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### WHAT ARE PARAMOTOR SLALOM TASKS ?

Paramotors - a unique way to fly with an engine and propeller strapped to the pilot's back and a paraglider-style canopy for a wing. In the slalom event, the pilots must complete the navigation around several different circuits marked by inflatable pylons in the fastest possible time.

### WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO WIN?

Paramotor flying requires accurate control of the canopy as well as the engine; many manoeuvres need a change in direction co-ordinated with careful balance of engine power. Pilots must be able to demonstrate a high level of skill and pinpoint control to fly the course quickly and precisely. The competition is fierce and one missed pylon on a slalom course is all that is needed to throw away a medal opportunity.

### HOW IS IT SCORED?

Each qualifying task is scored separately and these scores are added together to determine the top 16 pilots to go through to the final.

### TELL ME MORE!

Paramotoring (also known as powered paragliding) enables the pilot to take off from level ground unassisted and climb to altitude; there is no need to launch from a hill or high ground. Modern paramotors are capable of speeds up to 75km/h with an average duration of 4 hours, though the current world distance record extends to some 1100km.

Paramotors units typically weigh 30kg; after a short take-off run of 10-20m this weight is carried by the wing. The pilot sits in a chair-type harness, controlling the engine output with a hand throttle lever. With a wide network of schools and clubs, coupled with the easy transportation of the engine and wing, paramotors represent an accessible, viable and low-cost route into the world of aviation.

*"Speed, accuracy and control"*