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1 GENERAL BULLETIN

Referring to General Bulletin available at <http://www.fai.org/download/EVENTS/9953-b1.pdf> you can find information common to all sports and disciplines about the following topics:

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

2 GLIDING EVENT

During every glider flight, whether it is for pure sport or for competition, the pilot is challenged to fly as efficiently as possible. This means using our knowledge of aerodynamics and meteorology, and our skill as pilots to go as far, as high, and as fast as possible. Gliders have flown over 2500 km in a single flight, have climbed above 15000 meters altitude, and have raced around closed courses of hundreds of kilometres - faster than it is possible in a small powered airplane.

Modern gliders are the most efficient aircraft in the world. The challenge to the pilot is to exploit that efficiency to the greatest extent possible.

3 PARALLEL GLIDER RACING

The new discipline of Parallel Glider Racing is practiced in a relatively small area and is thus very entertaining for spectators. The gliders are raced two at a time. The basic idea is to complete a closed course ahead of the other glider, without exceeding the maximum allowable airspeed. To do well requires accurate control of the aircraft and a great familiarity of the capabilities of the glider. After three elimination rounds, the top two pilots fly a series of races to determine the overall winner of the event.

4 PURPOSE

There are three purposes of the Gliding event at the FAI Dubai World Air Games Dubai 2015:

- To determine a Champion.
- To foster friendship, co-operation and exchange of information among the athletes of all Air Sport disciplines.
- To promote worldwide expansion of the public image of sport aviation in general and the sport of gliding in particular.

We are grateful to our hosts, the Emirates Aerosports Federation, for providing the opportunity to come to Dubai for the purpose of celebrating Air Sport.

5 PILOTS AND TEAMS

The pilots participating in the World Air Games have been selected from the international Ranking List of competition glider pilots. These athletes have demonstrated that they are the most skilled glider racing pilots in the world. They have also served many times as ambassadors of the sport to the general public.

The pilots will represent their home countries, but will compete as individuals – there will be no national teams in this WAG discipline. There will be a total of 8 pilots invited. The pilots that have accepted their invitation to compete in Dubai, as of 8 September, 2015 are:

	Country	NAME	First Name
1	AUT	HARTMANN	Peter
2	CZE	MRACEK	Roman
3	FRA	HAUSS	Didier
4	GER	HOLIGHAUS	Tilo
5	GER	KUSSBACH	Sue
6	GER	SCHWENK	Hans Ulrich
7	ITA	GALETTO	Giorgio
8	POL	KAWA	Sebastian

6 RULES

6.1 Sporting Rules

The competition will be held in accordance with the most recent versions of:

- General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.
- Section 3 of the FAI Sporting Code.
- *FAI Rules for Parallel Glider Racing* (published in a separate document)
- FAI World Air Games General Rules (The competition is part of a wider event and as such pilots will be provided with applicable event rules and local rules at the initial competition briefing.)

6.1.1 Contact

wag@igc.fai.org

6.1.2 World Air Games and competition schedule

The preliminary schedule, subject to change, can be found in Section 9, below.

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 teams.

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

- The Pilot will be selected from the FAI Ranking List for Gliding, until the maximum number is reached.

The date of the ranking is August 1, 2015.

6.1.5 Registration

FAI Sporting 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.
- Documentary proof of medical insurance, or medical insurance card (see 6.1.6, below)
- Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), if required

6.1.6 Insurance

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

The organizer provides liability insurance coverage to third parties for the event.

6.1.7 Equipment

(See also Section 7). Pilots are not allowed to alter the instruments installed in the gliders.

For communications, the organizers will allocate VHF radio frequencies, and pilots may not use unapproved frequencies.

6.1.8 Site

There are two possible sites. The final selection will be made by the organizers and the IGC Event Liaison Officer and Event Director.

Name: Skydive Dubai (AE-0003)

Coordinates: 25° 5.393' N, 55° 8.198' E

Elevation: 0 m MSL

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Name : Skydive Dubai Desert Campus

Coordinates: 24° 53.121' N, 55° 32.846' E

Elevation: 158 m MSL

6.1.9 Safety

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

The Event Director may stop the competition for reasons of safety, and all decisions made by the Event Director with respect to safety are final.

6.1.10 Number of rounds

The number of rounds for this event will be specified in the document *FAI Rules for Parallel Glider Racing*.

6.1.11 Training Period

The organizers will provide two opportunities per pilot for practice flying, in the two days prior to the first official competition day. See Section 9.2

6.1.12 Flight Tracking

The organisers will provide flight Tracking.

6.1.13 Flight Evaluation and Scoring

The Technical Expert, under the supervision of the Event Director, will perform flight Evaluation and Scoring.

6.1.14 Penalties

Dangerous flying:

- First offence: formal warning.
- Second offence: elimination from the round.
- Third offence: disqualification from the competition.

The Event Director may impose other penalties.

6.1.15 Complaints and Protests

Complaints and Protests will be dealt with according to the procedures in SC3A Part 9 and the General Section, with the exception that the deadline for complaints and protests will, in all cases, be two hours after the decision of the Event Director.

7 EQUIPMENT

Two 18m Discus Gliders, ready to fly including parachutes and instruments, will be provided by the Fédération Française de Vol à Voile (FFVV). Gliders will be instrumented with flight recorders and tracking devices. See also Section 6.1.7.

The Local Organizers will provide Towplanes. The organizers will provide ground-tow vehicles.

8 CREWS

Assistants are considered as “non-participant” (see General Bulletin #1, [Section 11](#)) and have to arrange their own journey in Dubai. The host organizer will provide them 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 Gliding

December 2: Official arrival day / Latest arrival
 December 3-4: Practice.
 December 5 to 9: Competition days
 December 10: Earliest official departure day

<i>N = November / D = December</i>		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>		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Gliding														

	Latest Arrival & Earliest Departure		Training (Official training)
	Competition		

Beware! This schedule is subject to change. Watch for updates to this Bulletin and pay attention to the information distributed at Registration!

10 OFFICIALS

Role	Name
Event Director	Roland STUCK (FRA)
Deputy Director	Eric MOZER (USA)
Towmaster	Pierre LAULHERE (FRA)
Technical Expert and Scorer	Mira VALEK (CZE)

11 WEATHER

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

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

Main directions: West/Northwest.