

Monday, 8th May 2023

The Director

23rd National Ballooning Championships
Northam, WA

Dear Sir,

References: A. Flight 1, a.m. hours, Monday, 8th May 2023

B. Competitor 2 complaint submitted 9:41 a.m. Monday 8th May 2023

C. Director response to Ref B, notified as posted to ENB 10:56 a.m.

Thank you for your response ^(Ref C) to my complaint (Ref B) regarding Ref. A.

In the interim I have had the opportunity to determine a more substantial and comprehensive view of the circumstance and therefore provide, in this addendum, additional material facts for consideration.

I submit two additional grounds for seeking that scoring for Tasks 1 and 2 be voided and deemed not admissible / nor declared as counting towards the winning of the National Championship or the declaration of the Champion:

1. a review of topography, shelter and space at the launch area, considered against the wind conditions ~~in~~ ~~at~~ at the time of signalling "Green Flag"; and the observed envelope/basket behaviour in those conditions; and the siting of the balloons able to achieve upright position and minimal drag for take-off (with some lesser but still significant risk of impact); demonstrate that the Common Launch Area ^(CLA) ~~did not provide~~ as administered by the Officials, did not provide safe launch conditions for all competitors. The Officials, in administering the CLA, allowed for some competitors to exercise exclusive use of the areas sheltered by trees on the eastern boundary, rendering that feature unavailable to other competitors for lack of space, thereby according

some competitors unfair advantage. ~~either~~ The option to cancel the task(s) by showing a Black Flag, since that ^(dis)advantage was obvious, was not exercised, nor was any compensatory measure applied.

2. The Director, by your admission (at Ref 1), allowed a request by some competitors to re-position on the launch field. These repositionings resulted in balloons inflating downwind of balloons already positioned for inflation. Prior to this repositioning, the hazard of impact on take-off was not present, and the disadvantage of delayed deflation and take-off was not present. Therefore, the Officials' (or Officials') decision led to an increased risk to safe operations and accorded the competitors allowed to reposition an advantage - since their allowed new position effectively blocked flight path and closed the take off window for some competitors.

In summary, the Common Launch Area, as administered/controlled, did not provide for safe operations by all competitors, and afforded significant advantage/disadvantage to ^{some} competitors.

In conclusion, I add this evidence to my extant complaint and seek that scoring for tasks 1 and 2 be voided and deemed not admissible/nor declared as counting toward the winning of the National Championship or the declaration of the Champion.

Yours faithfully,

Damian Glebovic
Competitor 6