



Balloon Federation Of America



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From:
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Championship Director

To: Phil Clinger

Subject: Response to Complaint, reference cancelling task 1 from flight 1

Phil,

At 7:43 am this morning I sent a WhatsApp message to all pilots/crews that said "Staff is monitoring light rain showers 15 miles to the northwest of target 2998". Pilots were made aware that we were concerned about the weather northwest of that target.

The decision to cancel task 1 was made because while standing at target 2908/9857 we observed that the showers to the northwest were getting closer to the "B" scoring boxes in Task 1. We noticed that most of the balloons had already received a result at 2908/9857, and those pilots that were missing the southernmost HWZ target, would travel south of the developing weather. The decision to cancel was not made based tasks closing time, rather it was based on the fact that task 1 was the only task requiring pilots to fly in the direction of the showers.

Additionally, although some pilots may not have completed their FON task, there was an opportunity to re-declare and still avoid the NW part of the map and the showers.

Your Complaint is denied.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sam Parks
Championship Director**