

32nd Lithuanian Hot air balloon championship

Birštonas, Lithuania

GENERAL BRIEFING NOTES

v.1 16.05.24

I.5 Personnel Jury

President of Jury is Mindaugas Lyčius, all others jury members we will elect from not interested pilots if needed.

I.9 Language

All printed material will be given in English and verbally interpreted in Lithuanian. Amended information and verbally communication in briefings will be in Lithuanian.

II.10 PZ List

No.	Color	Center point coordinates	Radius m	Altitude ft AMSL	Description
PZ1	Red	34U 686537/6051970	500	1200	Horses
PZ2	Red	See Map	-	1200	Wildlife Punia
PZ3	Red	See Map	-	1200	Birds
PZ4	Red	35U 323310/6075505	1000	2600	Power plant
PZ5	Red	35U 322016/6064210	200	1000	Wind turbine
PZ6	Red	35U 314554/6050905	500	1200	Horses
PZ7	Red	See Map	-	700	Power plant
PZ8	Red	See Map	-	6500	Military If active EYR34
PZ9	Red	See Map	-	6500	Military if active EYD11
PZ10	Blue	See Map zone B	-	4000 (3000)	Air space reserved: 03:00 - 05:00 and 16:00 – 19:00 UTC
PZ11	Blue	See Map zone A	-	1200	TMA Kaunas sector A
PZ12	Blue	See Map zone C	-	6500	TMA Kaunas sector C
PZ13	Blue	See Map zone D	-	6500	TMA Vilnius sector D
PZ14	Blue	See Map zone C'	-	3000	TMA Vilnius sector B
PZ15	Blue	See Map zone G	-	9500	Airspace class G

Flying in Blue PZ will result in penalty (according to the rules up to disqualification from competition)

II.10 Recall procedure (r.10.15)

Recall procedure will be made by WhatsApp group created especially for this event before the first task briefing. The phone number given at check-in shall be turned on throughout the event. Crews will be allowed to join group, just for monitoring communication.

II.12 Goal selected by competitor (r.12.2)

Competitors will not be required to declare goals by reference to land and/or map features. When declaring a goal, competitors will be scored to the declared altitude and coordinates. If altitude is not declared when required, pilot's score will be measured to separation altitude (II.22) 600 ft. The goal selected by competitor must not be:

- ✓ Within 200 meters of a red PZ in force.
- ✓ Within a blue PZ in force.

Pilot who declares a goal to a wrong slot will be penalized by 25 task points (II.18)

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- 1. Briefings** Briefings are planned 4:45 and 19:00 local time in Birštono sporto centras. Times and/or location may be changed in task data sheet or at WhatsApp group. Please turn off all ringtones and all other beeping modes on all your devices during the briefing.
- 2. Wind reading** Wind readings results made by officials will be available at task briefings and WhatsApp group
- 3. Competition numbers** On the car and trailer must be just valid numbers provided by organizers, all others from previous competitions shall be removed or crossed with black tape. Competition numbers on the baskets shall be attached with no sharp ends.
- 4. Vertical speeds** Vertical speed will be monitored at any single moment of flight according to respectful flying score (RFS). Vertical speed limits apply to a certain difference in vertical speed at a 3D distance between balloons:
Limit 1 – more than 3 m/s at less than 25 m.
Limit 2 – more than 5 m/s at less than 50 m.
Limit 3 – more than 8 m/s at less than 75 m.
Limit 4 – 8 m/s or more than ascend speed for more than consecutive 5 seconds.

After track analysis by software infringement will be penalized according to rules and COH
- 5. Safety** Make sure that there are no sharp edges outside the basket.
A quick – release tie – off must be used the proper way regardless the construction in any single flight
- 6. After flight** Pilot shall send track by electronic means (via Balloon Live application or shared with scorers if requested). Flight report form (FRF) shall be filled as quick as possible out online – Watchmefly.net. indicate 4/4-digit coordinates of your ILP and LND.
If you are late uploading the track, FRF please phone and inform scorers about the reason.
- 7. Markers** The pilot will receive all markers used for competition and is responsible for handling markers for each flight.
- 8. Responsibility** Permanently lost markers cost to competitor 10 euro each. Markers for the following flight will be provided to the competitor after a fine is paid to the measuring team boss – Jolanta.
Lost (or irreparably damaged) Balloon Live sensor provided by organizers – 400 euro.
- 9. MMA's** When the natural border of a field is closer than the MMA radius set in TDS it is implied that MMA is bounded by the natural border. If needed for safety reasons or smooth operations TGT may be shifted from given goal coordinates within 100 m.
- 10. Provisional results** Provisional results may be published before all the evidence has been analyzed by scorers. Plots are welcome to ask for assistance (5.1) after provisional results are published.
- 11. Refueling** Obey refueling rules and instructions given by refueling chief. Coordinates of refueling site are 0767/5467 (city market parking) traffic direction in refueling site is counterclockwise (one way).

Refueling times

07:00 – 10:00 and 21:00 – 23:00

Possible changes to refueling times may be announced on electronic notice board.