

Austrian Gliding Grand Prix
16. to 24. May 2009
Flugplatz Feldkirchen Ossiacher See (Österreich)

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First information for all FAI members concerning the Austrian Gliding Grand Prix.

IMPORTANT:

Please note the first deadline for preliminary entries is 31. January 2009.

Location of the Event

Flugplatz Feldkirchen Ossiacher See
(ICAO Code: LOKF), Österreich
46°42'31"N 014°04'35"E
Elevation 520 m MSL

Time Schedule

Preliminary entries due 31. January 2009
Final entries due and Payment 15. February 2009
Unofficial training 14. - 15. May 2009
Registration 16. May 2009
Official training 16. May 2009
Contest flying 17. – 24. May 2009
Closing Ceremony and Price Giving 24. May 2009, 7 pm

Competition Officials

Championship Director: Martin Huber
Deputy Director: Richard Huschka
Office/Press Director: Alfred Schretter/Michael
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Administration/Pilots: Michael Schretter
Administration/Electronic Media: Horst Blaha
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Competition Class

There will be only the 15m Class. Standard Class Gliders will be allowed to participate.

Number of Pilots

The number of entries permitted is limited to 20 for safety reasons (regatta starts). All pilots will be accepted in accordance with the order of the IGC Ranking list. Five places are reserved for international competitors.

If at the closing date of entry these places have not been taken up by international pilots they become available for reallocation to national pilots. If at the closing date there are more international entries than allocated, priority will be given according to the IGC Ranking List.

Competitors

A participating competitor must fulfill the requirements of the FAI Sporting Code, Gen. I Section 3.7 on citizenship and representation. Competitors are required to:

- have flown at least 250 hours as a pilot in command, of which at least 100 hours must have been flown in a sailplane,
- hold a valid pilot licence issued or endorsed by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered. Documentary proof of licences and certificates of airworthiness and registration of the glider shall be made available to the organising team in either german or english
- know, understand and abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the rules and procedures issued for the event.

Entry Forms

Preliminary entries should be forwarded together with a pilot's profile and digital photograph informally to gliding-grandprix@lokf.at (or via telephone +43 (0) 664 - 8910281).

Information required are:

- name and nationality
- address and telephone number including e-mail address
- type of glider and competition number
- type of flight recorder and back-up system

Preliminary entries must reach the organisers by 31. of January 2009 at latest. The official entry forms for final entries will be distributed with the next bulletin and must be returned by 15. of February 2009. Each entry will be accepted only when the entry fee has been credited to the account of the organisers (see below).

Entry Fee

Entry fee will be 275,00 EUR for each participating pilot and covers all operational costs during the championship (aero tows and accommodation not included). Full payment must be received into the following bank account by 15. February 2009 (15. March 2009 for the reserve pilots) latest to guarantee entry. The competitor must pay for all bank charges, including currency conversions charges. Do not pay until you get your participation confirmation!

Sparkasse Feldkirchen/Kärnten
BLZ: 20702
KONTO: 0000-042770
IBAN: AT072070200000042770
BIC: SPFNAT21

Rules

Dedicated rules have been set up for this event. They have been approved by the IGC Bureau. Here is an outline:

The tasks will be relatively short (< 3 hours) and the possibility of running two tasks per day is not excluded. Turn points may be set over the airfield or on well known, easily accessible mountains, for example the famous "Gerlitze" or other dominant places at the Gailtal. A maximum altitude for rounding these turn points may also be set to make things more spectacular.

The starts will be simultaneous (regatta starts) across a straight line.

The organisers will use GNSS flight path tracking equipment to give the spectators the possibility to follow the progress of the pilots during the races. The pilots will have to agree to carry the tracking units if they are required to do so. The finish line will be as close as possible to the public (bearing safety in mind!). Since the start has been simultaneous the first pilot to cross the finish line will indeed be the winner of the day.

Documentation will be by GNSS only. All flight recorders which have received IGC approval for championship by 1. January 2009 will be admitted.

The organisers will publish the coordinates of departure/ turn/ position control points and restricted areas in the required formats on the competition web site two months prior to the competition date. However, it is still the responsibility of the competitors themselves to update and load these into their flight recorders or other navigational equipment.

A simple time scoring will be used for the daily scoring. Each pilot will get his time, outlanders will get the time of the last finisher plus a penalty calculated assuming they would have covered the missing distance at a speed of 60km/h (1 mn per missing km).

After each race the flight recorders will be read and the flight path of each competitor will be checked for airspace violations or violations against rules published during the briefing for the day. The first violation equals an outlanding at the point of the violation.

The overall scores will be calculated using place scoring.

The winner will be awarded the title of Austrian Gliding Grand Prix Champion.

The number of pilots to be qualified for the 3rd FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix will be determined to IGC standards.

Accommodation

Competitors and crews can use the camping facilities at the airfield. Prices according to the official price list of the Flugsportverein Feldkirchen/Ossiachersee.

There are numerous hotels and Bed & Breakfast places close to the airfield (<http://www.lokf.at>, <http://tourismus.feldkirchen.com>).

Insurance

Third party insurance not excluding competitions is required for each participating glider. The required coverage is 1.5 million EUR for gliders. Personal medical insurance is required for all team members, covering accidents and sickness, including any local hospital costs and the costs of transport back to the team member's home country.

Public Relations

For the official program we need digital photographs and a brief summary of the careers of all pilots and team captains and possible of all team members. Please supply us with these as soon as possible but at least till 31. December 2008.

Official Homepage

More information about the Austrian Gliding Grand Prix will be soon available on the official homepage: <http://gliding-grandprix.lokf.at>