



1st FAI Pan American Gliding Championships

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Location of the Competition

Chilhowee Gliderport
Coordinates: 35-13-35.2640N / 084-35-05.7580W
Elevation: 235m / 770ft

Time Schedule

Preliminary entries due	December 15, 2014
Final entries due	January 31, 2015
Reserve pilots may be accepted	February 7, 2015
Deadline for approval of new GNSS FRs	January 31, 2015
Unofficial training	before April 3, 2015
Registration Period	April 3 – 5, 2015
Official training	April 3 – 5, 2015
Compulsory training	April 4, 2015
Technical inspection	April 3 – 5, 2015
Configuration change closes	April 5, 2015
First official Team Captain briefing	April 3, 2015
Opening Ceremony	April 5, 2015
Contest flying	April 6 – 17, 2015
Farewell Party	April 17, 2015
Closing Ceremony and Prize giving	April 18, 2015

Competition Officials

Organization Team Leader, Site Preparation Manager	Sarah Arnold
Competition Director	Rick Sheppe
Deputy Director – Task setter	John Good
Chief Scorer	John Godfrey
Assistant Scorer	Tiffany Fidler
Meteorology	Tony Condon
Ground Operations Director	Brian Milner
Chief Tow Pilot	Sarah Arnold
Administrative Office, Webmaster	Sarah Arnold

International Jury

Jury President: Bruno Ramseyer
Jury Member: Eric Mozer (remote)
Jury Member: Angela Sheard (remote)

Stewards

Chief Steward: Renato Tsukamoto

Addresses for Correspondence and Entries

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Aeroclub website : www.chilhowee.com

Championship classes

These **1st FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships 2015** will be held in two classes: **15m** and **Handicap Class**, as defined in the main body of Section 3 of the FAI Sporting Code (SC3), Chapter 6.

Rules

The FAI Sporting Code General Section, and Section 3 (SC3) with its Annexes will apply. In particular, the championship will be organized and run according to the Annex A (SC3-A) "Rules for World and Continental Soaring Championships" of the FAI Sporting code Section 3.

The latest versions of these documents published on the FAI-IGC website (<http://www.fai.org/gliding>) prior to the date of start of the championship will apply: www.fai.org/igc-documents.

Water-ballast and any jettison-able ballast will not be permitted in the Handicap Class. Due to the relatively short field, and to improve fairness of the competition, a maximum wing loading limit of 9.0 lbs/ft² will be imposed in the 15m Class. Any additional weight restriction or mass limits (SC3, paragraph 6.1.4; SC3-A, paragraph 4.2.1.g) will be detailed in the Local Procedures.

The Local Procedures will be issued after approval by IGC and will be published on the competition website: www.pagc.chilhowee.com.

Flight documentation will be by IGC approved GNSS FR only. All flight recorders, which have received IGC approval for championships by January 31, 2015, will be admitted.

A valid GNSS FR calibration for primary and secondary FRs will be required before the first competition day.

Allowed gliders

As per SC3, paragraph 6.5.8.a, an extended handicap range has been proposed for the **Handicap Class** in these **1st FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships** in order to facilitate rental of gliders prominent in the host country fleet and foster participation at the championship. Gliders typical or unique to the US fleet (e.g., HP-18, Zuni, etc.) with handicaps within the proposed handicap range for the Club Class will be allowed. The proposed extended handicap range is under review by IGC, and the final list of allowed gliders for the **Handicap Class** will be published after IGC approval at: www.pagc.chilhowee.com and will be included in the Local Procedures.

As per SC3, paragraph 6.4 and SC3-A, paragraph 1.3.3: Motorized gliders will be permitted to participate in their respective class, provided they have fully functioning MoP recorders and meet all the requirements of their class in the championships as detailed in the Local Procedures to be published after IGC approval.

National Teams

Each NAC may enter **5 pilots per class** and submit a **list of reserve pilots**. Reigning World Champions are entered in addition to their NAC 5 pilots per class quota. Reserve pilots may be allowed to enter the competition after the close of final entries if the total number of allowed gliders has not been reached. The procedure for acceptance and entry of reserve pilots will be described in the Local Procedures and published on the Competition website after IGC approval.

Total number of allowable entries

The maximum number of gliders is 45, including reigning World Champions and up to 5 guests from countries outside North America and South America.

The initial targets are 20 gliders per class. If a class is under-subscribed, unused spots will be made available to the other class.

Pilot requirements

The requirements for pilot eligibility will be as defined by the Sporting Code, Annex A to Section 3 (SC3-A) Paragraph 3.2, with this modification: Pilots must hold a gold badge OR hold a silver badge AND have competed in at least ONE National Championship.

Required documentation will be as defined in SC3-A, paragraphs 3.5.3 and 3.5.4.

Any additional requirements and safety equipment for pilots and gliders will be described in the Local Procedures to be published on the competition website after approval by IGC.

Entry fee and Payment instructions

The entry fee for each competing glider is \$600. This includes all IGC sanction fees and covers all operational costs during the Championships except aero tows.

The full payment (net sum of \$600) shall be received on the bank account below by January 31, 2015. Please ensure that the bank transfer documentation includes identification of the entrants. Payment by VISA or MasterCard is possible; however a 4% surcharge will be accessed for all credit card payments. Payment by check is only for checks drawn on US dollar bank accounts. The competitor must cover all bank fees.

International wire instructions:

1. Receiving Bank:
First Tennessee Bank
Chattanooga, TN
Swift Code: FTBM US 44 CHA

2. Further Credit to:
First Volunteer Bank
728 Broad St
Chattanooga TN 37402
Account number: 193474

3. Customer's Name: Chilhowee Soaring Association, Inc.
Customer's Address: PO Box 53
Benton, TN 37307
Customer's Account with First Volunteer Bank: 023086

Aerotows

Aero-tow fee is \$58 (600 m / 2000 ft QFE). The organizer will require paying for 10 aero-tows in advance to staff at the contest site. This payment must be done at the latest before the start of first training flight. Aero-tow fees if unused will be refunded in full.

Accommodation

Camping sites: A list of camping sites within a few kilometers of the airport is available on the competition website ("lodging" menu entry).

RV sites: A list of RV (caravan) sites within a few kilometers of the airport is available on the competition website ("lodging" menu entry).

Hotels and guest houses: A list of hotels, bed-and-breakfast, and houses for rent in the near vicinity of the gliderport is available on the competition website ("lodging" menu entry).

Gliders rental

Foreign pilots are encouraged to establish contacts on their own with North-American glider owners to arrange exchanges, trades, or rental of gliders for the competition. The organizers will publish on the competition website all information and contacts available to them about glider rental or availability.

Insurance

The glider shall be covered by third party insurance -**not excluding competitions** – in conformance with the standards for SSA Sanctioned Contests here:
<https://www.ssa.org/files/member/Contestant%20Liability%20Insurance%20Requirements%2012-11.pdf>

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

Documentary proof of all insurances shall be made available to the organizers in English at check-in, in the form of original documents or copies.

Downloading of GNSS FR records

Flight logs shall be delivered to the scoring office on USB Memory Sticks or SD cards labeled with the name or contest number of the competitor. Competitors must bring their own cables and equipment for downloading their flight logs from their FR to their memory stick or SD card.

Units

Due to the expected predominance of US-based gliders (owned or rented) at the contest, the championship will use some units typical of US instruments.

- Altitudes and heights in feet (**ft**)
- Pressures in inches of mercury (**in**)
- Distances in kilometers (**km**)
- Speeds in kilometers per hour (**kph**)

Sailplane weights will be in pounds (**lbs**) to accommodate for US weighing balances and to avoid lengthy conversions during the pre-contest and daily weighing procedures.

Foreign competitors who will be using US gliders with US instruments should familiarize themselves with correspondence of units, particularly for altitude (meters versus feet) and pressure altitudes (millibars versus inch-mercury) to respect airspace, start, and finish altitude requirements.

Mobile Telephones

There are many mobile operators in the US. Several companies offer phones and SIM cards with prepaid communication time and no long-term plan. These are widely available at general stores at reasonable prices. Foreign competitors using their own phone should ensure compatibility with US GSM networks.

Team captains must have a mobile phone capable of receiving SMS messages and US calls.

Internet Access at the airfield

Public Internet access will be available at the field near the registration and administration office all the time and at other selected locations on the field at specific times.