



17th FAI EUROPEAN GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

15M, 18M, OPEN Classes

June 08-21, 2013
VINON SUR VERDON, FRANCE

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Dear gliding friends,

On behalf of the local organisers from Aeroclub Vinon-sur-verdon (A.A.V.A.) and the French Gliding Federation (F.F.V.V.), I would like to invite all FAI nations to the 17th FAI European Gliding Championships 2013 scheduled for June 2013 at Vinon-sur-verdon / France.

For many years, Vinon has been established as a great place for gliding events. The facilities including suitable airfield with international camping area, large briefing areas and good repair facilities, catering and lodging close to the airport and good route access should ensure that all involved will experience a pleasant stay with an enjoyable atmosphere at Vinon sur verdon and Provence.

The greatest asset of any country is its people. The French are well known for their friendliness and hospitality, especially in the south. The Provence climate and natural resources have made the area popular for tourism, adventure and air sports. This interest in sport, particularly flying, is reflected in the organising activities of the French Gliding Federation (F.F.V.V.) and local clubs in the past. Here we have to mention the **2nd FAI EGC 1984** (Standard, 15M and Open Classes) held at Vinon sur Verdon, the **FAI WGC 1997** (Standard, 15M and Open Classes) held at St Auban, most recently **FAI WGC 2006** (World Class and Club Class) held at Vinon sur Verdon, and also many French Nationals at the same site. Moreover starting from 1966 Vinon sur Verdon became gradually famous in gliding by organisation of now well established international **Coupe du Monde de Vol à Voile en Montagne** called "**CMVVM**", but that is probably already well known to most of you.

To maximize the participation, fun and safety, the organisation team is committed solely to following rules :

- The constest area will be restricted to the well-known and easy Southern French Alps.

- No task will be launched if the wind is too extreme.
- Tasks will be designed for high average speed for everyone by avoiding tricky areas which are known only by the locals. Such fast tasks will improve safety and reduce the fatigue of pilots during an intense race week.
- We want the best pilot to win, and not the best mountain pilot, without any accidents or intimidating task setting :

just Sport, Sun and Fun !

The upcoming event is supported by local and state authorities, which will help us to achieve our goal to hold great, friendly, exciting and most of all safe event.

We hope that you have already several reasons that will encourage you to fly at Vinon during 2013 FAI event.

On behalf of the Vinon 2013 Team
Regis KUNTZ

IMPORTANT: Please take into account especially the deadline for final entries - March 31st, 2013.





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Contest Information

Location

Airport Vinon sur Verdon (ICAO code LFNF)
43°44'11"N; 005°46'59"E, WGS 84
Elevation : 275 m / 903 ft AMSL

Contact

Association Aéronautique Verdon Alpilles (AAVA)
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Time Schedule

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| Final entries due by : | 31 March 2013 | |
| Deadline for approval of new GNSS FR : | 31 March 2013 | |
| Reserve pilots accepted from : | 01 April 2013 | |
| Unofficial training : | 01 June – 04 June 2013 | |
| Registration (from 9h00 to 21h00 daily) : | 05 June – 07 June 2013 | |
| Official training : | 05, 06, 07 June 2013 | |
| First official Team Captains briefing : | 06 June 2013, | 20 h 00 |
| Configuration change closes : | 07 June 2013, | 18 h 00 |
| Opening Ceremony : | 07 June 2013 | 19 h 00 |
| Contest flying : | 08 June – 21 June 2013 | |
| Farewell party : | 21 June 2013 | 20 h 00 |
| Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony : | 22 June 2013 | 10 h 00 |

Competition Officials

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| Championships Director : | Christophe LACOUR |
| Deputy Director : | Bernard GUILLEMIN |
| Special Advisor : | Regis KUNTZ |
| Task Setters : | Gérard HERBAUD, Paul JANSSENS, |
| Scorers : | Benjamin NEGLAIS, Jacques LEGALLAND, Christophe LUQUET |
| Grid Manager : | Jacques LEGALLAND |
| Airfield Operations : | Antoine SERRES |
| Technical Inspection : | François LUCAS, François BOURGEON |
| Meteorologist : | Michel CHARPENTIER |
| Administration : | Jacques BALAYN |
| Logistic, Infrastructure : | Denis LOUPIAS |
| Web pages : | Philippe VILLAIN, Philippe PRATDESSUS |

International Jury

President : Max BISHOP (GBR)
Members : Angela SHEARD (GBR)

Stewards

Chief Steward : Patrick PAUWELS (BEL)
Steward : TBN



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Entries

OnLine Registration

Starting from January 10th 2013, online registration will be available at <http://www.egc2013vinon.fr>. Please, follow carefully all online instructions and make sure you are registered by March 31st 2013, at the latest. Please note, that according to FAI rules, entries can be accepted only from the NAC on the official entry forms. Therefore the official entry forms for the final entries must be printed, signed and returned (email in pdf, fax or post) to us by March 31st, 2013 as the latest. Each pilot or team captain will be accepted only when the entry form and entry fee (see below) have been correctly received by the Aeroclub Vinon sur Verdon. Once completed, this status will be clearly indicated by insertion of the acceptance date next to the pilot's name in online entry list.

QUALIFICATIONS

A competitor must be a citizen or resident of the country of the entering NAC and satisfy the conditions of the FAI Sporting Code, General Section 3.7 on citizenship and representation, and must :

- Hold a gold badge, or, hold a silver badge and have competed in at least two National Championships;
- Have flown at least 250 hours as a pilot in command, of which at least 100 hours must be in sailplanes;
- Hold an FAI Sporting Licence with a current FAI stamp;
- Hold a Pilot Licence or equivalent document issued or endorsed by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered, or of the country where the Championships take place;
- Know, understand, and abide by the FAI Sporting Codes and the Rules and Procedures issued for the event.

Number of allowable entries per NAC

- Each NAC may enter up to 2 pilots and 1 substitute / reserve pilot to each class. Reserve pilot will normally only replace a nominated pilot in the event of a withdrawal.
- The present European Champions are automatically qualified and will be admitted in addition to the above quota. (They must, however, be entered by the NAC).
- Reserve pilots will be admitted after May 1st, 2013 only in a class where vacancies exist and provided that entry fees for the officially entered pilots have been received correctly.

Total number of allowable entries

The total number of allowable entries shall not exceed 120 in total and the maximum number of gliders in any class is 40.

Procedures for Managing More Than the Allowable Entries in Each Class

If the number of entries exceeds the total number of allowable entries, starting rights for each class separately will be allocated according to the procedure defined in Annex A.

- Entries for which entry fees have not been paid in full by March 31st, 2013 are rejected. If the remaining number of entries exceeds the maximum number of allowable entries for that class, then :
- Starting rights for the 2nd pilot of nations which are not listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31st, 2013 are rejected. If the remaining number of entries exceeds the maximum number of allowable entries for that class, then :
- Starting rights for the 2nd pilot of nations which are listed in the Country Ranking of the IGC Ranking List valid on March 31st, 2013 are rejected in ascending order, i.e., upwards starting from the last ranking position until the maximum number of allowable entries per class is reached.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is **800 €** per participating glider and covers all operational costs during the Championships except aero tows, landing fees for self launching motor gliders and National Team office.

The entry fee must be paid in full by bank transfer to :

- Bank: **CREDIT AGRICOLE - 83560 Vinon sur Verdon, France**
- Bank Code: **19106**
- Name of account: **0 2 5 2 6 9 4 0 0 0 0**
- IBAN: **FR76 1910 6000 0102 5269 4000 009**
- Swift/BIC Code: **AGRIFRPP891**

by **March 31st, 2013** at the latest.



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Competition Procedures

Competition Classes

FAI European Gliding Championships 2013 will be held in the following classes as described in the main body of Section 3 of the Sporting Code, Chapter 7 :

- 15 M Class
- 18 M Class
- Open Class

Competition area and Airspace

The competition area and the prohibited areas are still under negotiation and we will inform you in the next bulletin or on our web page when more information will be available.

Our aim is to obtain the same area as during the last events with access to a part of the LF-R 71 military airspace. The maximum altitude will be generally FL 115 with extension to FL 195 in the high mountains of the southern Alps. There will be lower altitude limits in a few areas under some TMAs. For all airspace we will provide the altitude in feet and meters with reference to the QNH of the day. This information will be provided in the task sheet together with the other task data.

Local procedures

As soon as the Local Procedures are finalized we will make them available on the official website.

Turn points

Official turn point list in all main formats will be made available on our website after the Local Procedures are published.

Scoring Software

The official scoring software is Naviter See You Competition (www.naviter.si, www.soaringspot.com).

Insurance

Competitors and all crew members attention is drawn to the FAI Sporting Code Annex A to Section 3, part 3.6, paragraphs 3.6.1 to 3.6.2 inclusive.

3.6.1 Third party insurance cover

Third Party Liability insurance – not excluding competitions – is required for each participating sailplane. The required coverage must comply with **EU Regulation 785/2004** which states the following limits:

- Certified MTOM < 500kg Minimum Limit SDR * 750 000
- Certified MTOM < 1000kg Minimum Limit SDR * 1 500 000

* Note: SDR means “Special Drawing Right” as defined by the International Monetary Fund. To view the current conversion rates from SDR’s to other currencies see: www.imf.org/. Documentary proof of insurance shall be made available to the organizer in French or English languages.

3.6.2 Personal Medical Insurance

Personal medical insurance is required for all team members, covering accidents and sickness, including any hospital costs and transport back to the team member’s country of residence. Pilots shall ensure that their coverage extends to accidents and injuries sustained in gliding competitions. Documentary proof of insurance shall be made available to the organizer in French or English languages

Aero-tows

Aero-tow (up to 1000m MSL) fee is 43 € for all gliders.

Landing fee for self launching motor gliders is 10 € per flying day.

The organisers will require payment for 10 aero-tows/landings in advance to staff at the contest site.

This payment, together with all camping and accommodation fees (if applicable), must be made before the start of first training flight at the latest.

Aero-tow/landing fees if unused will be refunded in full.

Contest Numbers

The rules concerning the visibility of contest numbers will be strictly observed. If two contest numbers are identical or easily confused (e.g. “India, India” and “one, one”) the competitors which registration acceptance occurs later will be required to change his Contest Number.

Safety Requirements

According to the French Federation safety rules for all gliders in the french Alps :

- the installation and use of a proximity warning device (FLARM or equivalent) is mandatory.
- High visibility markings are mandatory (on the nose, rudder and wingtips of the gliders)