



Notes for prospective bidders for FAI Sailplane GRAND PRIX qualifying competitions

These notes are valid for bids for the 7th SGP series bids should be received by the SGP management team before January the 31st 2015.

If you have any questions prior to submitting a bid please do not hesitate to contact Director@sgp.aero

The IGC/FAI objectives for a Qualifying Grand Prix are:-

- To select pilots for the World Sailplane Grand Prix Final
- Promote competitive soaring to a wider audience
- Involve local public in a gliding event
- Create publicly recognizable gliding “heroes”

In order to achieve these aims, organisers must always plan to maximise public viewing opportunities and ensure that the pilots participate in media interviews and promotional activities.

The Sailplane Grand Prix series is managed on behalf of the FAI/IGC by the Sailplane Grand Prix Group (SGPG).

The SGPG provide support to organisers in all aspects of the operation and organization of all SGP series events.

The SGP organisation will provide support in seeking and negotiating with commercial sponsors or any other sources of funding.

Local event organizers are encouraged to seek funding locally but are required to liaise with the SGP management group prior to entering into any contracts or agreements.

The sanction fee for an SGP qualifying event is 300 Euros

The sanction fee must be paid prior to the start of the competition.

The sanction fee includes.

- Results included in the IGC International pilots Ranking list.
- An SGP web site dedicated to each individual event.
- Participation in the SGP social media channels.

The SGPG will nominate a Referee for each qualifying event who will act both as an adviser and as an adjudicator in the event of any complaints or protests. The appointment of a Referee is to ensure a consistent high standard at all QGP

The travel expenses of the Referee may be covered by the SGPG.

These travel expenses must be submitted to the SGPG in advance for approval.

The accommodation and living cost of the Referee shall be covered by the organisers.

SGP Final

If bidding for the World final bidders must be aware of their obligation to provide a significantly greater level of organization and media support than that required for a qualifying event. The SGP management will provide a core organising team for the SGP final.

Competition Class

Bids may be accepted in the 15m, Standard and 18m classes. If Standard and 15m class gliders are accepted in the same event the wing loading will be limited to 50 Kg/m² in order to reduce the difference in performance.

Rules

- The Organisers should ensure sure they have the latest SGP Rules which are available at www.sgp.aero

Local Procedures

The local procedures must be approved by the SGPG, they shall be published no later than one month before the event. The LP's should not contradict or duplicate the GP official rules. Maximum number of entries are 20 with 5 entries reserved for overseas pilots.

Tracking

A tracking system is required at all Qualifying GP events the SGPG can provide advice and technical assistance in finding a suitable tracking system.

Media.

For all media output the organizer is obliged to use:-

- The FAISGP web site.
- The FAISGP facebook page.
- The FAISGP, twitter account.
- The FAISGP youtube channel

The organisers must use every opportunity to showcase our sport.

The pilots should be easily identifiable (i.e. by wearing a dedicated shirt with their name and nationality)

Members of the organiser staff should also be easily identifiable (i.e. by wearing a dedicated shirt for all organizer staff)

During public days a speaker should comment on the race for the benefit of local spectators and Internet viewers.

The organisation should provide a dedicated media liaison person.

During public days it is important to organise some activities during the time the gliders are on task. The activities should have an aviation theme (glider aerobatics, glider old-timers, motorgliders, glider rides, RC glider models, glider simulators etc) Aeromodels, Parachuting etc.

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