

General Briefing Notes

In accordance with “Rule 8.6 GENERAL BRIEFING ” a General Briefing on the Rules, regulations and major aspects of the event will be held at:

THE NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE, PEEL TERRACE, NORTHAM

14:30 hrs - SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023.

Attendance at the General Briefing is compulsory for all entrants and officials. The Official Competitor List will be compiled from a roll call of entrants at the General Briefing.

1. INTRODUCTIONS & OFFICIAL WELCOME

Gren Putland

2. OFFICIALS

Gary Lacey

- Event Director: Gary Lacey
- Safety Officer: John Wallington
- Meteorologist: Don Whitford
- Chief Scorer: Steve Ireland
- Assistant Scorer: Rhonda Pritchard
- Target Team Chiefs: Ian & Carol Benning
- Competitions Office Manager: Ruth Wilson
- Jury President: Gren Putland

Contact information is available on your ID tag.

3. LANDOWNER RELATIONS

Brendan Parker, Gerard Sermon, Peter Rowe

4. SAFETY BRIEFING - CASA PERMIT, RADIO PROCEDURES & REFUELLING

John Wallington

Note:- You have been provided with an electronic overlay of known power lines. No responsibility is accepted by the Event Organisers for any omissions, inaccuracies or errors in these data, or any reliance placed on them; any reliance placed on these data is at your own risk.

The Air Display Approval prevents the carriage of “Passengers”. CASA has assured us that this refers to paying passengers only. Flight crew may be carried, however a daily manifest of persons on board must be kept in writing and submitted to the Event Organisers at the end of the Event.

A number CASA Flying Operations and Airworthiness Inspectors will be present on site during the Event.

All pilots must maintain a listening watch on the Northam (YNTM) Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) – 124.20 MHz. Please make the necessary calls and respond to other traffic in the area.

5. WEATHER INFORMATION

Don Whitford – An overview for the event period.

Roll Call

6. THE RULES

II.2 - OUT OF BOUNDS (7.2)

All Blue and Red PZs are out of bounds.

II.3 - PZ LIST (7.3)

A list of all PZs was posted on the Electronic Notice Board (ENB) on 1 May 2023. – Watchmefly.net

A Whatsapp message advising this was sent to all pilots.

Diagrams of each PZ have been provided on the ENB.

Please note Yellow PZs 6, 7, 8 & 9. These are biosecurity areas. If you have to land in any of these areas due to an emergency please contact Brendan Parker or Gerard Sermon who will coordinate.

II.4 COMMON LAUNCH AREA(S) (9.1.1) & II.5 COMMON LAUNCH POINT(S) (9.1.2)

Waypoint files of all CLPs have been provided on the ENB at Watchmefly.net

- CLA1 – Airfield CLP1: - 7067/0050
- CLA2 – Putland’s CLP2: - 7613/0004
- CLA3 - Hassen’s CLP3: - 6472/0062
- CLA4 – Muresk CLP4: - 6948/8731
- CLA5 – Dempster’s CLP5: - 8048/0029
- CLA6 – Lawrence’s CLP6: - 8291/1079
- CLA7 – Peacock’s CLP7: - 8618/8903
- CLA8 – Wilding’s CLP8: - 6332/9201
- CLA9 – Claude’s CLP9: - 7869/0598
- CLA10 – Hadrill’s 1 CLP10: - 6699/0749

- CLA11 – Hadrill’s 2 CLP11: - 6733/1486
- CLA12 – Tank Bend CLP12: - 8055/9532
- CLA13 – Tank Road CLP13: - 8034/9754
- CLA14 - Carter Road CLP14: - 7879/9078
- CLA15 – Carter/York CLP15: - 7642/8995
- CLA16 – Dwyer’s CLP16: - 8754/1088
- CLA17 – Ducat’s CLP17: - 7663/1070
- CLA18 – Parker’s CLP18: - 8987/9164

II.10 - RECALL PROCEDURE (10.15)

The recall procedure will be via WhatsApp. All competitors and Crew Chiefs must register their mobile number with the Event Director. From the close of the General Briefing, the “2023 Northam Nationals” WhatsApp Group should only be used by the Event Officials for disseminating information vital to the operation of the competition. This group is not a public forum.

II.12 - GOALS SELECTED BY A COMPETITOR

Unless otherwise stated on the Task Data Sheet (TDS), goals selected by a competitor must be from the list of goals pre-published on the ENB at Watchmefly.net

These goals are waypoints created by the Event Director. Each waypoint is close (within 10m) to the intersection of two or more roads identifiable on the competition map. In reality, the waypoint may not be located at the precise intersection of the centrelines of the roads on the ground.

For scoring, the result will be the distance between a valid electronic mark and the published waypoint, calculated in accordance with Rule II.22, unless otherwise stated on the TDS.

II.17 - DETAILS FOR THE USE OF GPS LOGGERS (6)

Full instructions for setting up the Balloon Live Sensor/Balloon Live App and Watchmefly have been provided via the ENB.

II.22 - 2D/3D SCORING METHODS (12.22.2)

The separation altitude between 2D and 3D scoring in this event will be 1200ft above mean sea level unless otherwise stated on the Task Data Sheet.

II.24 – MAP COORDINATES

Goals selected by the Event Director will be in 4-4 format or will be a three-digit number from the Official Goal List.

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2.11 – RESPONSIBILITY

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.

4.3 - DUTIES OF THE JURY

Gren Putland is the Jury President. His functions during the event are those set out in Rule 4.3 and section 3.1 of the CIA Jury Handbook. He will have oversight of the competition on behalf of the ABF and ensure that the Sporting Code and the Rules are applied appropriately; he will also be available to provide advice on Rule interpretation and will verify and approve the competition results on behalf of the ABF

If a full Jury is required to hear a protest, the Jury President will be responsible for selecting two members to join him in a three person Jury. These members will be selected as follows: Firstly, the members must be selected from CIA qualified Jurors who are present at the Event. If any of these potential members are conflicted in anyway (ie they are directly involved in the matter under consideration) then it would be up to the Jury President to determine this and move on to selecting someone else. The second round choice would be from anyone present at the event that has competed or officiated at two or more FAI Category 1 events (world or continental championships).

5.10.1 - LOCATION OF OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is the Electronic Notice Board (ENB) at <https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=northam2023&v=enb> .

Results will be published on the Official Notice Board – time periods for complaints start from the time Official Results are published on the ENB – The Chief Scorer will notify competitors via WhatsApp when Official Results are published.

If needed, a fall-back paper notice board will be located at the Northam Aero Club. This fall-back option will only be used if there is a catastrophic failure of the ENB.

6.11 - FLIGHT REPORT FORM (FRF)

Each competitor will be provided with a FRF for each flight. The FRF **must be completed and signed** by the competitor and returned to competition officials with any unused markers after each flight. **The information on the FRF, particularly timing information and estimated results, greatly assist the scoring team to produce timely and accurate results.**

8.2.2 – VALID TASK

Task scores are considered published when they have been posted on the **Official Notice Board** as “Official”. Measuring lists are not considered to be “task scores”.

8.7.1 - TASK BRIEFING

Task briefings will be held at 05:15 and 15:15 in the Northam Aero Club Hangar. These times may need to be adjusted during the Event.

9.14 – LAUNCH MASTERS

Launch master will not normally be used.

10.2 - DANGEROUS FLYING

Any reports by Officials or Pilots of “dangerous flying” will be investigated and penalties may be applied having regard to the Competition Operations Handbook (2023). Please note Rule 10.1.2 regarding vertical speed.

12.3 - DECLARATIONS BY COMPETITORS

Declaring the altitude is only necessary if required by the TDS.

Note Rule 12.3.7 – Goals not meeting distance or relative altitude limitations will be scored according to the rule on distance infringements. Declarations not meeting boundaries or absolute altitude limits will be invalid.

12.5 - TARGET

Note: The target will normally be displayed within 100m of the given goal coordinates, as close as possible to the coordinates.

12.17.4 – SCORING PERIOD

Official sunset is 17:30h



Gary Lacey
Event Director
7 May 2023

FEES FOR LOST/DAMAGED ITEMS

- Marker: 25 AUD
- Balloon Live Sensor:- 900 AUD