

Belgian Balloon Trophy 2026

SUBJECT: Reply on complaint pilots #8, #23, #28 from 16/05/2026 at 15:39hr LT.

Dear pilot 8,
Dear pilot 23,
Dear pilot 28,

First of all, I wish to point out that what you have written regarding the cancellation of results is incorrect.

I refer to R.8.2.2 in this regard.

Only measurements from the target team were published on WMF.

No provisional or official results have ever been published for Task 10.

As for the weather conditions;

As many have been able to observe, fog at the location of Task 10, and in the area in the flight path thereafter, rolled in very quickly.

At that moment, some pilots had already passed over, or were very close to the target. Others, however, were still far away from the targets in Task 10.

As soon as I assessed the situation regarding the weather conditions in question, we made the decision to cancel Task 11.

Because quite a few pilots were still flying over or near the target at the time of the cancellation of Task 11, they were still dropping – or trying to drop – their marker on this task.

The conditions concerning visibility undoubtedly influenced their result.

Additionally, there were pilots who had not yet passed this target but landed due to the deteriorating weather conditions and visibility before there was a chance to drop their marker in Task 10.

In my opinion, everyone in a competition should be given a fair chance to achieve a result to the best of their ability under the same conditions.

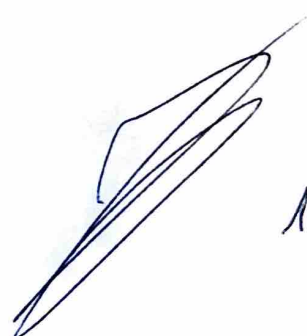
We all know that weather conditions will never be the same for everyone, certainly not in a hilly flying area, but severely deteriorating visibility that develops into fog means that in this specific case, certainly not everyone had the same equal chances to achieve a result to the best of their ability.

For this I refer to R8.2.2 that the director has the authority to cancel a task(s) for safety reasons or for a reason out of the control of the director, at any time before the official status task scores are published.

I refer to my statement 'Cancellation of tasks, Morning flight 16/05/2026 posted at 11:32, published on the ENB', and hereby stand by the decision to cancel both Task 11 and Task 10.

Sincerely,

Jonas Maes
Event Director



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