

Joint Complaint

Competitor N°8 – Steven Vlegels

Competitor N°23 – Nico Betzen

Competitor N°28 – Kenneth Karlstrom

Dear Jonas,

Subject: We hereby want to complaint against cancellation of task 10 as detailed in your statement on the ENB of BBT2026 and quoted below:

“At the moment of the decision – near Task 10 – there was sudden and unexpected fog formation that increased in thickness. Because not all pilots had yet performed a marker drop on Task 10, and because not all pilots were given an equally fair chance to achieve a score on Task 10 as well, we have decided to cancel Task 10”

Arguments:

1. Changing conditions frequently occur during tasks, e.g. sudden windshifts that limit the chances of certain pilots to reach a target but these are never a reason for task cancellation. Safety issues can of course be a valid reason, but this was here NOT the case as the approach to task 10 could be performed under VMC conditions.
2. The majority of the pilots DID achieve a marker drop within the MMA for task 10, which demonstrates that there was a fair chance to achieve a score.
3. As per the general briefing notes, point II.10 cancelling tasks should be done by Whatsapp. This was correctly done for task 11 – Elbow but NOT for task 10.

Conclusion:

based on the above, we kindly request you to reconsider the decision about cancellation of task 10.

Best Regards,

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