASK SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY on the Official Notice Board.

14.3.2 Task score sheets shall include:

- a. EVENT NAME, TASK DATE and time, TASK SEQUENCE NUMBER, TASK NAME AND RULES reference.
- b. for each competitor his: rank, competition number and name, result, score and if applicable, penalties followed by the kind of penalty, a rule reference and a brief description.
- c. THE FIXED DATA USED IN THE SCORING FORMULAS (P, A, M, RM, W AND SM) and the checksum
- d. Publication date and time, version number and signature of the director.
- e. IF MORE THAN ONE score SHEET VERSION IS PUBLISHED FOR A PARTICULAR TASK, THE CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE SHALL BE MARKED AND THE DIFFERENT VERSIONS SHALL BE NUMBERED IN SEQUENCE.

14.3.3 Task score sheets will have the following status:

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| PROVISIONAL | Provisional scores are published for information only and have no validity for timing purposes. |
| OFFICIAL | Time periods for complaints/protests start from the publication of official scores. |
| FINAL | Official scores become final after all relevant time periods have expired. |

14.3.4 Total score sheets shall include:

- a. Event name
- b. for each competitor his: rank, competition number and name, total score and task scores
- c. task checksums

14.3.5 Total scores are for information only and will not carry a signature.

14.4 RANKING ORDER

- 14.4.1 Competitors will be ranked in order of performance according to the rules for each task, after adjustment for any time or distance penalties. Competitors will be ranked in the following groups for each task:
- Group A Competitors whose results have been measured, or assessed under the rule for lost markers.
 - Group B Competitors flying the task, but not achieving a result. They will be scored equally using Formula Three, or share equally the remaining points available using Formula Two, whichever is the higher.
 - Group C Competitors not making a valid launch or disqualified in the event, all scoring zero points.
- 14.4.2 After calculating the points score with the applicable formula, any penalty points will be subtracted to obtain the competitors final task score. The competitors final task scores will be ranked again before being published.

14.5 POINTS FORMULA

- 14.5.1 Each competitor will then be awarded a number of points according to his performance. The formula to be used will depend on the competitor's place in the ranking order for the Task.
- 14.5.2 The best result will be awarded 1000 points before points penalties.
- 14.5.3 The superior half of the results will receive a score between 1000 and approximately 500 points, in proportion to their performance using Formula One.
- 14.5.4 The inferior half of the results will receive a score between approximately 500 points and 0 points according to their relative position in the ranking order using Formula Two.
- 14.5.5 FORMULA ONE: (superior half of performances).

$$1000 - [(1000 - SM)/(RM - W)] \times (R - W)$$
 FORMULA TWO: (inferior half of performances).

$$1000 \times (P + 1 - L)/P$$
 FORMULA THREE: (competitors in group B).

$$1000 \times [(P + 1 - A)/P] - 200$$
 P = number of competitors entered in the competition.
 M = P/2 (rounded to the next higher number) (Median Rank).
 R = competitor's result (meters, etc.) if in the superior half.
 RM = result achieved by the median ranking competitor.
 L = competitor's ranking position if in the inferior portion.
 W = the winning result of the task.
 A = number of competitors in group A.
 SM = rounded points score of the median ranking competitor, calculated under formula two.
- 14.5.6 If fewer than half of the competitors achieve a result in the task, the following changes in definition will apply:
- RM = lowest ranking result in group A.
 - SM = rounded score of the lowest ranking competitor in group A, calculated under Formula Two.
 - M = lowest ranking competitor in group A.
- 14.5.7 In tasks where no competitor achieves a result, all competitors in group B will receive a score of 500 points before any penalty points.

14.5.8 Points scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

14.6 PRECISION

14.6.1 Results shall be established with the highest precision at hand.

14.6.2 The following standards will be used:

Result method	Precision	Printout example [m]
tape / surveying	centimeters	1.23
pacing	meters	236.00
map coordinate	decameters	1250.00
GPS	decameters	1230.00

Any combination of result methods will revert to the lowest precision method used.

If positions can be determined relative to a common coordinate with a more accurate method, the precision of that method will be used.

GPS results are calculated with a precision of 1m and then rounded to decameters.

14.6.3 Results are considered tied when the outcome is the same after applying above mentioned principles. Competitors whose results are tied will share equally between them the points which they would have received had they not been so tied.

14.7 MEASURING

14.7.1 Measurements by the measuring officials take precedence.

14.7.2 Within 200m, ordinary/conventional measuring methods shall be used. If there is reason to believe that a GPS measurement may be more accurate than the conventional measurement, a GPS measurement shall be additionally recorded.

14.7.3 Pacing should not be used within 200m.

14.7.4 All marks outside 200m shall be recorded by GPS. In case of a goal selected by the competitor, the coordinates of the goal shall also be recorded by GPS.

14.8 TOTAL TIED SCORES

Where two competitors have equal total scores in the Event, the competitor with the smaller difference between his best and worst scores will be ranked higher.

CHAPTER 15 - TASKS**15.1 PILOT DECLARED GOAL**

- 15.1.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a goal selected and declared by him before flight.
- 15.1.2 Task data:
- a. Declaration time and place
 - b. number of goals permitted
 - c. minimum and maximum distances of goal(s) from launch point.
- 15.1.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the nearest valid declared goal. Smallest result is best.
- 15.1.4 Each competitor will declare his goal(s) by coordinates in writing and his declaration shall be deposited before declaration time at the place specified in the briefing data, clearly identified with his name and/or competition number.
- 15.1.5 A competitor who wishes to revise his declaration may deposit a further declaration, within the declaration time, provided that it is clearly marked to distinguish it from any previous declaration(s).
- 15.1.6 The timekeeper will close the declaration box precisely at the declaration time, and will accept late goal declarations, writing the time in minutes and seconds on each.
- 15.1.7 Penalty for late declarations is 100 task points per minute or part minute late.
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15.2 JUDGE DECLARED GOAL

- 15.2.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a set goal.
- 15.2.2 Task data:
- a. position of set goal/target
- 15.2.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.
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15.3 HESITATION WALTZ

- 15.3.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to one of several set goals.
- 15.3.2 Task data:
- a. position of various set goals/targets
- 15.3.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the nearest target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.
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15.4 FLY IN

- 15.4.1 Competitors will find their own launch areas and attempt to drop a marker close to a set goal or target.
- 15.4.2 Task data:
- a. position of set goal/target
 - b. minimum and maximum distances from launch point to the goal/target.
 - c. Number of take-offs permitted.
- 15.4.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.
- 15.4.4 Only one scoring attempt (marker drop or contest landing) may be made. A contest landing shall be declared as such to the appointed observer at the earliest opportunity.
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15.5 FLY ON

- 15.5.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to a goal selected and declared by them during flight.
- 15.5.2 Task data:
- a. minimum and maximum distance between previous mark and declared goal.
 - b. number of goals permitted
- 15.5.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the nearest valid declared goal. Smallest result is best.
- 15.5.4 The competitor shall write clearly on the previous marker his declared goal for fly on. If the previous marker is not dropped or no goal is written on the marker the competitor will not achieve a result.
- 15.5.5 As a precaution, in case the previous marker should be lost, the competitor may personally write a provisional goal on the observer's sheet. He will be scored to this goal if the previous marker is lost. The competitor may make or revise this provisional declaration at any time up to the release of the previous marker. A verbal declaration of a goal to the observer is of no effect and will not be recorded.
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15.6 HARE AND HOUNDS

- 15.6.1 Competitors will follow a hare balloon and attempt to drop a marker close to a target displayed by the hare no more than two meters upwind of the basket after landing.
- 15.6.2 Task data:
- a. description of the hare balloon
 - b. intended flight duration of the hare balloon
- 15.6.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target. Smallest result is best.
- 15.6.4 Variation from intended flight duration of the hare shall not be ground for complaint.
- 15.6.5 The hare may deflate after landing and may be removed from the field.
- 15.6.6 The hare may display a banner hanging below his basket. No competitor shall display any banner hanging below the basket during this task.

15.7 WATERSHIP DOWN

- 15.7.1 Competitors will fly to the launch point of a hare balloon, follow the hare and attempt to drop a marker close to a target displayed by the hare no more than two meters upwind of the basket after landing.
- 15.7.2 Task data:
- a. description of the hare balloon
 - b. location of the launch point of the hare balloon
 - c. set take-off time of the hare balloon
 - d. intended flight duration of the hare balloon
- 15.7.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target. Smallest result is best.
- 15.7.4 If the hare balloon does not take off within 5 minutes after the set time then this task is considered cancelled.
- 15.7.5 Variation from the flight duration of the hare shall not be ground for complaint.
- 15.7.6 The hare may deflate after landing and may be removed from the field.
- 15.7.7 The hare may display a banner hanging below his basket. No competitor shall display any banner hanging below the basket during this task.

15.8 GORDON BENNETT MEMORIAL

- 15.8.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker within a scoring area(s) close to a set goal.
- 15.8.2 Task data:
- a. position of goal/target
 - b. description of scoring area(s)
- 15.8.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.

15.9 CALCULATED RATE OF APPROACH TASK (CRAT)

- 15.9.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker within a valid scoring area close to a set goal. The scoring area(s) will have unique times of validity.
- 15.9.2 Task data:
- a. position of goal/target.
 - b. description of scoring area(s) and their validity times.
- 15.9.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the target, if displayed, or goal. Smallest result is best.
- 15.9.4 A competitor who does not achieve a mark inside a scoring area during its time of validity, will not achieve a result.

15.10 RACE TO AN AREA

- 15.10.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker in the shortest time within a scoring area(s).
- 15.10.2 Task data:
- a. arrangements of timing
 - b. description of scoring area(s)
- 15.10.3 The result is the elapsed time from the take off to the marker drop. Smallest result is best.
- 15.10.4 The timing ends at the moment the marker is released, falling or on the ground as seen by the observer or recovered in the hands of the observer which ever is first. Observers must ensure that they have stop-watches when observing in this task.
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15.11 ELBOW

- 15.11.1 Competitors will attempt to achieve the greatest change of direction in flight.
- 15.11.2 Task data:
- a. description of point "A", "B" and "C".
 - b. minimum and maximum distances from "A" to "B".
 - c. minimum and maximum distances from "B" to "C".
- 15.11.3 The result is 180 degrees minus the angle ABC. Greatest result is best.
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15.12 LAND RUN

- 15.12.1 Competitors will attempt to achieve the greatest area of a triangle "A", "B" and "C"
- 15.12.2 Task data:
- a. location of point "A"
 - b. method of determining point "B"
 - c. method of determining point "C"
 - d. description of scoring area(s)
- 15.12.3 The result is the area of triangle ABC. Greatest result is best.
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15.13 MINIMUM DISTANCE

- 15.13.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to the common launch point, after flying a minimum set time.
- 15.13.2 Task data:
- a. minimum set time
 - b. arrangements for timing.
- 15.13.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the launch point. Smallest result is best.
- 15.13.4 The scoring position is the mark if the observer has seen the marker drop after the minimum set time. Otherwise the scoring position will be the landing position, provided that the balloon has been seen by an official to be still airborne after the minimum time.
- 15.13.5 Penalty for violating the rule of CLEARING THE LAUNCH AREA is 100 task points per minute or part minute late.
- 15.13.6 The penalty for each ground contact in this task is 500 task points.
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15.14 SHORTEST FLIGHT

- 15.14.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker close to the launch point within a set scoring area(s).
- 15.14.2 Task data:
- a. description of scoring area(s)
- 15.14.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the launch point. Smallest result is best.
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15.15 MINIMUM DISTANCE DOUBLE DROP

- 15.15.1 Competitors will attempt to drop two markers close together in different scoring areas.
- 15.15.2 Task data:
- a. description of scoring areas.
- 15.15.3 The result is the distance between the marks. Smallest result is best.
- 15.15.4 Competitors will not achieve a result if one or both marks are outside the scoring area or both marks are in one scoring area.
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15.16 MAXIMUM DISTANCE TIME

- 15.16.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker far away from the launch point, within a maximum set time.
- 15.16.2 Task data:
- a. maximum set time
 - b. arrangements for timing.
- 15.16.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the launch point. Greatest result is best.
- 15.16.4 If the observer does not see the marker release, falling or on the ground or the marker is not recovered in his hands within the maximum set time, the competitor will not achieve a result.
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15.17 MAXIMUM DISTANCE

- 15.17.1 Competitors will attempt to drop a marker far away from the launch point within a set scoring area(s).
- 15.17.2 Task data:
- a. description of scoring area(s)
- 15.17.3 The result is the distance from the mark to the launch point. Greatest result is best.
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15.18 MAXIMUM DISTANCE DOUBLE DROP

- 15.18.1 Competitors will attempt to drop two markers far apart in the scoring area(s).
- 15.18.2 Task data:
- a. description of the scoring area(s)
- 15.18.3 The result is the distance between the marks. Greatest result is best.
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15.19 ANGLE

- 15.19.1 Competitors will attempt to achieve the greatest change of direction from a set direction. The change of direction is the angle between the set direction and line "A-B".
- 15.19.2 Task data:
- a. description of point "A" and "B"
 - b. set direction
 - c. minimum and maximum distances from "A" to "B"
- 15.19.3 The result is the angle between the set direction and the line "A-B". Greatest result is best.
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