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PARAGLIDING FEDERATION OF ARMENIA

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Armenian Paragliding Accuracy Cup 2023

Local Regulations

1. Objective

The objective of the competition is to determine best individuals and teams in PGA landing.

1.1 The Winner

The Winner of each category will be the individual or team with the lowest aggregate score, where appropriate. The winners will be awarded with diplomas, medals and cash prize:

Overall:

1st place – 500USD

2nd place – 300USD

3rd place – 200USD

The overall winner will get the Cup.

Woman:

1st place – 300USD

2nd place – 200USD

3rd place – 100USD

1.2 Competition Site

Lake Sevan, Armenia

1.3. Date

August 18-20, 2023. Training flights will be organized on August 18

1.4 Organizers

"Paragliding Federation of Armenia"

Event/Meet Director: Armen Sarkisyan +374 93 328322

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www.skyclub.am

1.5 Event Schedule

17-18 August 2023

Arrival, accommodation day

18 August 2023

12.00 – 18.00 Training flights depending on weather conditions.

12.00 – 20.00 registration, start numbers draw at HQ

19 August 2023

06:00 – 8:30 registration, start numbers draw at HQ

6:30-8:30 Transfer to Competition Site

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony, mandatory Pilots General and Safety Briefing on Competition Site

10:00 – 18.00 Competition Flights

14:00 – Lunch

18:30 – Transfer to Erevan or HQ

20:00 – First Day Results or Total results

20.30 – 23.00 Evening event

20 August 2023 (Reserve Date)

6:30-8:30 Transfer to Competition Site

08:00 – 09:00 – Mandatory Safety Briefing on Competition Site.

9:00 – 18:00 Competition Flights.

18:00 – 19:00 Total results.

19:00 – Award Ceremony, Closing Ceremony in HQ, Departure.

1.6 Registration

www.skyclub.am/sport/

Deadline for online registration – **16 August**, 17:00 local time.

Registration on the spot:

All pilots must register personally (by signing) at competition office on the first competition day during the registration time.

Maximum number of pilots - 100

1.7 Entry fee

50 USD – 19 of July 2023 (inclusive),

60 USD – 01 of August 2023 (inclusive).

80 USD - from 02 August until the day of registration

5 USD - a fine for not registered on the site www.skyclub.am

- Payment details will be sent to participants after their registration for the competition by e-mail or via WhatsApp or Telegram messengers.

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Entry fee includes take-offs on competition days, 1-2 lunches, souvenir, medals, diplomas.

1.8 Accommodation

The Competition Main Camp will be organized in the Wishup Shore 40.50419, 45.24968

1.9 Catering

On competition days lunch will be organized at the competition venue.

1.10 Classes

* Overall

* Female

* Teams (team – 5 pilots max)

1.11 Requirements for pilots

* Valid national PG license.

* IPPI card with ParaPro3 or higher category if national license is incompatible with IPPI categories.

Pilots should be prepared to demonstrate they have ground handling experience and skills.

1.12 Insurance

Each foreign competitor must provide certificate of medical expenses insurance valid in Armenia. Minimum coverage for this insurance shall be not less than 30000 USD and repatriation. It is prohibited to participate in the competition without health insurance.

1.13 Requirements for equipment

At any time during the championships, the organizers and officials have the right to inspect any competing glider and other equipment including, but not limited to, harness, emergency parachute, helmet, tow release equipment, footwear etc. and, if necessary, ground it for safety or non-compliance reasons.

The organizers shall apply any other penalties listed in S7C and the Local Regulations for non-compliance with class or airworthiness standards. All competing pilots are to cooperate with the organizers and officials.

* Only EN-Certified paragliders are permitted to fly.

* All pilots must fly with a harness and back protector combination in the configuration that has been tested to LTF09.

* All pilots must wear a helmet, certified to either EN966 (HPG), EN1077-A and –B (Snow Sports), ASTM 2040 (Snow Sports) or Snell RS-98, at all times while flying.

* Pilots must carry a serviceable reserve (emergency or rescue) parachute. Tow release system.

* Pilots shall make sure that they are within the maximum certified weight of the reserve parachute.

* Footwear must be suitable for a safe landing in all valid wind conditions. Heel and tip of competitors footwear must not be modified such that it can damage the automatic measuring device. Any footwear addition must be made from soft rubber.

In accordance with S7C, effective from 1 May 2022 chapter 8.3.4 Footwear.

*The organization should require pilots to carry a radio which is able to receive and transmit on the defined safety frequency. The safety frequency shall be set and used during the flying. Radio frequencies shall be specified in the Local Regulations and /or at Mandatory Briefing.

Voice activated microphones (VOX operated) are strictly forbidden.

The use of radios, mobile phones or any other means of communication to coach competitors to the target (other than for safety reasons) is strictly forbidden.

1.14 Precautions

Alcohol during competition is prohibited. Launch Marshal, Meet Director and Chief Judge have the rights to perform alcohol control before launch. Allowed alcohol concentration in blood - 0,0. Ppm.

In order to avoid damages to the target surface and automatic distance meter, use of sharp targeting things, attached to shoes outsoles are strictly prohibited. Launch Marshal has the right to check pilot's shoes before launch and any time. Chief/Event Judge has the right to check pilot's shoes after launch and any time.

1.15 Safety Director rights

Do not allow pilots to participate in competition with an inappropriate equipment.

Dismiss pilot from competition if his qualification does not comply with provided documents.

Dismiss pilot from round if pilot's qualification is insufficient for current flying conditions, which do not exceed the limits specified in this document.

1.16 Pilots obligations

Comply with competition rules, morale and ethics.

Attend briefings.

Execute instructions of the organizers.

1.17 Risk

Flight equipment and other property is everyone's personal responsibility during the competition. By registering, participant refuses of any claims to the organizers in connection with injuries and property damage.

All pilots must sign a Waiver declaration.

2 Site and Equipment

2.1 Target

The target radius is 5.00 meter. Falls will be scored to 10.00 meter. Location of the target must allow landing from any direction. Positioning of the target will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge and Meet Director after advice from the Safety Committee. The target may be relocated during the event (though, not during the same round).

The target shall be a flat practically horizontal area represented by a clearly delineated circle with the automatic measuring device located in the center. Clearly marked circles must be set at 1 m, 2 m and 5 m radius, measured from the edge of the dead center disc to mark the area where competitor's scores are determined. The marking of circles is indicative and not intended for scoring.

An additional clearly marked circle shall be set at 10 m radius, measured from the edge of the dead centre disc to signify the area within which a fall is not allowed.

Target must be of non-slippery material, even if the weather is humid or there is frost or ice.

The target and target area should be flat and free from long grass, vegetation and flora that may interfere with marking a landing point. Grass should be mown to a low level (nominally 50 mm).

The Chief Judge shall approve the target surface and set up.

Take-off from hill. Launch height approximately 100m.

2.2 Target area

The area surrounding and including the target. It will be clearly delineated with defined access restriction. Within the target area will be wind indicators, judging table, video tripod(s), spectator area, first-aid etc. The target area shall be flat and practically horizontal for a minimum distance of 30 m from the AMD.

2.3 Measuring field

Measuring field is a flat area where competitor's scores are measured. It is represented by clearly marked circle. Radius of measuring field is 5 meters. The target should be of such material (grass, sand, carpet etc.) that allows judges to define a pilot's landing point. The target must be at the same height as the landing field where it is situated i.e. not elevated or sunken. The Chief Judge and Event Judge shall determine the area around the measuring field that will be restricted to Duty competition Officials only (minimum 20 m radius from the target).

A pilot confirms his result by signing next to his score in the results list.

2.4 Indication of Wind Direction

A high visibility windsock and wind direction indicator will be located in the target area and at a minimum of 5 m above ground level. The windsock shall be a minimum of 2.5 m in length and designed to fly horizontally in winds of 6 m/s. It shall be able to free to fly and not obstructed by guy lines. It shall be bi-coloured in bright colours, in contrast to the target area so that it is clearly visible from the air, and such that a dark colour is at the tapered end and a light colour is closest to the pole.

There shall be at least four light wind direction indicators (i.e. streamers) to indicate wind direction in winds of less than 1 m/s. They should be located within each quadrant of the target area approximately 15 m from the AMD. They shall be a minimum of 2 m long and mounted so that

the trailing end is clear of the ground. They should be of a bright colour(s) in contrast to the target area and clearly visible from the air.

2.4 Wind Speed Recorder

The wind shall be recorded within 50 m of the target with the measuring sensor positioned between 5 m and 7 m above ground level. Wind sensor must not prevent a pilot to land in the target.

3 Competition

3.1 Number of Rounds

Minimum rounds - 1 maximum – 7. The results obtained in any round shall count towards individual and team scores, only when a round has been completed (i.e. all of the competitors have received a score or a penalty). In the event of a break in the competition in the middle of a round, the competition shall be resumed from where it left off.

Meet Director are encouraged to maximise the number of flights per day and may decide to start a new round even though it will not be possible to complete the round that day.

3.2 Contest Numbers

Pilots shall be drawn to random flying order. Random order shall be determined personally during registration and shall be valid during all competition day. Each pilot must display his contest number on his leg. Last round order should be set according to current results of previous rounds, starting with pilots who have accumulated maximum scores.

3.3 Take-off

Competitors must follow the determined order. Competitors not ready to start in the established flying order when called forward by the Launch Marshal or those who launched without the Launch Marshal's permission, will be liable to maximum 500 score penalty in lieu of their score for that round. Take off time – min 1,5 minutes, but may be adjusted as appropriate by the Launch Marshal.

If a Pilot has failed to take-off three times by his/her own fault, the Pilot will be liable to a maximum score penalty in for that round.

3.4 Pilots separation

Pilots flying shall separate themselves by height to ensure safe and unobscured landing at the target. Overtaking at low altitude above the target (AGL) is not allowed and may lead to maximum score penalty; it may be regarded as dangerous flying.

3.5 Signaling Reference

The official signal for pilots in the air to fly away from the target (for safety reasons) is person or persons at the Measuring field waving a red signal flag.

3.6 Re-launches

A competitor may only request a re-launch following a disputed flight by applying to the Chief Judge / Event Judge at the target before signing for his score. The competitor must register his request for re-launch with the Recorder before communicating with any other person (with the exception of the Chief and Event Judges). The Chief Judge /Event Judge may postpone a decision on a re-launch request for up to 15 minutes to be able to consult the judging team and (if Chief Judge decides so) for video evidence. At the time a re-launch is awarded the competitor's score for the disputed flight will be cancelled.

Re-launches shall take place as soon as possible during the current round or the subsequent round. If a re-launch is not awarded and the pilot refuses to sign for the score this will be deemed to be a

complaint and the time at which the complaint arose will be recorded and notified to the pilot. Refer to Complaints and Protests in S7C

Any complaint or protest with the scores must be lodged within the time specified. After the scores are posted, any score that has not been signed for is deemed to be a resolved complaint, unless a protest is lodged. At the end of this time the scores for the round will be declared as Official.

A re-launch may be granted only for the following reasons:

- **Wind Speed** - The wind speed exceeds the specified limit during the time of 30 seconds before the competitor lands. The competitor will be automatically offered a re-launch. The competitor may choose to accept the score achieved or accept a re-launch. The competitor must make a decision immediately.
- **Target Obscured** - The target is obscured during a competitor's final approach. The pilot must then make a clear signal that he is flying away and must not attempt to land on the target.
- **Judges Disagree** - The judges are unable to agree an accurate score for any reason, including non-operation of the AMD.
- **Safety Reasons** - The competitor changes his flight plans for safety. The pilot must then make a clear signal that he is flying away and must not attempt to land on the target.
- **Distraction** - There is any significant external distraction which demonstrably affects the competitor's target approach. The pilot must then make a clear signal that he is flying away and must not attempt to land on the target.
- **Judges' Discretion** - At the Judges' discretion on the grounds of a technical problem or abnormal conditions. This may be a failure with equipment, or massive sink such that a pilot is unable to reach the target or arrives with insufficient height to make a considered final approach. A re-launch may be authorized provided that the pilot does not attempt to fly to the target.

4. Limitations

4.1 Wind Speed

The maximum permitted wind speed for the competition scoring is 7.0 m/s. If it is deemed likely that the wind speed exceeds 7.0 m/s during a competition flight, the competition will be halted until the wind reaches sufficient speed. The upper winds, which are not measurable, are not taken into consideration. The wind speed shall be visible at the landing area.

5 Scoring

5.1 Method

Competitors shall be scored on the distance in centimeters between the landing point (first point of ground contact) and the edge of the dead center disc. The score shall be 0 if the landing point is at the dead centre disc. In case a pilot hits the ground at several points simultaneously (e.g. with both feet or full foot), then the furthest point shall be measured. If competitor lands outside the measuring field he scores a maximum score, which is the measuring field radius. Landing has to be made on feet. If competitor falls at landing, he scores a maximum score. Falls will be scored to 10.00 metre. A fall means if any part of the pilot's body (other than his feet) or equipment (excluding the speed system, stirrup or tow yoke) touches the ground before the wing or before the competitor has exited 10 m from the target.

5.2 Individual Scores

The score of an individual shall be the aggregate of all the scores achieved by that competitor. When five or more valid rounds are completed, the worst one individual score is dropped. Every officially registered competitor should fly at least once during the competition to remain a valid, scoring competitor.

5.3 Team Scores

The team score for each round shall be calculated as the aggregate score of the best 3 scores achieved by members of the team. In case a team has less than 3 competitors, a maximum 500 penalty scores will be awarded to the each missing team member (e.g. if there are only 3 competitors in a team, the team's score for that round will be the aggregate of the score achieved by two competitors plus one maximum score).

5.4 Tied Scores

If, due to weather conditions or time constraints, tie breaker flights cannot be flown, the pilot with the highest number of 0cm scores will be declared the winner of the tie break. If they are the same, the highest number of 1 cm scores will be considered, then 2 cm scores, etc.

5.5 Validation of Scores

As soon as possible, when the round ends the recorder will post the scores from the round (with the posting date and time clearly identified) on the main briefing board labeled PROVISIONAL. Any complaint or protest with the scores must be lodged within 1 hour of the scores being posted. At the end of the 1-hour from posting the scores the round shall be declared as OFFICIAL. Any protest with the scores after the final round must be submitted within 0.5 hour of the scores being posted. At the end of this time the scores for the round will be declared as Official.

6. Complaints and Protests

Complaints and protests shall be solved according to the Section 7 and General Section. Competition participant may give his protest to the Chief Judge or Event Director. Protests shall be given in written form pointing reasons, violated rules and demands. Giving the protest shall be paid by 50 USD deposit. If a protest is satisfied the deposit is given back. Protest is given in 1 hour after official results are declared. After the protests are considered or in case of no protests in 1 hour the results are declared as FINAL. After the final round protest must be submitted within 0.5 hour.

7. Penalties

The Meet Director or Chief Judge shall impose penalties for infringement of, or non-compliance with, any rule in the Sporting Code or Local Regulations.

The penalties imposed by the Meet Director /Chief Judge shall be at his discretion and may be one of the following:

Dangerous or aggressive flying

1st offence: warning.

2nd offence: maximum score for the round.

3rd offence: disqualification

Radio coaching

1st offence: maximum score for the round.

2nd offence: disqualification.

Abuse of officials or bringing the sport into disrepute

1st offence: warning.

2nd offence: disqualification.

*1st offence: warning could be imposed by Event Judge.

Pilot may be disqualified from current competition because of any contravention of these competition rules. Any person participating in the current competition may be eliminated in case his behaviour harms the reputation of the competition. Pilot might be eliminated from the current competition in case he raises any threat for his or any other person safety. The pilot can not exert any pressure or insult on the staff and the judges, for which pilot will be disqualified from current competition immediately without receiving first penalty as warning.

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