

General Briefing Notes – Rippl-Ronai Cup 2026

-I.2 SANCTION

This event is a CIA CAT 2 event.

The championship will be valid if we can fly minimum 2 flights with a minimum of 3 tasks in total.

A total of 7 flights are scheduled.

-I.5 PERSONNEL

Jury President: Laszlo Meszaros

Jury Member: Lindsay Muir (Remote from home).

Jury Member: Helmut Pöttler, when not-Involved. When he is involved we will choose a substitute from the non-involved pilots.

-I.10 CLOSING ENTRY DATE

The closing entry date of the event is 15/06/2026, or later at the discretion of the organizer.

-II.1 CONTEST AREA

The digital competition-map that you received by email on 25/07/2026 is the official competition map.

The contest area is defined by the PINK lines (= border) on the competition map and can be found in the .plt file on the ENB.

Maximum altitude is 5500ft AMSL.

When flying outside the contest area, normal airspace regulations apply.

-II.2 OUT OF BOUNDS

-All red and blue PZ's are considered 'out of bound – airspaces'.

Ground contact and other penalties will still be applied.

-II.3 PZ-LIST

Name	Type	Coordinates		Description	radius (m)	Altitude (f)
PZ 1	Red	2831	3479	Wild sheep /goats	200	1500
PZ 2	Yellow	see .plt file		Military airport	inside .plt	
PZ 3	Red	1293	4879	Cattle	200	1500
PZ 4	Red	1715	4090	Horses	250	1500
PZ 5	Red	3075	2858	Cattle	200	1500
PZ 6	Red	1579	3950	Horses	200	1500
PZ 7	Red	1217	3694	Horses	200	1500
PZ 8	Red	1280	3829	Horses	200	1500
PZ 9	Red	1528	3789	Hospital	200	900
PZ 10	Red	1798	4403	Transformer station	200	1500
PZ 11	Yellow	2269	3870	Horses	200	

PZ 12	Blue	see .plt file	Contest area	inside .plt	5500
PZ 13	Red	see .plt file	Military drop zone	inside .plt	FL165
PZ 14	Red	see .plt file	Military Santos	inside .plt	3800
PZ 15	Red	see .plt file	Military TRA	inside .plt	4000

We expect no activity of PZ 13 (Dropzone) in the competition area during the event.
If PZ 13 is not active, it will be written in the Taksdata on the TDS of that specific flight.

The electronic files of the PZ-List are published on 28/7/2026 on the ENB.

If there are any conflicts or discrepancies, the electronic version will prevail.

-II.3 and II.4 COMMON LAUNCH POINTS AND AREAS

CLP's and CLA' s will be announced during the Task Briefing of that specific flight.

One vehicle / team is allowed on the CLA.

If instructions are given during the Task Briefing or TDS, please always follow them strictly.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR TAKE-OFF'S, EITHER ILP (Individual) OR CLP (Common):

Due to the persistently very hot and dry weather conditions, and the terrible situation in various parts of Europe resulting in wildfires, we find ourselves compelled to take extra measures here as well.

The use of a fire blanket or connection of the scoop to the basket when inflating the balloons is mandatory for all flights!

Additionally, a fire extinguisher must always be placed outside the basket, near the burners, and be ready for use in case intervention is required.

Also smoking, vaping (electronic cigarette), or anything similar is prohibited inside the boundaries of the Launchfield, or the field with an MMA.

By extension, it is advised not to smoke in any field to avoid any wildfires.

These measures will also be checked by the officials, even at ILP' s.

No warnings will be given.

1st Infringement: Penalty 1000 Competition Points.

2nd Infringement: Disqualification from the event.

-II.6 LANDOWNERS PERMISSION

Please be aware that you are guests using a farmer or landowner's property and their livelihood.
Be respectful and ask permission according the rules.

-II.9 AIRLAW

Airlaw applies on the contest area is included in the PZ-list.

-II.10 RECALL PROCEDURE

WhatsApp will be used to cancel briefings, tasks and flights.

Minor changes to tasks may be given by WhatsApp when necessary.

-II.11 VERTICAL SPEED & II.13.5 RESPECTFUL FLYING SCORE

Respectful Flying Score (RFS) applies during this competition (CAT2.).

All logger tracks will be checked using the Balloon Safety Analyzer. Competitors exceeding the limits of vertical speed below will be penalized:

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.

Penalty Policy:

lower balloon				upper balloon			
Vertical speed [m/s]	Limit 1 Penalty	Limit 2 Penalty	Limit 3 Penalty	Vertical speed [m/s]	Limit 1 Penalty	Limit 2 Penalty	Limit 3 Penalty
$0 \leq v < 2$				$0 \leq v < -2$			
$2 \leq v < 3$	50/WRN			$-2 \leq v < -3$	100/WRN		
$3 \leq v < 4$	100/WRN	50/WRN		$-3 \leq v < -4$	200	50/WRN	
$4 \leq v < 5$	300	100/WRN	50/WRN	$-4 \leq v < -5$	400	100/WRN	
$5 \leq v < 6$	500	300	100/WRN	$-5 \leq v < -6$	600	200	100/WRN
$6 \leq v < 7$	700	500	300	$-6 \leq v < -7$	800	400	200
$7 \leq v < 8$	900	700	500	$-7 \leq v < -8$	1000	600	400
8 and more	1000	900	700	-8 and more	1000	800	600

- II.13 & 5.10 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is the ENB on Watchmefly.

<https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=ripplronai2026&v=enb>

-II.22 2D/3D SORING METHODS

The separation altitude between 2D and 3D in this event is **1000ft AMSL**, unless otherwise stated on the TDS. TDS always prevail.

-R9.3.1, 9.3.2 LAUNCH PROCEDURES

We will not use any launchmasters during take-off. Officials (in Hi-Viz Jackets) will be present and will give you some guidelines when necessary to avoid any collision or dangerous situation.

Quick-release tie-off on the car (not trailer) is mandatory for all launches. (CLP and ILP).

See above re fire prevention.

-R12.1.2 GOALS

The target will normally be displayed within 100m of the given goal coordinates, as close as possible to the coordinates.

If - for some reason - there is no physical target present at the coordinates stated on the TDS, you will be scored by loggermark in 3D with separation altitude of 1000ft AMSL.

-R12.6 MARKER

Pilots will receive all their markers during General Briefing. It is the responsibility of each pilot to bring their markers for the next flight.

-R12.15 LOST MARKER

Competitors have to find their markers when dropped out of the marker measuring area (MMA).

In case of lost marker, a spare marker will be given for the next flight only when the pilot pays 10 euros for the lost marker.

-RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors must listen on VHF frequency

122.255 for safety matters during the whole flight. Competitors may ask their crew or other competitors for a clearance before climbing on 122.255.

-FLIGHT REPORT FORMS

Make sure you fill in the FRF completely!

Time and estimation of each markerdrop are necessary to give you a result.

There is an update to the FRF. An extra field has been added to enter the details of your take-off and landing sites.

Flight Report Forms must be completed on Watchmefly.net as quick as possible and maximum NINETY (90) minutes after the landing of that specific flight !!

When there are problems during your retrieve, please contact the Event Director or Chief Scorer and ask for an 'extension of time'.

If the FRF is received too late without an extension of time you may be penalized up to 100 points!

-BLA OR BLS

A new update of BLA was published last Sunday.

The new version (V.3024) is mandatory for all pilots. Please update your app and partake in the practice flight so your app version can be seen by the scorers and if there is a problem the scorers can assist you after General Briefing.

If there is a failure during the competition, please contact Chief Scorer Zuz Bryant on 0044 7876 343 994 by WhatsApp.

-POWERLINES

Watch out for powerlines in this area. There are a lot of smaller and/or lower powerlines with high voltage. There are not always shown on map, or clearly visible.

-BRIEFING TIMES

Morning-flights: 4.45hr LT.

Evening-flights: 17.00hr LT.

Briefing room will be available approximately 15 minutes before start of the briefing.

-LOST MARKER

10€

-WINDSOND

We try to provide you with wind information by drone.

Times are variable (subject to change):

-During morning briefing.

-By sunrise.

-Before launch period of the evening flight.

Extra information:

Emergency & retrieve number: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Extension of time: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Landowners relations: 0036 70 318 5704 (Balázs Nagy, Event organizer)

Logger or scoring: 0044 787 63 43 994 (Zuz Bryant, Chief Scorer)

Sunrise: 05.31hrs LT – Sunset 20.15hrs LT -- Obligated Frequency: 122.255 MHz

General Emergency Number: 112

Police: 107

Fire Department: 105

Ambulance: 104