



General Briefing

17.08.2025 - 11:00



General Briefing Info

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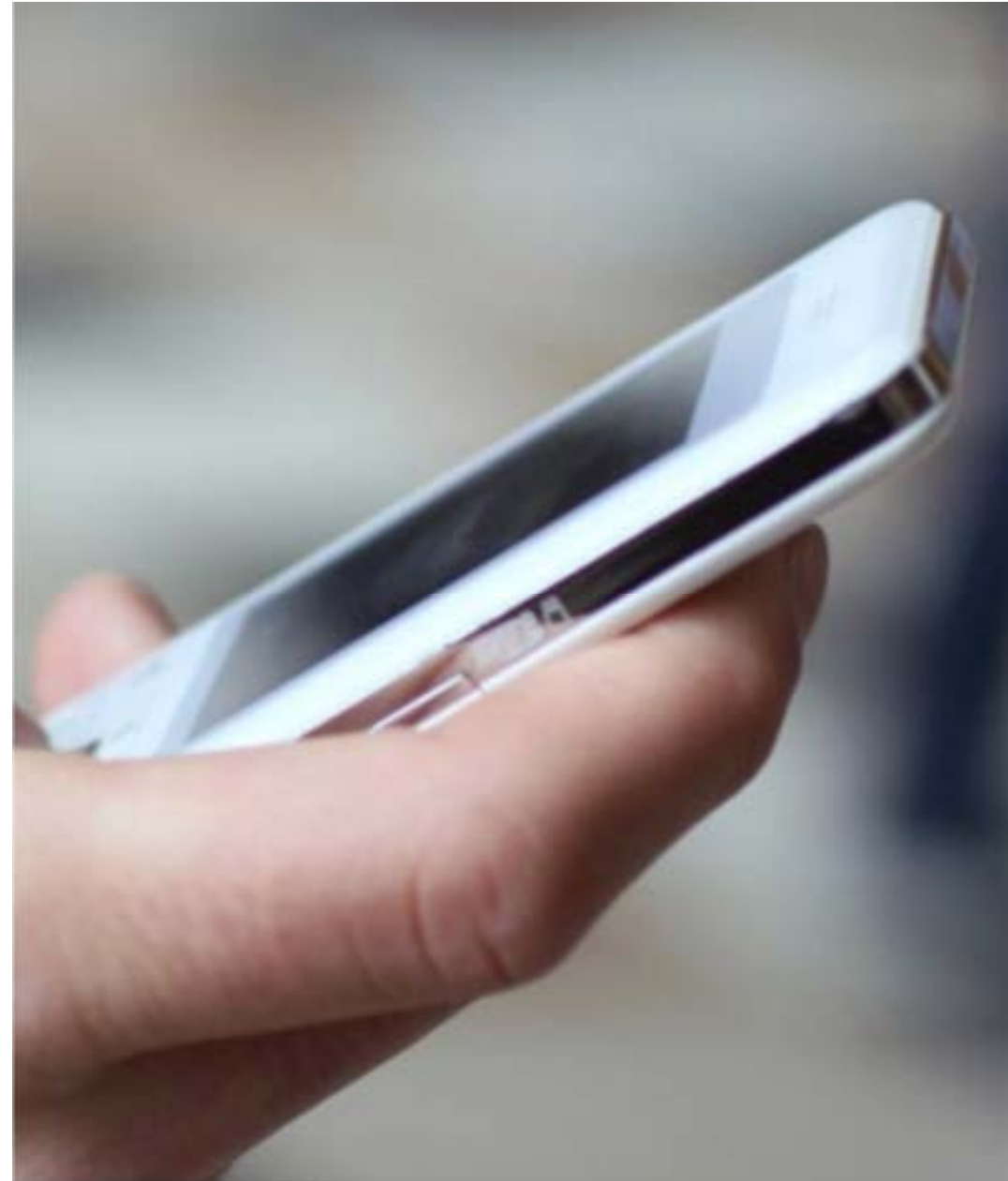
timetable



Sunday, 17.08.2025			
11:00 loc	13:00 loc	General Briefing and Opening Lunch	Messehalle 10
17:00 loc	20:00 loc	Task Briefing and Flight 1	Messehalle 10
20:00 loc	23:30 loc	Refuelling	See ENB
Monday, 18.08. – Friday, 22.08.			
4:00 loc	5:00 loc	little Breakfast	Messehalle 9
5:00 loc	9:00 loc	Task-Briefing and Flight	Messehalle 10
8:00 loc	11:30 loc	Refuelling	See ENB
17:00 loc	20:00 loc	Task-Briefing and Flight	Messehalle 10
20:00 loc	23:30 loc	Refuelling (on Friday only if needed)	See ENB
Friday, 22.08.			
21:30 loc	02:00 loc	Nightglow and Hot Air Party	Volksfestplatz 1
Saturday, 23.08.			
8:30 loc	10:30 loc	Check Out and Gas payment	Messehalle 10
10:30 loc	12:30 loc	Closing Ceremony and Prizегiving	

TEST Recall

WhatsApp group
“EHABC – RECALL
and ED-Information”



CLP



CLP



Refuelling



Windreading



Piball data available

ascend:

03:00 am (data on the met Sheet at the briefing)

05:30 am (after the briefing, image of the print via WhatsApp Recall-Group)

05:30 pm (after the briefing, image of the print via WhatsApp Recall-Group)

CheckIn for the briefing



People in the Briefing



EVERYBODY is invited to join the briefings, IF it is silent!

Markers



Distribution of all markers (latest) at the general briefing
Measured markers will be returned to pilots at next briefing (on your table)

Drones and Social Media



- Normal regulation apply
Possible penalty under 3.10 & 13.1.2
- Official drones: Carsten Fischer

Respectful flying score



FAI Ballooning Commission | FAI World Rankings | FAI Events | FAI Balloon Live

watchmefly Home Competitions Pilots Balloons Competition Center Target Support Christoph

Respectful Flying Score - Christoph FRAISL

Your Respectful Flying Score: 100% Green
Last Calculated: 08/08/2025 02:00 UTC

You currently have no penalties in the last 24 months that have deducted points from your RFS.

Respectful Flying score (RFS)

Source: [FAI Competition Operations Handbook Version 2024](#)

When a pilot is penalized for an incident, it is upon a decision by the event director. There is a well-defined and well-working scheme and these penalties will remain. The existing penalty types "task point penalty" and "competition points penalty" will also remain.

The event rules will clearly determine which penalties (by rule or upon director's decision) will be marked as "counted for respectful flying score". The attributed task or competition points will then automatically be flagged as such and later used to calculate the "Respectful Flying Score".

A pilot's "Respectful Flying Score" (RFS) will be 100% if he has received no penalties in the past 24 months. The score will decrease with each penalty and will be calculated according to the following formula:

$$RFS = 1 - (\text{Total of all RFS-penalties of the past 24 months}) / 1500 \text{ in } \%$$

RFS cannot be below 0%

Example: A pilot has the following RFS-flagged penalties applied to his scores in multiple events in the past 24 months :

- Event A - task 3 : 200 points under rule 10.1
- Event A - task 12 : 150 points under rule 10.2
- Event B - task 2 : 250 points under rule 10.2
- Event C - task 5 : 200 points under rule 10.2

- Your Pilot Profile
- Your Balloon Live Data
- Your File Library
- Your Respectful Flying Score
- Account Settings
- Logout

10.2 Dangerous flying penalty



Limit	3D Proximity	Relative Vertical Speed
Limit 1	25 m	3 m/s
Limit 2	50 m	5 m/s
Limit 3	75 m	8 m/s>

Limit 4: Exceeding the absolute vertical ascent speed of 8 m/s will be penalized.

ENB - watchmefly.net



A screenshot of the watchmefly website. The header includes the 'watchmefly' logo and navigation links: Home, Competitions, Photo, Balloons, Competitor Center, Target, and Support. The main heading is '23rd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship' with a breadcrumb trail: Home / Competitions / 23rd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship. Below this is a banner for 'Wieselburg, Austria' with a local time of 14:26:28. The banner features a colorful illustration of hot air balloons over a landscape and the text 'Wieselburg 16. - 23. August 2025' and '23rd FAI EUROPEAN'. A navigation bar below the banner contains icons for Event Details, Results, Task Data, Newsboard, Photo, and Officials. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled '16 August 2025 - 23 August 2025' and contains a letter to pilots: 'Dear pilots, The Ballonverein Wieselburg Club cordially invites you to the 23rd FAI Hot Air Balloon European Championship 2025. This will take place from August 16 to 23, 2025 in Wieselburg, Lower Austria. Come to an unforgettable competition in one of the most beautiful regions in Austria, we will do everything we can to offer you an exciting and challenging event. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a safe journey! Best regards,'. The right column is titled 'Competition Details' and lists: Director: Martin Wegner, FAI Sanctioned - CAT 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 Sporting event, Continental Championship, and Combined Logger/Marker Event.

Provisional results will be published and updated as soon as possible



Rules

Section I – Any questions?



Rules

Section II

II.3 PZ1 – blue PZ



Above 4.500ft we have airspace „E“, that means transponder is mandatory!

For our competition flights we have the permission to fly here in our competition area WITHOUT transponder!

II.3 additional Red PZs



PZ09: 0664 – 2405 radius = 200m 1.500ft (horses)

PZ10: 1807 – 2607 radius = 200m 1.500ft (horses)

II.4 CLA



We have an additional CLA2
CLP2: 9664 – 2517 1.050ft



II.6 Landowner Permission



II. 6 LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION (9.2.2)

Additionally to Rule 9.2.2 the following applies: A take-off without permission may be made from minor roads or tracks (only roads and tracks that are shown on the official competition map!), if the balloon envelope can be laid out in the adjacent field and provided, it is freshly harvested and/or not cultivated and no damage is done. The road traffic may not be obstructed.

This applies to both rules 9.2.2 and 11.6 (Landowner Permission)

Take-off and landings will be observed, not only by tracks.

Penalties up to 250 task points!

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II.12 GOALS SELECTED BY A COMPETITOR



- Delete “yellow”

II. 12 GOALS SELECTED BY A COMPETITOR (12.2), GOAL CENTER (12.1)

In this competition, only target crosses and "virtual" goals are used. To identify a virtual goal, the competitor must declare it as written in the Task sheet. No goal selected by a competitor shall be within blue, **yellow** or red restricted areas.

II.18 GPS-Loggers



- **Declarations in 4/4**

Balloon

Live



Setup

Latest app version: 2035

Latest BLS firmware version: 4.19

Operation recommendations



Recommendations for Balloon Live Sensor operations with the Balloon Live app

The Balloon Live Sensor (BLS) and Balloon Live App (BLA) are designed to track your competition flight tracks and store all user input like marker drops and goal declarations in a safe and tamper proof way.

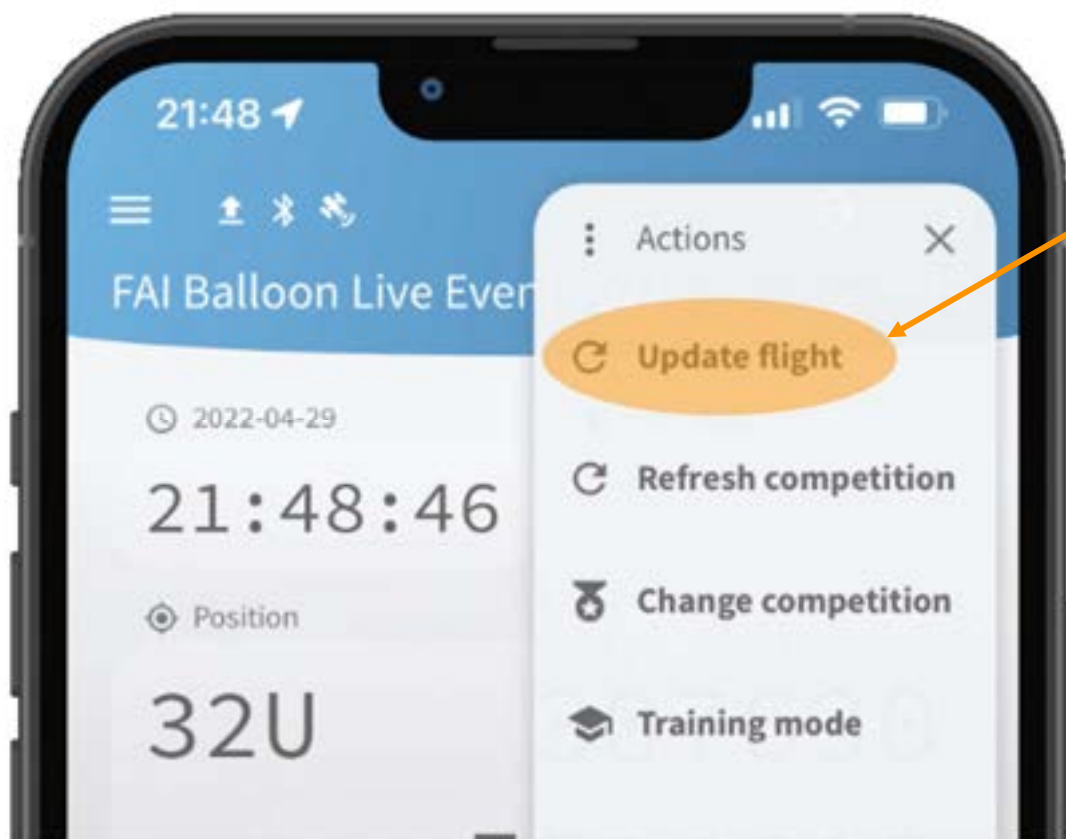
This is achieved by continuous communication between the two sides through a Bluetooth connection. GPS data is sent from the BLS to the BLA, while any declaration or marker drop executed in the app will be copied to the BLS for signing and safe storage. For that reason, it is essential that the communication should not be interrupted once a flight has been started in the app.

If communication is interrupted while the app attempts to interact with the BLS, especially when dropping a marker or finalizing a goal declaration, this can result in unwanted behavior depending on the type of phone/tablet being used. In the worst case it could make the app unresponsive. If it hangs, force stop and restart the app, e.g. for Apple double tap the home button and swipe the app to the top.

To have the best experience with Balloon Live and avoid any unnecessary stress in the basket, we recommend following these tips:

1. At around briefing time, make sure to refresh the flight information in the Balloon Live App while you still have good mobile data or wireless signal. This may not be the case later at the launch site, if you decide to take off from a deep valley or when huge crowds of people are around.
2. As soon as you begin setting up your equipment at the launch area, take your BLS out of the car to have a clear view of the sky and turn it on, so that it has sufficient time to find a GPS signal. Usually, a position fix will be acquired fairly quick, but depending on the satellite positions and antenna orientation this could take up to two minutes.
3. Start the flight in the app before you declare goals or latest before hot inflation. Make sure that the app is connected to the BLS when starting the flight. Do not stop the flight recording anymore until take off.
4. While declaring a goal, make sure that the BLS and the device running the app are in proximity so that a GPS signal can be received and the declaration can be copied to the BLS. The app should NOT show "BLS disconnected". Don't attempt to declare a goal when you are at the other end of the launch area while your BLS stayed at the basket. Either take the BLS with you, or better, make your declarations when you're back at the basket.
5. During the flight avoid switching away from the Balloon Live app to other apps, as the operating

Update flight data



Update flight data during briefing

BLS & Balloon Live App



Connect BLS **BEFORE** the start of the flight recording!

Disconnect BLS **AFTER** flight recording has been stopped!

NEVER INTERRUPT CONNECTION DURING FLIGHT !!!

After landing



1. Stop flight



2. Upload track



FLIGHT REPORT FORM

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🏆 WatchMeFly Demo Event 2022

Flight 2 - Sunday 14 Aug 2022 AM

📄 Task Data Sheet

⬆️ **Estimated Launch:** 06:53:50
Position: 5732 / 8804

⬇️ **Estimated Landing:** 08:25:13
Position: 5106 / 7985

POST FLIGHT CHECKLIST

- 📱 Balloon Live App **Tracking Finished**
- 📄 Flight Report Form **Not Submitted**
- 📏 Markers **Need Returning**
- ⚙️ More options >

⚠️ Please contact the event officials if any of the data above is incorrect

If any orange, come to debriefing (before refuelling)

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📏 Markers **All Dropped**

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FLIGHT REPORT FORM

Minimum data



- ✓ Time and coordinates of take off and landing
- ✓ Estimates of results
- ✓ Latest 1 hour after scoring period ends

→ Warning, then penalty 50TP

Run a test flight!

Even if you don't fly, start a flight and give us some track points, marker drops and declarations to check if your system works!



Rules

General Clarifications

General Clarification



Entrance to briefing room
20' before briefing time

Task data sheet and
weather sheet may be
published on ENB before
the briefing

Task data sheet		Flight PF 2	
		Date 16/06/2025 - AM	
		Tasks #4, #5, #6, #7	
Launch area	Individual launch	Sunrise/Sunset	06:02 / 20:02 loc
Launch period	06:02 - 06:30	Min. CLP → all goals	20m
PDs in force	all active	Next briefing	17:00
Solo flight	not required	QNH	1018
Task	4 FIN Fly In (Rule 13.4)	Task order	in order
	a. Position of set goal/target	0455/2871 - 927ft	
		MMA	R30m
		Marker color	yellow
		Marker drop	gravity
		Loggermarker	1
Scoring period	ends at 07:30:00		
Scoring area	entire contest area		
Task	5 JDG Judge Declared Goal (Rule 13.2)	Task order	in order
	a. Position of set goal/target	0893/2868 - 853ft	
		MMA	R30m
		Marker color	white
		Marker drop	gravity
		Loggermarker	2
Scoring period	ends at 07:30:00		
Scoring area	entire contest area		
Task	6 JDG Judge Declared Goal (Rule 13.2)	Task order	in order
	a. Position of set goal/target	1789/2792 - 877ft	
		MMA	R30m
		Marker color	red
		Marker drop	free
		Loggermarker	3
Scoring period	ends at 07:30:00		
Scoring area	entire contest area		

General Clarification



- All markers not listed on the task sheet are unauthorized markers according Rule 12.5
- If the pilot does not declare an altitude, the altitude is automatically calculated at the altitude separation line of 1,500 ft
- ALL declarations are valid and will be scored based on the percentage of infringement. Only declarations made outside the competition map are invalid.
If a clearly defined limit (e.g., declaration BEFORE a grid line) or time (before the start/green flag) has been specified and this is violated, the declaration is invalid.

General Clarification



- A physical marker is valid, when it's within the given time/scoring period ON the ground.
- Targets are displayed within 100m around the goal coordinates.
- No Cars within 100m around a displayed target!
- Don't block roads or drive dangerous!
- Lost markers will cost 20 Euro!



Communication with Officials

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Communcation with Officials



EVERY Issue, question, problem or later on (if needed) complaint/protest, **ONLY via Stephanie and Nathalie!**

Best way: Text, Speech or (high quality) photo via WhatsApp

NO direct contact to Scorers, Targets or Chiefs! They will ignore it!

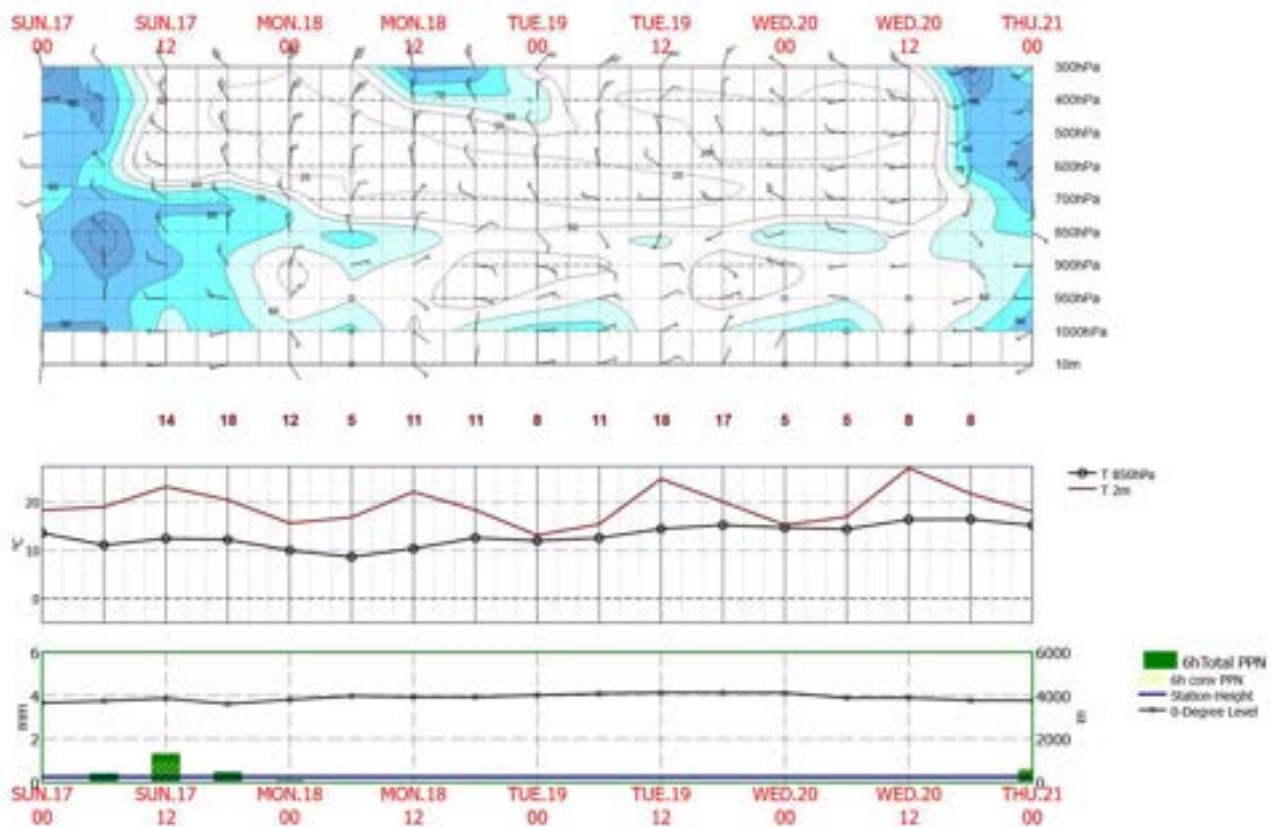


Weather forecast

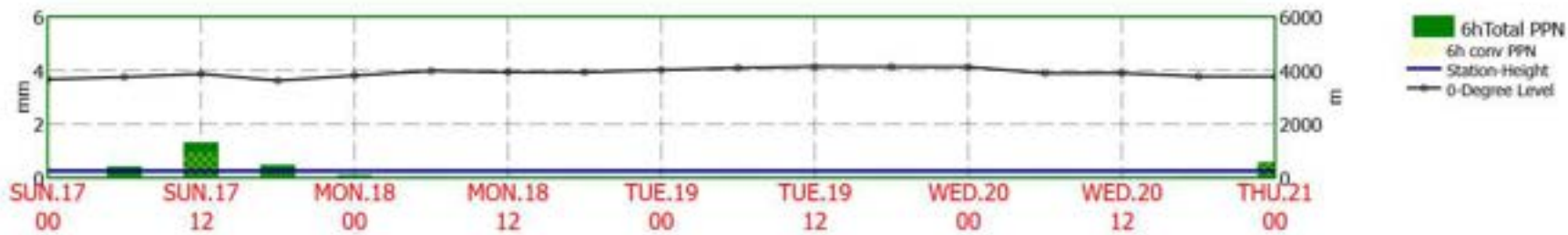
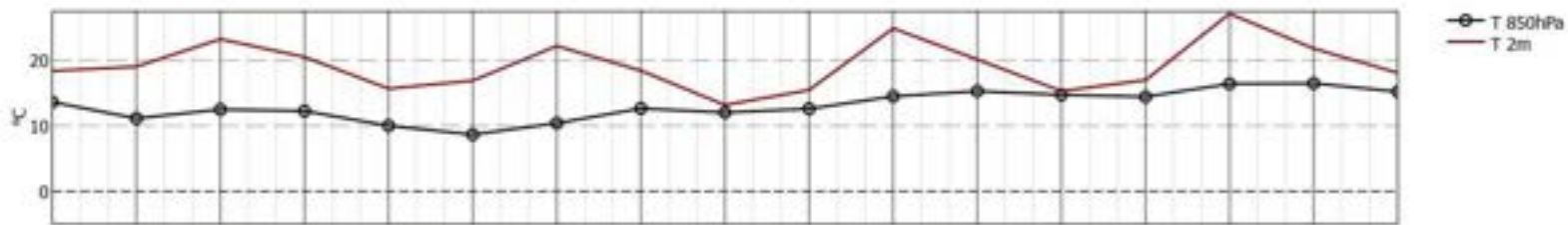
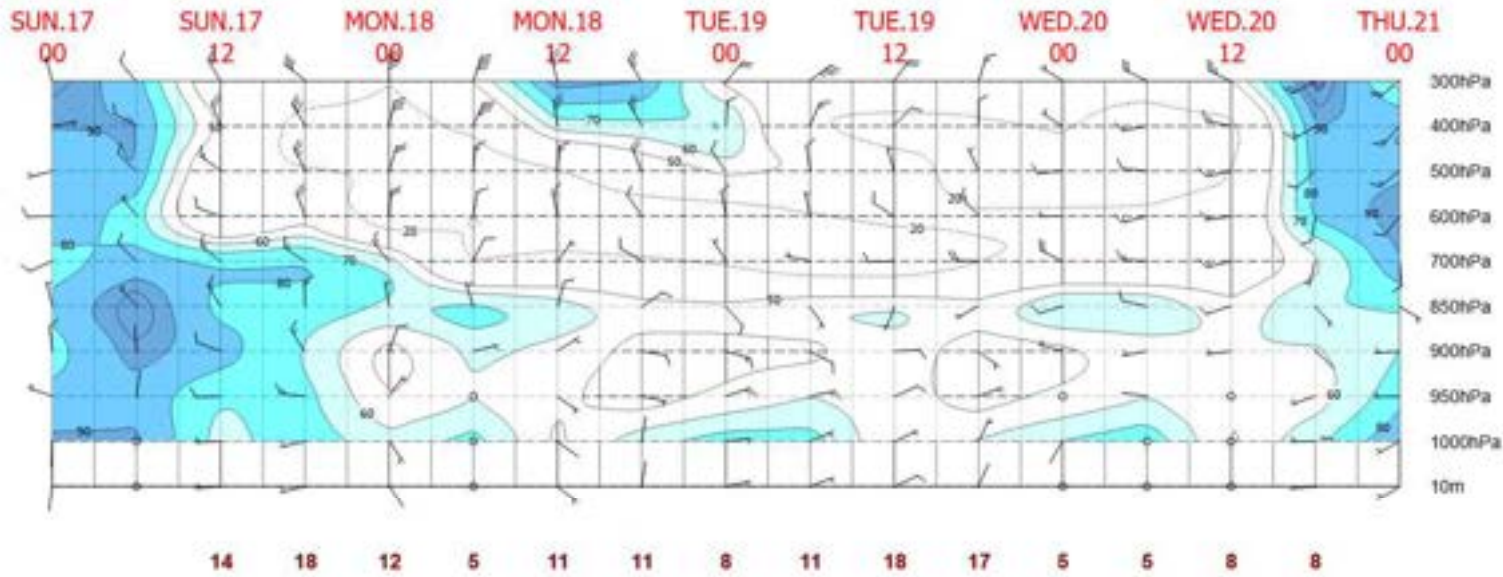
Weather forecast



11379 WIESELBURG 259 m (Model:310 m) 17.08.2025 00:00



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Safety

Safety guidelines



General Safety Guidelines

BALLOON AND FLIGHT OPERATION (ref. Rules 2.11 & 2.12)

It is each pilot's responsibility to ensure that the balloon is properly rigged in accordance with the manufacturer's flight manual in terms of good safety practice.

Make sure that there are no sharp edges inside basket, burners and competition numbers shall be attached with any sharp ends of the fasteners on the inside of the basket.

The fuel system and fittings should be checked to ensure that they meet the manufacturer's requirements.

GUIDELINES (ref. Rule 2.11)

1. Check for damaged or burnt envelope fabric and ensure it does not exceed the allowable damage requirements of the balloon manufacturer's manual.
2. Check that all fasteners are properly attached and properly closed.
3. Check that all fuel hoses meet the manufacturer's specifications and are properly secured within the basket.
4. Check that fuel hoses from the burners are correctly routed and cannot get trapped by persons or equipment on board.
5. Check that there are no objects, which compromise safety, on top of tanks. Ensure that equipment on board is properly closed.
6. Check that nothing is attached to the fuel hoses except fuel cylinders.
7. For any incident or accident, a report should be made and a copy given to the Event Director as soon as possible.
8. Pilots who have concerns about the airworthiness of any balloon should contact: Safety Officer.
9. When approaching a goal or making a landing, a competitor shall make a controlled descent, based on his experience and the balloon performance. (ref. Rule 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3)

SAFETY ON GROUND

1. Officials are reminded to wear their coloured SAFETY VEST when they are on duty.
2. Stopping on the road - traffic jams. Please take care and keep people and vehicles on the roadside while you are waiting. Do not park your car in front of private houses or entrances anytime.
3. Competitors have full responsibility when stopping markers or anything else from the balloon.
4. When making a final landing, you have to pay attention to the public. If you land on private land, you are requested to get permission to drive on to it. If you use a public road, you MUST pay attention to others using the road. Do not interfere with others using the road.
5. Recall phone: Cell phones used for rd all must be turned off and switched on at all times.
6. No Smoking at any launch site.
7. Helium cylinders and other heavy items, transported in the car must be properly secured.
8. Inflation Harness (Rule 3.6.2)
A quick-release tie-off must be used in common launch areas and are recommended in individual launch areas. The rope of the tie-off shall be tied to a secure point of the vehicle, not to the trailer.

PROPANE REFUELING INFORMATION & WARNINGS

AREA:	SAFETY PERIMETER around the LPG refueling station is OFF LIMITS for everybody except operators and safety officer. Pilots and experienced crew members under the responsibility of the pilot are allowed within the manifold refueling area and only for refueling purposes.
ACCESS & EXIT:	See map in your General Briefing documentation.
UNLOADING & LOADING:	Cylinders must be removed from baskets and carried to the refueling.
SAFETY:	Within the REFUELING PERIMETER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PROPANE CAN BE EXPLOSIVE! All possible sources of ignition must be kept away from the refueling area.• No nylon clothing, banners, flags, etc... allowed in the refueling area.• Only two persons per vehicle in the refueling area.• Only experienced persons (pilot or crew) will be allowed to refuel.• No consumption of alcoholic drinks in the refueling area.• Persons who appear to be intoxicated will not be allowed access to refueling.• No dogs or other pets in vehicles during refueling.• No radios, cellular phones, pagers, camera or other electronic items in use.• No loitering in the refueling area after refueling.• Always wear gloves in the refueling area.• Follow the instructions of the refueling personnel.• ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING!
FUEL DUMPING:	Fuel dumping after the event is not permitted. Please ask the Propane operator for instructions if you wish to empty your cylinders after the event.
AUTHORITY:	Safety Officer, Stewards DOPGAS Propane Operator

ALL PROPANE HANDLING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS permanently apply everywhere. This includes **FULL VENTING** on any CLP. In addition to a **competition penalty** for the concerned competitor, any crew member contravening any safety precaution or instruction will be permanently banned from the refueling area.

Wien/Österreich,
August 2023

Goran Špink, Safety Officer
Martin Weyner, Event Director

Incident reaction





Life threat → Call 112, then organiser

In other cases → Call organiser



BE AWARE



-  DO NOT share pictures, videos
-  DELETE shared live video if possible
-  DO NOT speculate
-  DO NOT give information to public / press



Questions?