



39th FAI WGC

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39th FAI WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tábor, Czech Republic

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Championships Details

Introduction and Invitation

The organisation team of the championships is working on preparing all the necessary arrangements for a safe, enjoyable, and competitive world-class contest. We are looking forward to hosting the best glider pilots and gliding friends from all over the world.

Within this first bulletin, you may find general and administrative information. Further bulletins may include other necessary information will be published in due course. All bulletins and information will be published on the competition website, so please stay up to date with it.

If you require a special invitation letter other than what is already published on the website, please contact us.

Location of the Event

Tábor Airfield

ICAO Code: LKTA

Coordinates: 49° 23' 28" N, 14° 42' 30" E

Elevation: 439 m

https://aim.rlp.cz/vfrmanual/actual/lkta_text_en.html

Official Website

www.wgc2025.cz

Official Email Address

info@wgc2025.cz

Submission of Entries

Based on our experience from the EGC 2024 and pilot feedback, we expect to receive more entries than the 120 limit currently approved by the IGC Plenary. As we would like to accommodate all pilots wishing to compete at the championships, an exception to the limit needs to be obtained from the IGC Plenary. For this reason, we would like to have an estimate of the number of competitors as soon as possible. Therefore,

We would like to ask all countries to report the estimated number of pilots in each class as soon as possible to the official email address or by December 15th, 2024, at the latest. These numbers are non-binding and will be used for estimation only.

Following this, official entries need to be submitted individually by each pilot and team captain on the competition website before **February 28th, 2025**. Alongside individual entries, each NAC needs to fill in and submit a NAC Nomination Form to confirm the nomination of their pilots. This form needs to be sent via email to the official email address before February 28th, 2025.

Event Schedule

Expected pilot number due	December 15 th , 2024	23:59
NAC nomination due	February 28 th , 2025	23:59
Entries and entry fees due	February 28 th , 2025	23:59
Reserve pilots accepted	April 30 th , 2025	
Airfield availability for training flights	Upon Request	Contact Airfield Director
Unofficial training begins	May 31 st , 2025	
Unofficial training ends	June 4 th , 2025	
First official team captain briefing	June 3 rd , 2025	19:00
Official training begins	June 4 th , 2025	10:00
Official training ends	June 6 th , 2025	
Registration period begins	June 2 nd , 2025	09:00
Registration period ends	June 6 th , 2025	17:00
Technical inspection period begins	June 2 nd , 2025	09:00
Technical inspection period ends	June 6 th , 2025	17:00
Configuration change closes	June 6 th , 2025	17:00
Mandatory safety briefing	June 6 th , 2025	19:00
Opening Ceremony	June 7 th , 2025	TBD
Contest flying begins	June 8 th , 2025	
Contest flying ends	June 20 th , 2025	
Closing ceremony and prize-giving	June 21 st , 2025	10:00

Welcome Party	June 6 th , 2025	20:00
Czech Evening	June 11 th , 2025	19:00
International Evening	June 16 th , 2025	19:00
Farewell Party	June 20 th , 2025	20:00

Competition Officials

Championships and Sporting Director	Matej Rendla	matej@gradient.cc
Deputy Director* and Safety Officer	Tomas Rendla	tomas@gradient.cc
Airfield Director	Jiri Liskovec	jiri.liskovec@aktabor.cz
Operations Director	Tomas Jirmus	tomas.jirmus@aktabor.cz
Task Setter	Tomas Rendla, Matej Rendla	
Chief Scorer	Hynek Chovan	hynekchovan@icloud.com
Meteorologist	Jan Horak	honza.horak@gmail.com

*Deputy Director takes over the responsibilities of Championships/Sporting Director when the Director is not present or able to perform his duties.

International Jury

President of International Jury	Rick Sheppe (USA)	
Member of International Jury	TBD	
Member of International Jury	TBD	

Stewards

Chief Steward	Øjvind Frank (DEN)	
Steward	John Godfrey (USA)	

Accommodation

Tábor and the Southern Bohemian Regions are very popular tourist destinations offering a wide range of accommodation options (hotels, B&Bs, short-term rentals, etc.). Due to its popularity accommodation options need to be arranged well in advance. Common websites such as Booking.com and Airbnb are widely used for accommodation booking in the Czech Republic. If you need any assistance, please contact us.

There will be a temporary campsite on the airfield, close to the glider parking area, with the usual facilities e.g., non-drinking water, showers, toilets, and electrical hook-ups. Based on the expected number of pilots the camp area and facilities will be enlarged.

The accommodation fees at the airfield will be 15€ per tent per night and 25€ per caravan/motorhome/van per night. The price includes up to 5 people per tent/caravan. Team tent/caravan will also be charged during the competition period. Payment will be collected at the end of the Championships and can be paid by card or cash.

For further details visit: <https://www.visittabor.eu/homepage>

Glider Hire

If you are looking for a glider rental, please contact us at info@wgc2025.cz and we will try to help you find a suitable glider for the competition.

Aero-Tow Ropes

The Organisers will supply aero-tow ropes. There is no requirement for competitors to bring their own aero-tow ropes.

Getting to Tabor

Tábor is one of the largest towns in the Southern Bohemian region and the airfield is just on the east side of the town. Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/JLhz4Z4csgSW62E78>

Local Procedures (Extract)

Championship Classes

The 39th FAI World Gliding Championships will be held in the following classes (as defined in Sporting Code, Section 3, Chapter 5):

- Club Class
- Standard Class
- 15 Metre Class

Additional safety rules

All competing gliders must be fitted with a serviceable industry-standard anti-collision system and strobe lights that comply with SC3 Annex A 4.1.1d.

Contest Area

The contest area includes the territories of the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany. The Contest Area Altitude limit is FL95. More details will be published in Selfbriefing and daily briefings. Please ensure your third-party insurance covers territories of all mentioned countries.

Entry fee and launch fee

Entry Fee: EUR 890, payable in Euros.

The payment of Entry Fee is due by February 28th, 2025.

The entry fee is adjusted to 890 EUR to account for the increase in FAI sanction fees of 38 CHF from when the bid was submitted.

Aero-tow to 600 metres AAL: EUR 69, payable in Euros.

Self-launching gliders launch fee: EUR 10, payable in Euros.

Pre-payment of 10 launches will be required during registration. This payment can preferably be made together with entry fee payment, by transfer before registration or by card during registration.

Bank Account Details

Beneficiary:

Aeroklub Tabor, z.s.
Mesice 477
391 56 Tabor
Czech Republic

IBAN: CZ5055000000000701624369

BIC/SWIFT: RZBCCZPP

Account Number: 701624369

National Payment System Code: 5500

Bank: Raiffeisenbank a.s.

Bank Address:

Raiffeisenbank a.s. Tabor
Bilkova 960
390 02 Tabor
Czech Republic

Reference:

Team Payment – Country Name + Number of Pilots

Individual Payment – Full Name + Country

Number of allowable entries per NAC

Each NAC may enter not more than 2 pilots in each class (excluding women and junior reigning champions).

A reserve pilot can replace a nominated pilot in the event of withdrawal, provided that the entry fees for the officially entered pilots have been received.

A competitor must satisfy all requirements listed in the Sporting Code, Annex A, Section 3.2.

Total number of allowable entries

The total number of allowable entries shall not exceed 120* in total, with a maximum of 50* in each class. This limit may be exceeded by the participation of the reigning champions.

If the total number of entries exceeds 120*, or the class entry exceeds 50*, the removal of pilots will be made according to the procedure described in Sporting Code, Annex A, Appendix 1, using the IGC Ranking list valid at March 31st, 2024 (last day of entries submission).

**The Organiser expects that the total number of entries will exceed the 120 pilots total and 50 pilots per class limit and would like to accommodate as many pilots as possible. For this reason, all NACs are requested to communicate the expected number of pilots from each country by email to info@wgc2025.cz before December 15th, 2024. Following this, the Organiser will apply for exception to exceed the maximum number of pilots. Any exception is subject to IGC Plenary approval.*

Insurance

Third-Party Insurance

Third-party insurance meeting the requirements of EC Regulation 785/2004 is required for each participating sailplane.

The minimum third-party liability insurance for single-seat gliders with certified MTOM < 500kg is 750,000 Special Drawing Rights (SDR), and for MTOM < 1000kg is SDR 1,500,000.

Documentary proof of insurance must be provided in the English language.

Personal Medical Insurance

Personal medical insurance (covering accidents and sickness, including any hospital costs and transportation back to the team member's country of residence) is required for all team members.

Documentary proof of insurance must be provided in the English language and provided by pilots during registration for themselves and by the team captain during registration for all other team members.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Mandatory additional equipment

Strobe lights must be operational in all gliders and comply with SC3 Annex A.

Audio variometer must be fitted and used in all sailplanes.

All instruments, PDA, GPS navigators etc. must be firmly mounted in the glider in such a way that the pilot's vision is not affected.

High visibility markings are not required.

FR calibration certificates are not required. However, to be considered by the Scorer, any calibration certificate presented must be current according to SC3 2.4.6.

Radio Communications

Due to radio frequency congestion in European airspace, the organiser together with authorities will allocate radio frequencies with 8.33kHz spacing for team use during the championships.

All glider radios and ground station radios must be approved 8.33kHz compliant radios.

Use of radio frequencies other than official gliding frequencies and published team frequencies for team communications will be strictly prohibited.

List of frequencies and their allocation to the teams will be present before the competition.

Emergency Frequency: 121.500kHz (monitored by ATCC Control Centre)

Requirements for flags, anthem discs or tapes

Flags and anthems will be provided by the organiser. Flag design and anthem recording will be taken from Wikipedia. Team captains must check that their national flag and anthem are correct on Wikipedia or inform the Organiser of any errors before February 28th, 2025.