

FORMAL COMPLAINT

26th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2026 - Krosno, Poland

Competitor #22 - Markus Kalousdian - Brazil

21 September 2026

Subject: Complaint - Task 4 - Physical marker carried on another balloon - Rule 12.9.1

Dear Event Director and Scoring Team,

I hereby submit a formal complaint concerning my result in Task 4 - Hesitation Waltz, Flight 1 of 20 September 2026.

My physical marker was released during the required Gravity Marker Drop. During its descent, the marker was carried on top of another balloon in the vicinity of the target, instead of completing a normal fall directly to the ground.

I reported this occurrence in my Flight Report Form (FRF). However, to the best of my knowledge, no official was able to directly observe the incident.

This specific situation is expressly addressed by Rule 12.9.1, which states:

"Same applies, if the marker is carried on top of another balloon."

I therefore respectfully request that the incident be reviewed under Rule 12.9.1 and that the position of the physical marker while being carried on the other balloon be established with the accuracy available, using the attached video evidence and any other official evidence that may be available.

The Task Data Sheet for Task 4 establishes an MMA radius of 30 m, a Gravity Marker Drop, Logger Marker 4, and a scoring period ending at 08:30:00.

My currently published result is 52.00 m, apparently based on Logger Marker 4.

I am attaching two videos of the actual sequence together with two graphical reconstructions. The first reconstruction places LM04 at approximately 53 m from the target, which is consistent with my published result of 52.00 m and provides a useful consistency check for the positioning used in the reconstruction.

Using the same reconstruction method and the video sequence to estimate the ground projection of the balloon carrying the marker, the second reconstructed position is approximately 24 m from the target. This position would therefore be inside the 30 m MMA applicable to Task 4.

I understand that the approximately 24 m value is an estimate, and I am not requesting that this value simply be accepted as the official measurement. I am submitting it as supporting evidence so that the officials can determine the appropriate result, with the accuracy available, in accordance with Rule 12.9.1.

I also draw attention to Rule 12.17.3, according to which a valid physical mark has precedence over a track point or electronic mark.

Therefore, if the position of the marker carried on the other balloon can be established under Rule 12.9.1 within the applicable MMA, I respectfully request that my Task 4 result be corrected accordingly instead of using the electronic Logger Marker result.

The attached videos show the actual sequence of the marker drop and the position of the other balloon relative to the target. The screenshots reproduced in this document are provided as a reconstruction and cross-check of those positions.

This complaint concerns one matter only: the determination of my result in Task 4 under Rule 12.9.1.

Please acknowledge receipt of this complaint and record the time of receipt in accordance with Rule 5.1.4.

Kind regards,
Markus Kalousdian
Competitor #22 - Brazil



Attachments / supporting evidence

- Video 1 - sequence showing the physical marker and the other balloon.
- Video 2 - additional view of the sequence and relative position to the target.
- Figure 1 - LM04 reconstruction / control measurement: approximately 53 m from target.
- Figure 2 - estimated ground projection of marker-on-balloon position: approximately 24 m from target.

FIGURE 1 - LM04 CONTROL MEASUREMENT

Logger Marker 4 reconstruction at approximately 53 m from the target. This is consistent with the published result of 52.00 m and is presented as a positioning cross-check.

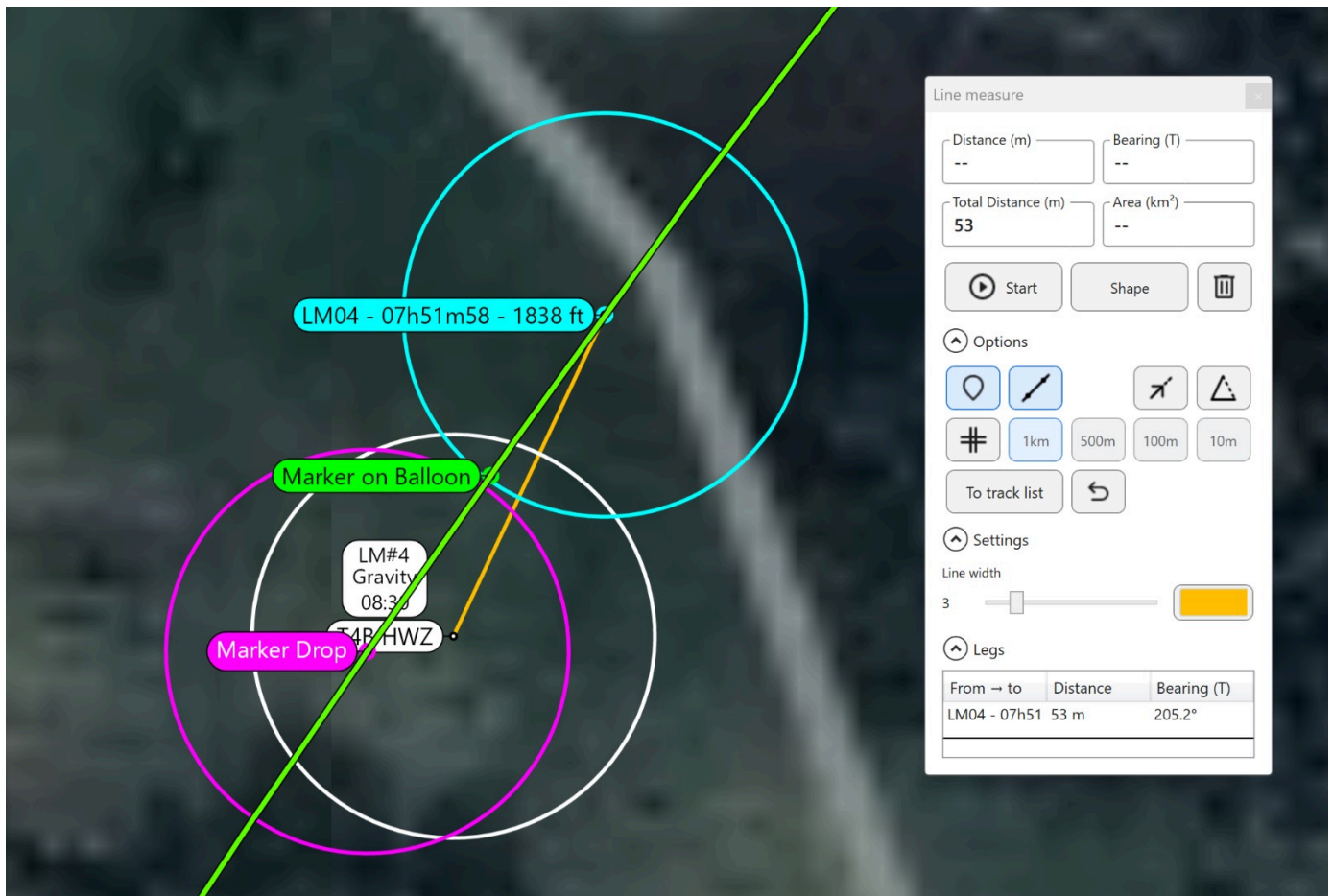
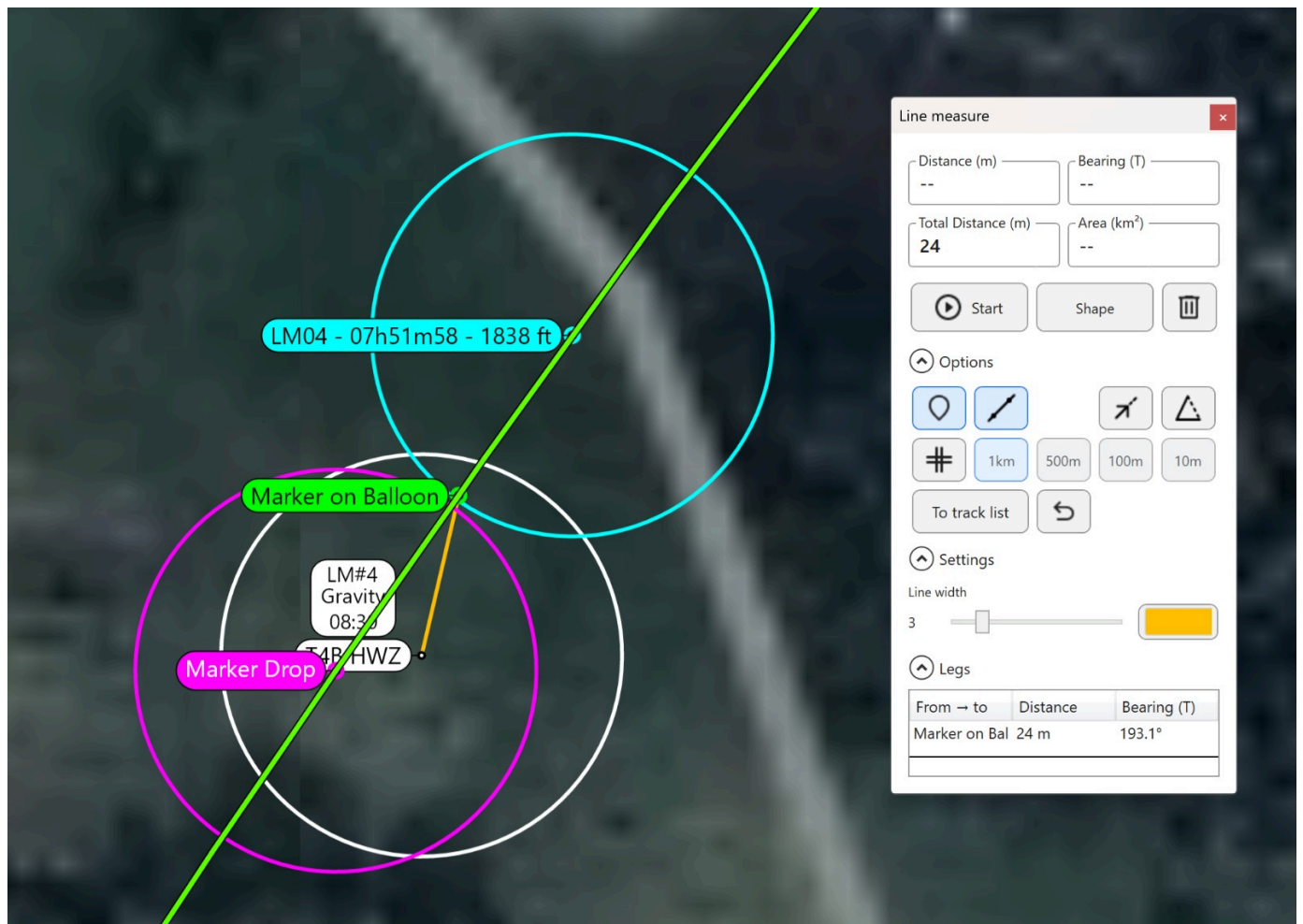


FIGURE 2 - ESTIMATED MARKER-ON-BALLOON POSITION

Estimated ground projection of the balloon carrying the physical marker at approximately 24 m from the target. The estimate is submitted as supporting evidence for the officials to determine the appropriate result under Rule 12.9.1.



Reply to complaint

By competitor #22, Markus Kalousdian
on task #4

Dear Markus,

We have reviewed your videos of the situation and confirm the landing of the marker on top of the balloon of competitor #10.

We took the position of the balloon at that time and added a drift of the marker that would have occurred when the marker dropped the rest of the distance to the ground.

The total distance of the marker on the ground to the target would have been around 40m. This is outside the MMA of 30m by a large margin. Therefore you will be scored by electronic mark, according to rule 12.16.3.

As your result is already based on the electronic mark, no change is needed.

Respectfully,



Claude Weber
Event Director
Krosno, 21st of September, 2026