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General Briefing Notes – Belgian Balloon Trophy 2024

-I.2 SANCTION

The championship will be valid if we can fly minimum 2 flights with a minimum of 3 tasks in total.

-I.5 PERSONNEL

Jury President: Stephen Jones

Jury Member: Lindsay Muir, When not involved.

Jury Member: Colin Weber, when not involved.

-II.1 CONTEST AREA

The digital competition-map that you received by email on 24/09/2024 is the official competition map. This completely supersedes any previous ones.

-II.3 PZ-LIST

As we will still have to deal with some military activity in the region on Thursday and Friday, there is a real chance that (temporary) changes will have to be made with regard to PZ' s and airspace. These will be communicated for each specific flight on the TDS or during the Task-Briefings.

In the PZ list, there is a PZ 23 in both Group A and Group B.

The PZ 23 in Group A keeps this number.

The PZ 23 (TSA 34A) in Group B changes to **PZ 28**.

PZ C BLUE / ELLX TMA One B / Maximum altitude is 6000ft MSL

See also the simplified map shown in the briefing room with the airlaw (Blue PZ' s) applicable.

-II.3 and II.4 COMMON LAUNCH POINTS AND AREAS

CLP's and CLA' s will be announced during Task Briefing of that specific flight.

-II.6 LANDOWNERS PERMISSION

Please be aware that you are guests using a farmer or landowner's property and their livelihood. Be respectful and ask permission according the rules.

-II.9 AIRLAW

Airlaw is included in PZ-list.

- II.13 & 5.10 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is the ENB on Watchmefly.

<https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=bbt2024&v=enb>

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-II.22 2D/3D SORING METHODS

The separation altitude between 2D and 3D in this event is **2000ft AMSL**, unless otherwise stated on the TDS. TDS always prevail.

-R9.3.1, 9.3.2 LAUNCH PROCEDURES

We will not use any launchmasters during take-off. Officials (in Hi-Viz Jackets) will be present and will give you some guidelines when necessary to avoid any collision or dangerous situation.

Quick-release tie-off is mandatory for all launches. (CLP and ILP).

-R10.5, 10.8, 10.1.3 & 10.2 BEHAVIOUR, COLLISION, BALLOON COLLISION and DANGEROUS FLYING

If a balloon touches any built structure (wall, roof, lines, etc) or trees, then the pilot must record it on his flight report form. Every failure to declare will get a penalty by up to 1000 competition points. (Rule 10.5) Today's balloons in competition multiply the risk of collision through their increased capacity for vertical speed of movement. In the event of a collision in flight, the upper balloon will, a priori, be considered responsible until such time as it is possible to prove otherwise through analysis of the flight logger track points. Any pilot thereby proven responsible for a collision in the air or on the ground, no matter what the material or human consequences are, will be penalized up to 1000 competition points in the first instance. He/she may also be banned from flying any further in the competition, and referred to the civil aeronautical disciplinary commission if his/her behavior as a pilot is considered particularly dangerous. (10.1.3).

-R12.1.2 GOALS

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

If - for some reason - there is no physical target present at the coordinates stated on the TDS, you will be scored by loggermark in 3D with separation altitude of 2000ft MSL.

-R12.6 MARKER

Pilots will receive all their markers during General Briefing. It is the responsibility of each pilot to bring their markers for the next flight.

-R12.15 LOST MARKER

Competitors have to find their markers when dropped out of the marker measuring area (MMA). Any marker dropped in an MMA will normally be measured by the measuring team. Competitors must ask for assistance from the measuring team if they want to make sure their marker has been seen and measured.

When the marker is dropped outside the MMA, and the crew collect the marker themselves, please inform the measuring team at this specific target.

In case of lost marker, a spare marker will be given for the next flight only when the pilot pays 20 euros for the lost marker.

-RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors must listen on VHF frequency 122.255 for safety matters during the whole flight. Competitors may ask their crew or other competitors for a clearance before climbing on 122.255.

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-FLIGHT REPORT FORMS

Make sure you fill in the FRF completely!

Time and estimation of each markerdrop are necessary to give you a result.

Make sure you note in the 'Launch-section' the coordinates and time of Launch in the 'remarks-section'.

Make sure you note in the 'Landing-section' the coordinates and time of landing in the 'remarks-section'.

Flight Report Forms must be completed on Watchmefly.net as quick as possible and maximum NINETY (90) minutes after the landing of that specific flight !! When there are problems during your retrieve, please contact the competition director and ask for an 'extension of time' : +32 477.16.02.73.

If the FRF is received too late without an extension of time you may be penalized up to 1000 points!

-BLA OR BLS FAILURE

Please contact Chief Scorer Erwin Pellegrom on 0031 655 76 07 20 by phone.

-POWERLINES

Watch out for powerlines in this area. There are a lot of smaller and/or lower powerlines with high voltage. There are not always shown on map, or clearly visible.

BRIEFING TIMES

Morning-flights: 6.45hr LT.

Evening-flights: 16.00hr LT.

Briefing room will be available approximately 15 minutes before start of the briefing.

LOST MARKER

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Extra information:

Emergency & retrieve number: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Extension of time: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Landowners relations: 0032 486 77 44 22 (Bart Seresia, Event Manager)

Emergency Services: 112

Logger or scoring: 0031 655 76 07 20 (Erwin Pellegrom, Chief Scorer)

Sunrise: 07.50hrs LT – Sunset 19.10 hrs LT -- Obligated Frequency: 122.255 MHz