



## OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Pilot.

The

Sportunion Aeronautic Styria Puch

Is pleased to invite you to be part of the

44<sup>th</sup> Austrian National Hot Air Balloon Championship 2026

and

31<sup>st</sup> Styrian Hot Air Balloon Championship 2026

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### Event details

<b>Name of event:</b>	44 <sup>th</sup> Austrian National Hot Air Balloon Championships and 31 <sup>st</sup> Styrian Hot Air Balloon Championship 2026	
<b>Location:</b>	8182 Puch bei Weiz, Austria	
<b>Dates:</b>	August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 – 12:00 AM	Check In, Elementary school
	August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 13:00	Welcome Brunch
	August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 16:00	General Briefing,
	August 5 <sup>th</sup> PM – August 8 <sup>th</sup> PM	Competition flights
	August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 AM	Prize giving
<b>Event Director:</b>	Christoph FRAISL	AUT
<b>Deputy Event Director:</b>	Goran GRGIC	SLO
<b>Safety Officer:</b>	Joachim FRIESS	AUT
<b>Chief Scorer:</b>	Martin GRAF	AUT
<b>Jury President:</b>	Zoltan PALHEGYI	HUN

**Number of total entries:** The number of total entries is **limited to 30 Balloons**; the places 1 to 15 will be reserved for Austrian pilots, the remaining places will be filled up with foreign participants.  
Registration system will be “first come, first served” competition.

**Regulations:** The competition will be held as a Sporting Event of the CIA (CAT 2). The "FAI AXMER" rules, in their most recent version, will apply to this event.

**Entry fee: € 290,00**

Includes: € 20,- deposit for basket banner, digital competition map (paper map only on order), flight and weather information, small breakfast for pilot +3, Welcome brunch and Prize giving dinner for pilot +3,

**Entry fee does not include propane**

Propane will be available and be charged according to consumption (prices will be announced one week prior to the competition)

**Together with the entry fee you have to pay a gas deposit of € 200,00 which will be credited on your final payment of gas consumed.**

## Registration

The pilot registration will be online via [watchmefly.net](https://watchmefly.net)

You will get the bank account for paying the entry fee per mail, after your registration on watchmefly.net.

Registration process starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Registration Deadline will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

## Additional Information

All relevant information will be posted on the Electronic Notice Board (WMF).

This information is considered properly distributed to the participants once it is published on the Electronic Notice Board.

The competition will be conducted using BalloonLive sensors and the BalloonLive app. Each pilot is responsible for ensuring that a BalloonLive sensor is available and that the BalloonLive app is installed.

## Training

Training flights are available upon prior arrangement with the organizer.

Refuelling after Training flights is possible.

First official refuelling opportunity after the first competition flight.

## Gas Connection

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Adapters for TEMA valves or other systems must be provided by the participants.

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**Hope to see you in Puch bei Weiz**

With best regards

**The Team**

Of

**Sportunion Aeronautic Styria Puch**

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