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1 GENERAL BULLETIN

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We strongly recommend you to read the General Bulletin before reading this specific bulletin only dedicated to Paragliding activities during the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015.

2 PARAGLIDING ACCURACY

Since the first FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships held in the UK in 2000, this discipline has been increasing steadily in popularity. Today some 1892 pilots from 53 countries are logged on the permanent ranking.

European countries currently dominate Paragliding Accuracy. However, Asia is rapidly catching up, with pilots from Korea, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia in the rankings, and especially China whose top pilots took gold at the 2009 and 2013 World Championships. In 2014, we saw 64 FAI Category 2 competitions running worldwide.

Hill and tow launch

Although its roots are in parachuting and parascending, today's Paragliding Accuracy competitions, hill and tow launch, are flown on certified paragliders. Competitions are generally both individual and team events. Often several 'rounds' can be flown in a day, in which case a weekend event can comprise up to 6 scores or more, giving a highly satisfying competition.

Although weather conditions play a critical role, generally a Paragliding Accuracy competition is less weather dependent than cross country events.

Target approach

Standard equipment is an electronic target pad: a pressure sensitive device measuring 30cm in diameter (the same equipment is used in Parachuting Accuracy). The point of firmest pressure is measured and displayed, from 0 to 15cm. Around the pad, circles are marked out at 0.5m, 5m and 10m.

Judging and scoring

The judges measure the pilot distance from the dead centre. The winner is the pilot with the lowest aggregated score.

Paragliding Accuracy pilots must land on their feet and stay on their feet. If you fall over before your wing is on the ground, you will be penalised and receive the maximum score

If a pilot approaches the target dangerously, stalling the wing, spinning or performing any aerobatic manoeuvres close to the ground, a penalty system is implemented (warning, maximum score, disqualification).

3 PARAGLIDING AEROBATIC

Aerobatic in hang gliding started a long time ago with Rudy Kishazi's first looping in 1973. In paragliding, aerobatic developed at the turn of the century. Successful events – both disciplines combined – were organised in Europe. It took a while to organize a World championship and the one and only was set in Villeneuve, Switzerland, in 2006. Another one is planned in Annecy, France, in 2016. The Category 2 circuit, though, is quite active around a yearly World Tour.

Somehow hang gliding aerobatic has faded away, and now the very aesthetic, impressive, popular paragliding aerobatic stands alone. Pilots run in Solo or in Synchro – teams of 2.

G-forces

In the words of Hungarian Pal Takats, "Aerobatic is performed with specially designed, small, fast and very dynamic wings. Nowadays more than 20 different acro tricks and manoeuvre connections are possible. Most of them require extremely precise piloting and hundreds of training hours. During the most radical swings the pilot has to stand out heavy G-forces that reach up to 6-7 G. I love the sensation of speed, forces and huge swings!" Another pilot, Spanish Horacio Lorens, talks about "great physical strength and maximum concentration".

Today CIVL permanent ranking shows 116 pilots from 23 nations in Solo; more than 50 of them, from 13 nations, fly in Synchro. France, Spain and Switzerland are the dominating nations.

Misty

The Sporting Code allows 27 manoeuvres in Solo events and 6 more in Synchro. They are given strange and poetic names like Misty Flip, Bitch Switch, Esfera, Rythmic Sat, X Chopper... Guess what they are? Some other names are more straightforward like Full Stall, Tail Slide, Looping or Infinity Tumbling (World record today: 568 rotations!).

Judging and scoring

Manoeuvres are combined in the best precise and aesthetic way. Each manoeuvre may only be performed once within the routine unless performed in the opposite direction. Each manoeuvre has a fixed difficulty coefficient. Routines are scored on three levels: technique, general choreography and landing, plus synchronisation in Synchro.

Antipodes

You might have guessed: paragliding aerobatic is not for the faint hearted or for the average leisure pilot. We could say that Accuracy and Aerobatic are at the antipodes of paragliding; with cross-country and its 6700 pilots and 67 nations at its centre?

4 AIMS AND REWARDS

Section 7 of the Sporting Code states it perfectly: "The purpose of the championships is to provide safe, fair and satisfying contest flying in order to determine the champion in each class and to reinforce friendship among pilots of all nations."

We should add for these World Air Games: reinforce friendship among pilots of all disciplines!

There are not many occasions to meet such talented people with flying as the common passion. Most of them will be pilots, but quite a few will be volunteers and administrators of our discipline, all equally driven by their passion.

Our rewards will be the fun times and the pleasure to learn and build our tomorrows. And for a very few of us, nice medals and diplomas.

5 PILOTS AND TEAMS

In the World Air Games spirit, they are the very best pilots chosen from as many countries as possible.

In Accuracy, with so many countries and pilots competing and only twenty pilots selected, the choice was not easy: we had to restrain ourselves to one pilot per country, fifteen for men, five for women and no team.

In Aerobatic, with fewer pilots and three dominating nations, it was also hard to decide. Pilots per nation were limited to four plus one woman. Twenty pilots will compete in Solo. Ten more are selected in Synchro only. They can fly in team with pilots selected in Solo.

In Accuracy or Aerobatic, there is no Nation Team competition.

5.1 Accuracy pilots

With so many countries and pilots competing and only twenty pilots selected, the choice was not easy: we had to restrain ourselves to one pilot per country, fifteen for men, five for women and no team.

	Country	NAME	First Name
1	BUL	TZVETANOV	Valery
2	CHN	MA	Qiang
3	CZE	LEDNIK	Tomas
4	GBR	WEBSTER	Andy
5	HUN	KASZAS	Sandor
6	INA	LIS	Andriana
7	INA	RAJASA	Darumaka
8	JPN	OKA	Yoshiki
9	LTU	JAKOVLEVAS	Jurijus
10	LTU	VERBYLAITE	Rimante
11	MKD	JOVANOSKI	Martin
12	ROU	COTET	George
13	SLO	FERARIC	Matjaz
14	SLO	PISEK	Mojca
15	SRB	DJURKOVIC	Goran
16	SRB	KOSTIC	Tamara
17	THA	LEANGAIEM	Tanapat
18	THA	PHUCHONG	Nunnapat
19	TUR	YILDIZ	Abdullah
20	UAE	ALHOSANI	Ali

5.2 Aerobatic pilots and teams

The final selection will be done at the end of the current summer flying season, in early September. The selection process is described in the World Air Games General Rules Section 2.

6 RULES

6.1 Accuracy rules

These rules are to be used in conjunction with the most recent versions of:

- General Section of the FAI Sporting FAI Sporting Code.
- Section 7C of the FAI Sporting FAI Sporting Code.
- FAI World Air Games General Rules.

As per Sporting Code General Section 3.1.7, where the World Air Games Paragliding Accuracy Rules are in conflict with the Sporting Code, the World Air Games Paragliding Accuracy Rules prevail.

6.1.1 Contact

Event Director: Andika Mountnear – mountnear@ymail.com

Deputy Event Director: Violeta Masteikiene – violeta@gmmagency.com



6.1.2 World Air Games and competition schedule

As per World Air Games General Rules and Bulletins.

The registration time will be announced in due time.

A General and Safety Pilots Briefing will be organized before the first practice round. Day and time will be announced in due time.

6.1.3 Daily schedule

It will be finalized at registration.

There will be no rest day.

6.1.4 Entries

The World Air Games is an Individual event. There are no national team.

The World Air Games is an invitational event. Selection criteria are:

- One male pilot per country for the top ranked 15 countries.
- One female pilot per country for the top ranked 5 countries.

The date of the ranking is March 1, 2015.

6.1.5 Registration

FAI license, national license and NAC approval will be checked online before registration. See General Bulletin #1, Section 5.3 – Registration to the World Air Games.

Pilots are required to present at registration:

- Proof of identity.
- Documentation of towing experience.
- Satisfactory evidence of equipment airworthiness according to Section 7C.
- Signed certified glider statement, release of liability and waiver of legal rights as per Annex B and C to Section 7C.
- Tow quick release and yoke systems to be checked.

6.1.6 Insurances

Personal Health insurance and repatriation coverage are the responsibility of each participant and is highly advisable.

Liability insurance coverage to third parties for the event is provided by the organizer.

6.1.7 Equipment

Certified gliders up to LTF 2 or equivalent can be used in this competition (passed LTF / DHV or internationally recognized certifying bodies).

Harness (see S7C, 12.3.1).

Helmet (see S7C, 12.3.2).

Reserve parachute (passed LTF / DHV or test certification body).

Tow quick release and yoke systems.

Radio VHF (2 meters radio).

Radios are not to be used for the purpose of providing advantageous competitive information or for

coaching. Radios or other communication devices are not to be used during competition flights, other than for emergencies. Only frequencies allocated by the organizers may be used. Voice activated microphones (VOX operated) are strictly forbidden.

6.1.8 Sites

Location: Sufouh Beach drop zone.

Take-off method: winch.

Typical tow height: 150-200m (to be confirmed).

Take-off and landing area altitude: 0-10m.

Target and Launch location: to be confirmed dependent on weather conditions.

Usual wind direction: W-WN.

6.1.9 Safety

The Deputy Event Director will be responsible for the safety of the competition and will monitor all aspects of safety.

The Deputy Event Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge may stop the competition for reasons of safety. Any decision taken will be reported to the Event Director.

A Safety Committee will be formed at the first briefing. It will include: The Deputy Event Director, Chief Judge, Launch Marshal and a minimum of two participating pilots (each pilot being a different nationality).

Wind indicators will be provided at the target area and launch point. The maximum permitted wind speed for the purposes of competition scoring is nominally 7.0m/s; this will be confirmed at the initial pilots' briefing, however, this may be reduced at the discretion of the Safety Committee. There will be no protest regarding their decision on this point.

Competitors should be aware that the competition will be held in a peninsula close to and surrounded by water.

The competition is part of a wider event and as such pilots will be provided with applicable event, local and national rules at the initial competition briefing.

The competition is in controlled airspace and part of the larger WORLD AIR GAMES event; prohibited flying areas, landing areas and sensitive areas as applicable will be notified at the pilots' briefing.

6.1.10 Number of rounds

There will be a maximum of twelve (12) full rounds completed within the time available. A minimum of three rounds must be completed to validate the competition.

6.1.11 Pre-fliers

The competition's official Pre-fliers will be notified to all pilots at the first briefing. They will be experienced pilots, who understand the importance of their role in the championships. They will not be competitors.

Pre-fliers will fly after significant periods of stand down of 1 hour or more. Feedback from pre-fliers will be communicated to all pilots at launch and target directly after all such flights.

6.1.12 Free-flying

The policy for free flying will be announced at the first briefing. Free- flying will not be allowed during the competition rounds, nor during stand- downs in the competition unless authorized by the Deputy Event Director.

Pilots should note that one of the Event Director or Deputy Event Director may request pilots to free flying for publicity purposes – for example: crowd entertainment during lulls in other competitions or activities.

6.1.13 Flying order

Each Pilot will be entered into a draw to determine launch order.

On the final round of the competition, pilots will launch in reverse order of their current competition position.

In case of competitors with equal scores on the penultimate round, they will again be entered into a draw to determine their final launch order.

The organizers will provide numbers for each pilot showing launch order, which should be displayed as instructed at registration.

6.1.14 Take off method

Launches will be by winch tow. There will be one winch system.

Pilots are to bring their own tow quick release and yoke systems.

6.1.15 Landing target

Competitors will be scored according to the distance in centimetres between the first point of ground contact and the edge of the dead centre disc out to a maximum score of 1000cm.

The competition will use a 2 cm diameter a dead centre disc.

The measuring field will have clearly marked circles set at 2.5m, 5m, and 10m. These circles are only indicative.

6.1.16 Scoring

The scoring system will be an Excel spread sheet unless a formal application is provided.

Scoring will be done according to Section 7C – 5.2, except there is no team score.

The organizer will provide video recording on the landing.

As soon as is practical at the end of the round, the recorder will post the scores on the main notice board. These will be marked Provisional, with the posting time and date clearly visible.

6.1.17 Penalties

Dangerous flying:

- First offence: formal warning.
- Second offence: maximum score for the round.
- Third offence: exclusion from the competition.

Other rule infringements:

The Deputy Event Director will, at her discretion, be able to give penalties to a pilot if they contravene the rules of the competition or bring the competition and sport into disrepute. Penalties may vary (for example) from a formal warning to awarding a maximum score on a round and up to eliminating an individual from the competition.

6.1.18 Complaints and Protests

Complaints and Protests will be dealt with according to the procedures in Section 7C and General Section.

Any complaint against the Provisional scores must be lodged within 1 hour of the scores being posted. Complaints should be firstly made verbally to the Chief Judge. If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the Chief Judge's decision, he/she may complain verbally to the Deputy Event Director. The Deputy Event Director will take note of the complaint and of her decision.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the Deputy Event Director's decision they may make a protest in writing in English, to the Event Director. The time limit for protests is one hour after notification of the result of the complaint. The protest fee is 200 UAE Dirham or €50. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

If provisional scores are posted more than 1 hour after sunset and before 6.00 am next day, then the deadline for a complaint is 8.00 am or one hour after the restart of the competition, whichever is later.

Protest and ruling on protest must be published on the official notice board.

Amateur video will not be accepted in case of complaint or protest.

6.2 Aerobic rules

These rules are to be used in conjunction with the most recent versions of:

- General Section of the FAI Sporting FAI Sporting Code.
- Section 7B and Aerobic Annex of the FAI Sporting FAI Sporting Code.
- World Air Games General Rules.

As per Sporting Code General Section 3.1.7, where the World Air Games Paragliding Aerobic Rules are in conflict with the Sporting Code, the World Air Games Paragliding Aerobic Rules prevail.

6.2.1 Contact

Event Director: Andika Mountnear – mountnear@ymail.com

Deputy Event Director: Claudio Cattaneo – wag@flyandsmile.ch

6.2.2 Number of flying days

1 practice day, 5 competition days, 1 reserve day.

6.2.3 Number of rounds

Solo: Maximum of 6, minimum of 2.

Synchro: Maximum of 6, minimum of 2.

6.2.4 Entries

The World Air Games is an invitational event.

The final selection will be made based on the WPRS and APWT rankings on September 2nd.

The selection principles are as follow:

Solo

- Maximum 3 male pilots from the same nation
- Defending World Air Games Champion solo – Horacio Llorens (SPA) – Qualified!
- Defending World Champion solo – Raul Rodriguez (SPA) – Qualified!

- Top 10 ranked pilots of the FAI WPRS.
- Top 10 ranked pilots of the APWT overall ranking.
- Next best WPRS ranked pilots for each nation not yet represented to reach 15 pilots.
- Top 3 women of the last updated FAI WPRS (Max 1 woman per nation)"
- 2 wild cards.

The WPRS ranking prevails on the APWT ranking. This means that in case one nation has to cut exceeding pilots, the selection will be done according to the WPRS ranking.

Synchro

5 best teams of the 2014 & 2015 APWT final ranking :

- FACE TO FACE - François Ragolski (FRA) & Raul Rodriguez (SPA)
- SOL ACRO TEAM – Rafael Goberna (BRA) & Hernan Pitocco (ARG)
- TWISTED BOYS – Théo de Blic (FRA) & Horacio Llorens (SPA)
- VRL TEAM - Eliot Nochez (FRA) & Tim Alongi (FRA)
- CAT ACRO TEAM - Jérémy Péclard (SUI) & David Geiser (SUI).

6.2.5 World Air Games schedule

As per World Air Games General Rules and Bulletins.

The registration day and time will be announced in due time.

A General and Safety Pilots Briefing will be organized before the first practice round. Day and time will be announced in due time.

6.2.6 Daily schedule

It will be finalized at registration.

6.2.7 Registration

FAI license, national license and NAC approval will be checked online before registration.

Pilots are required to present at registration:

- Proof of identity.
- Satisfactory evidence of equipment airworthiness.
- Signed release of liability document as per Annex C of Section 7B.

6.2.8 Insurances

Personal Health insurance and repatriation coverage are the responsibility of each participant and is highly advisable.

Liability insurance coverage to third parties for the event is provided by the organizer.

6.2.9 Equipment

Gliders, harnesses, rescue parachutes and helmet according to Section 7B Aerobatic Annex 2.2.

6.2.10 Sites

Location: Skydive Dubai, The Palm drop zone.

Dropping altitude: 800m.

Landing altitude: 0m.

Usual wind direction: W-WN

6.2.11 Safety Committee

It will include 1 Judge and 2 pilots chosen by their peers.

6.2.12 Launch

Launch will be done by helicopter drop. Pilot shall be equipped with their own D-bag.

On the first day, the starting order will be in the reverse order of the current ranking.

On following days, the starting order will be in the reverse order of the current competition standing.

In case of equality, random drawing is used.

6.2.13 Wind Speed

Maximum wind speed at landing area: 20km/h.

6.2.14 Scoring

Scoring will be done according to Evolution competition format (Section 7B Aerobatic Annex 4.1 to 4.8.). Depending on the actual local conditions (schedule, availability of the helicopter...) it might be decided that the final runs of the competition will be run according to the battle concept (quarter finals, semifinals, final). The definitive competition format and schedule will be communicated at the general pilots briefing.

In case of dispute or doubt, the Deputy Meet Director shall hold a conference with the Judges before the final score is published.

6.2.15 Video evidence

The organizer will provide video recording.

6.2.16 Warnings and Penalties

According to Section 7B Aerobatic Annex 2.6.

The Judges, Meet Director and Deputy Meet Director are entitled to impose warnings.

6.2.17 Complaints and Protests

Complaints must be sent in writing, in English, to the Deputy Meet Director less than 2 hours after the provisional scores are posted.

If provisional scores are posted more than 2 hours after sunset and before 6.00 am the next day, then the deadline for complaints is 8.00 am.

Once the Deputy Meet Director has ruled on the complaint, the complainant has 2 hours to protest.

Protests must be sent in writing, in English, to the Jury.

All complaints, protests and rulings must be published on the official notice board.

7 EQUIPMENT

7.1 Equipment for Accuracy

See [Section 6.1. Accuracy rules](#).

Personal equipment (glider, instruments etc.) are under the responsibility of pilots, transportation to and from Dubai included.

On land a two drums stationary winch will be used (Auto-Kirchner).

The paragliding venue is on the beach where the ground is not flat and the wind condition might not be stable at the time of the event. In the event that there are any problems with the stationary winch, we have two boat winches will be available as back up (Parawinch).

Two ATV to pull and check the winch rope on land will be available, as well as two mini pickups on standby to aid pilots who face towing problems and to pick up pilots from the landing area.

7.2 Equipment for Aerobatic

Helicopter drop will be done with one Bell 412 or 212. Load organizing and max capacity will be confirmed at a later stage.

See [Section 6.2. Aerobatic rules](#). Personal equipment (glider, instruments etc.) are under the responsibility of pilots, transportation to and from Dubai included.

8 TEAM LEADERS

There is no national team event, but nations are free to organize any assistance they see fit. In case they do, rules applying to such assistance, if any, will be the ones specified in the relevant Section 7 of the Sporting Code. Any assistance must have approval of the relevant NAC and of CIVL.

Approved assistants are considered as “non-participant” (see General Bulletin #1, [Section 11](#)) but CIVL will help to provide access to competition areas.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Common to all World Air Games Sports

Wednesday December 2:	National Day in UAE, national holiday.
Thursday December 3:	Opening Ceremony.
Friday December 4:	Night Extravaganza.

9.2 Accuracy

November 30:	Registration, General and Safety Briefings.
December 1:	Practice.
December 2 to 10:	Competition days.
December 7 and 9:	Reserve days.

Time slots: Early mornings.

Beware! This schedule is subject to change. Read later Bulletins and be there at registration!

9.3 Aerobic

November 30: Registration, General and Safety Briefings.
 December 1: Practice.
 December 2 to 7: Competition days.
 No reserve day.

Time slots: Early mornings for Solo, late afternoon for Synchro.

Beware! This schedule is subject to change. Read later Bulletins and be there at registration!

9.4 Overview

<i>N = November / D = December</i>	N 29	N 30	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7	D 8	D 9	D 10	D 11	D 12	D 13
<i>Air Sport Disciplines</i>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Paragliding Acro Solo / Synchro															
Paragliding Accuracy															

	Latest Arrival & Earliest Departure		Training (Official training)
	Early Arrival Practice Day(s)		Competition

10 OFFICIALS

10.1 Common to Aerobatic and Accuracy

Role	Name
Event Director	Andika UNTUNG SETIAWAN (INA)
Jury President	To be appointed
Jury Members	Wahyu YUDHA (INA) Igor ERZEN (SLO)

10.2 Accuracy Officials

Role	Name
Accuracy Deputy Event Director	Violeta MASTEIKIENE (LIT)
Accuracy Chief Judge	Andy COWLEY (GBR)
Winch Operator	Huub COLOMAN (NED)
Target Judge	Jondzic UGLJESA (SRB) Arif IBRAHIM (MAS)

3 target judges from UAE are appointed by the organizer in agreement with the Chief Judge, and trained onsite by CIVL just before the competition: Saeed ALFAHIM (UAE), Faizal KHORI (UAE) and Hashem ALHAMED (UAE).

Appointed by the organizer in agreement with the Event Director, and trained onsite by CIVL just before the competition:

Role	Name
Launch Marshal	Shoaib AHMED (PAK)
Launch Assistant	Almonsari (UAE) Salem OBAID (UAE)
Winch Assistant	Mohammed ALHAMADI (UAE) Abdulazziz ALMARZOQI (UAE) Khalil ALHOSANI (UAE)
Recorder	1 Tbc
Scoring	Elzar (INA)
Speaker	1 Tbc
Cameraman	1 Tbc
Administrative helper	1 Tbc

10.3 Aerobatic Officials

Role	Name
Deputy Event Director	Claudio CATTANEO (SUI)
Chief Judge	Claudio CATTANEO (SUI)
Judge	Pernilla Hammar ROGNOY (SWE) Beverly JÄGER (GER) David SOUGEY (FRA)
Raft Crew	Thomas CHRISTEN (SUI) Laurent ANDRÉ (SUI)
Drop Master	Guillaume CHATAIN (FRA)
Speaker	Fabian ÉQUEY (SUI)

Appointed by the organizer in agreement with the Event Director and Deputies, and trained onsite by CIVL just before the competition:

Role	Name
Assistant to the Judges	4 tbc
Boat Operator	3 tbc
Boat Assistant	3 tbc
Cameraman	1 Tbc
Administrative helper	1 Tbc

11 WEATHER

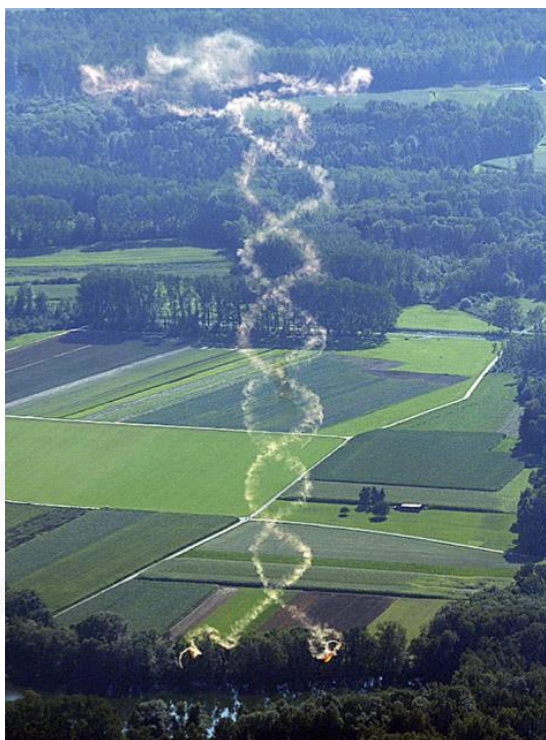
Average daytime temperature during November/December is between 28.5° and 17.5° centigrade during the day, with cooler nights.

Wind: Average wind speed is 3-5 m/s (6 – 10 knots).

Main directions: West/Northwest.

12 SITE

Skydive Dubai Palm DZ at Mean sea level (MSL).



*Aerobatic photos – Denis Balibouse – Villeneuve World Championship
Accuracy photos – Cali World Games and Malaysia Asian Championship*

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