

Panemunis Cup 2025

Birštonas, Lithuania

GENERAL BRIEFING NOTES

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I.5 Personnel Jury

The jury president and jury members will be selected from among the competitors during the general briefing.

I.9 Language

The rules and information circulated to competitors, or issued during the event, shall be in **English** and, at the discretion of the organiser, in **Lithuanian**. In all cases of interpretation, the **English-language version shall prevail**. (GS 4.5.4)

Printed materials (e.g., Task Data, Meteorological Information, etc.) shall be in **English** and may additionally be provided in **Lithuanian**. Verbal communication during briefings will be conducted 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)

The recall procedure will be carried out via a dedicated WhatsApp group created specifically for this event prior to the first task briefing. The phone number provided at check-in must remain switched on and monitored throughout the entire event. Crews will be allowed to join the group for the purpose of monitoring communications only.

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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 based on the declared coordinates and altitude. If altitude is not declared when required, the competitor's score will be calculated using the separation altitude (II.22) of 600 ft. The declared goal must not be:

- Within 200 meters of an active red PZ.
- Within an active blue PZ.

A competitor who declares a goal into a wrong goal declaration slot will be penalized by 25 task points (II.18).

In the event of GPS signal disturbances during the competition, tasks will be selected and designed in a way that competitors are not required to rely on map-based goal declarations or visual land features whenever possible.

In case of possible GPS failure

In case of possible GPS signal interference during the competition, all competitors are **required to have a printed map** of the competition area in their basket at all times.

If such interference occurs, tasks will be adjusted accordingly to minimize reliance on electronic navigation. Whenever possible, organizers will design tasks using **physical markers** and **clearly visible reference points**, reducing or eliminating the need for virtual goal declarations.

This measure is intended to ensure fair competition conditions and maintain flight safety in situations with limited GPS availability.

1. Briefings

Briefings are planned at 5:00 and 19:00 local time at Panemunio sodyba. Times and/or location may be changed as indicated in the task data sheet or announced in the WhatsApp group. Please turn off all ringtones and other sound notifications on all your devices during the briefings.

2. Wind reading

Wind readings made by officials will be available at task briefings and posted in the WhatsApp group.

3. Competition numbers

Only the valid competition numbers provided by the organizers shall be displayed on the car and trailer. Any numbers from previous competitions must be **completely removed or clearly crossed out using black tape.**

Competition numbers on baskets must be **securely attached** and **must not have any sharp or protruding edges** that could cause injury or damage.

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 ballons:

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

Ensure that there are no sharp edges protruding outside the basket.

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A quick-release must be used properly on every single flight, regardless of the basket's construction.

6. After flight

Pilots shall submit their flight track electronically, either via the Balloon Live application or by sharing it with the scorers upon request.
The Flight Report Form (FRF) must be completed online as soon as possible on Watchmefly.net, including the 4- or 6-digit coordinates of your Intended Launch Point (ILP) and Landing (LND).

If you are delayed in uploading the track or submitting the FRF, please call and inform the scorers with an explanation.

7. Markers

The pilot will receive all markers used for competition and is responsible for handling markers for each flight. Five colors.

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 – Rasa.
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 the Task Data Sheet (TDS), the MMA is considered to be bounded by the natural border. For safety reasons or to ensure smooth operations, the Target (TGT) may be shifted from the given goal coordinates by up to 100 meters if necessary.

10. Provisional results

Provisional results may be published before all evidence has been fully analyzed by the scorers. Pilots are welcome to request assistance (see section 5.1) after the provisional results have been published.

11. Refueling

There is no official refueling planned. Competitors shall refuel at local gas stations and carry the necessary amount of fuel for each planned flight.

12. Important contact

- Emergency - 112
- Emergency for electricity - 1852
- Event organizer – Žydrūnas Kazlauskas – (370) 601 02555
- Event director – Tadas Gegevičius – (370) 676 00050
- Chief scorer – Julius Venskus – (370) 650 62255