

## **LOCAL RULES - IV INTERNATIONAL F3F CATALUNIA OPEN – EUROTOUR 2010**

### Reception and registration of pilots

The road to the slope will be open from 7:00 am during the days of the contest, and will be closed at the beginning of the competition. The road will be re-opened at the end of the last round. If a pilot needs to leave the slope during the contest, he should contact the organisation to have it opened.

Inscriptions and models will be checked on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Once this process is over, between 9:00 and 9:30 am, the main judge will hold the briefing and the draw to pick the pilot who will start first.

### Competition schedule

The competition will start at 9:30 am on Saturday and will finish at 3:00 pm on Sunday. On Sunday the first round will begin at 09.00 am. No round will start after 5:00 pm on Saturday and after 3:00 pm on Sunday. Any round that has started before, will be completed. Competition will not be interrupted for lunch.

### Safety rules

**Parking:** Only vehicles of the organisation are allowed to enter the competition area. Other vehicles should park on both sides of the road below the forest surveillance tower.

**Landing:** Unrestricted, without time limit or designated area. Nevertheless, landing must be done as soon as possible, always outside the competition area and without interfering with the ongoing task. Once having abandoned the area between the bases after the last leg has been completed, no re-entering is allowed on the upwind side of this area. This will be controlled by the base judges and will be penalized by 100 points. In case of repeating, the round will be scored with 0 points.

The organisation will prepare a leeward area, when using the north west slope, covered with canvas, away from the competition area, to make landings easier. Using this area is recommended, but not compulsory.

**Safety line:** The gliders may not cross the safety line which is determined by the organisation. The judge and safety line judge will check and signal any breaking of this rule which will result in a penalization of 100 points each time any part of the glider crosses the line.

### Frequency verification.

Any pilot who shares frequency with another pilot must submit his transmitter to the organisation during the competition. He will only be able to retrieve it, and switch it on in the ready box, when he is called upon to compete.

The pilot may exceptionally use his transmitter at other times after having been

given special clearance by the main judge, and according to his criteria.

### Evolution of the competition

On Saturday before the beginning of the first round of the contest there will be a draw to determine the starting pilot. The order will be kept during the competition according to the following procedure: the pilot chosen in the draw will be the first pilot in the first round, and following rounds will start by the fourth pilot, after the starting pilot of the previous round.

Starting base will be base A, always the left base facing upwind. When base A is crossed first time, an acoustic signal will sound and the glider can start the run crossing base A again, heading towards base B.

In case of a re-fly this will be performed (except if the judge considers the conditions to call for a different method) without the need of landing, breaking the glider completely and bringing it down to the level of the pilots feet and passing in front of the main judge who will position himself next to the pilot in order to verify that the re-fly is performed according to the regulations. Only when the judge has cleared the start as being valid, will the 30 seconds, starting a new run, begin. If the judge has not validated a start after 3 attempts, the run will be cancelled and the pilot awarded 0 points in this round.

When the main judge decides that wind speed, or direction does not permit a round to continue during more than 30 minutes, it will be cancelled.

Under normal conditions, (providing the main judge does not consider the circumstances to call for a change in this criteria) this occurs when there is a crosswind of more than 45 degrees during more than 15 seconds and/or if the wind speed drops to below 3 metres per second for a sustained period. Any round must be concluded on the same slope where it was initiated.

If more than half of the competitors in a round have been able to complete, the organisation may decide to do group scoring.

Assuming no unusual events occur preventing it, the same base judges and safety line judge will be maintained throughout the same round.

The competitors must be prepared to start in the ready box, waiting to be called by their starting number. The organisation may however call on the pilots to prepare and go to the ready box before the pilot in front has started. After the main judge has given the pilot clearance to start, he or his helper has 30 seconds to launch, before the starting time of 30 seconds commences.

The pilot may not receive any advise, help or instruction during his run from any helper or assistant, who will only be allowed to launch the glider in the area outlined for this purpose.

In case of not respecting this rule, according to the main judges criteria, the competitor will receive a penalization of 100 points, and if repeated during the same round, he will score 0 points in that round. Helpers may assist the pilot during his landing, after having finished all legs.

## Protests

Any protest must be done in writing and handed to the contest director, after paying a deposit of 80 Euros in cash which will be returned only if the protest is accepted.