



LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR THE 7th BALTIC SEA COUNTRIES GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP (Named Baltic Cup)

**Kaunas County Gliding Club
Airfield Pociunai
17 to 25 August, 2024**

Local procedures – January 10, V.01

This is the Local Procedures for all Baltic Sea countries Gliding associations and all IGC members concerning the 8th Baltic Cup gliding competition.

Location of the Event

Airfield POCIUNAI (EYPR)
54° 39,40' N and 024° 02,00' E, WGS 84
Elevation MSL 65m.

Time Schedule:

Entries due 18 August 2024
Unofficial training 16 to 17 August 2024
Opening Ceremony 11 a.m., 17 August 2024
Contest flying 17 to 24 August 2024
Closing Ceremony and Prize giving 24 August 2024
Farewell party 24 August 2024 at 19 p.m.
Reserved Day 25 August 2024 (if there will not be 3 valid days, and the weather on the 25th is predicted to be good)

Competition Officials

Director of the competition: Mindaugas Žaliukas;
Administration: Jūratė Jonušienė;
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Each entry will be accepted only when the entry fee has been credited to the indicated account.

General Competition Procedures

Generally the latest version of FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 3 with its Annexes will apply. Exceptions are described in these Procedures.

The Organizer will publish in the official website (<http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>) and SoaringSpot (www.soaringspot.com) of the championship the co-ordinates of the departure, turn and control points and restricted areas in the required formats, but it is the responsibility of the competitors to load these into their flight recorders or other navigational equipment.

The forbidden airspace files will be published in Open Air format. Sporting Limits will be used for violating forbidden airspace (or Contest area absolute altitude limit) vertically and horizontal up to 100m. 1m of violation will be penalized by one penalty point. For one entrance penalty will be applied at biggest violation. Other entrances will be penalized separately.

Flight can be recorded by GNSS or other IGC file logging devices. The competition results of Mix and Club classes will be sent to FAI/IGC and will be included in Glider Pilot Rankings calculations.

Competition Classes

Competitions will be held in **Club** (FAI IGC Club Class) **Mix** (Standard, 15 meter, 18 meter, 20 m. double seater class, old open class and others), and **Retro** (mainly old wooden gliders and L-13 Blanik or others) classes.

The Competition in MIX class will be held with the handicaps from 103.5 to 121. [Lithuanian national handicaps](#) will be applied. The gliders will be allowed to fly with water ballast, so the handicaps are adjusted to MTOW. For the Club Class the FAI Sporting Code handicaps will be applied. The gliders which are match the IGC handicaps can be included to the club class. The competition tasks for MIX class will be selected based standard class (H=110) gliders capability to complete the task in predictable weather conditions.

Retro class will be held with handicaps. The tasks will selected not going away from airfield, with Minimum Handicapped Distance to validate the Day equal to 30 km.

If in the Mix or Club class will be less than 5 competitors per class the classes will be joined to one Mix class. In this case MIX class handicaps will be in range from 98 to 121.

Total number of allowable entries

The number of entries will be limited as maximum number of gliders - total 150 pilots.

Competitors

A competitor must satisfy the following conditions:

- Hold a silver badge or higher;
- Have flown at least 100 hours in gliders;
- Hold a Pilot license or equivalent document issued or validated by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered.



Insurance

The glider shall be covered by third party insurance in conformance with **EU Regulation 785/2005**.

Personal medical insurance is required for all pilots, covering accidents and sickness, including any local hospital costs of transport back to the team member's home country. Documentary proof of the insurance shall be made in English or Lithuanian.

General Flying Procedures

Radio communication required for contact with Air Traffic Services

Each sailplane must be equipped with a radio able to communicate at aviation frequencies with 25 kHz spacing (8.33 kHz spacing are not mandatory required).

Radio frequencies to be used during the competition

For the competition the following frequencies will be used:

Call sign POCIUNAI (FREQ 119.000 MHz) – for all airport operations at the contest site;

Competition Procedures

Requirements for discharging water ballast on the grid

Water ballast may be discharged on the grid with the permission of the competition management or one of the stewards at any time.

Contest site boundaries

The contest site boundaries are the airfield boundaries.

Launch procedures for gliders and motor gliders

The requirements of Annex A para. 5.4d will be implemented for motorgliders, regardless of the type of power plant. In particular, competitors with jet or electric engines must provide evidence of MoP detection to the satisfaction of the organizers.

Maximum altitude of climb after self launch

Motorgliders, after self-launching, must stop their MoP not higher than 600 mAGL, in the release area of the appropriate class.

Inflight procedures for motorgliders

Motor gliders (SLG –SSG) that require a second (or even third) launch must land prior to taking the new launch. A new launch has to be approved by the organizers on the frequency 119.000 MHz.

Release areas and release heights

The release areas of each class will be announced at the daily briefing. The release height is 600 m AGL.

Areas where continuous circling is prohibited or permitted in one direction only

Circling direction limitations may be imposed.

Types and definitions of starts that will be used

The Start Options for the competition are:

☑ **Start Line.** A straight line, perpendicular to the track to the first Turn Point or to the center of the first area. Length of the line will be 10 km.

Radio procedures for announcing the start



For announcing the start on the competition frequency following phrases (repeated once) will be used:

- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 20 Minutes AT (time hh:mm)**, - As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 5 MINUTES**, - 5 minutes before the opening the start for the class
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS OPEN NOW**, - Just after the opening the start for the class
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS DELAYED FOR (number) MINUTES** – As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time, if the start time will be delayed
- **THE TASK FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS CANCELLED** - As soon as possible after the cancellation of the Day.

Instructions for real out landings

A competitor who has landed out shall contact organizers by telephone without delay, giving them information about outlanding place and pilot/glider status. Outlanding can also be reported via SMS messages in format specified before first contest day.

Provision of, and requirements for, aero tow retrieves

Aero tows from the fields are permitted if the sailplane has landed on a suitable field. All aero tows of the competing gliders shall be provided only by the organizer.

Minimum altitude for the finish ring

No minimum height for crossing the finish ring will be used. Radius of the ring is 3.0 km and it covers airfield and its surroundings.

Finishing procedures

Arrivals should be announced on the airport frequency 119.000 MHz about 10 km before the airfield.

The procedures for joining the circuit of the runway in use for speed finishers will be specified at the briefing.

Landing procedures

The landing frequency is the same as the finish frequency – 119.000 MHz (call sign POCIUNAI). Sailplanes landing straight in shall, during landing, proceed according to the instruction received from finish officials on the airport frequency. The aim is that the first finishing sailplanes shall normally continue as long as possible landing to allow other sailplanes to land safely behind and to use as much runway as possible. Any sudden change in direction of flight or rolling during the landing procedure is strictly prohibited. Violations will be penalized. Landing instructions for sailplanes landing following a circuit will be specified at the briefing.



The IGC files after flight should be sent to igc@pociunai.lt in 60 min after the flight. Wireless internet connection is available at the airfield.

Scoring

The scoring system for the competition will be:

- 1000-Points Scoring System.
- The competition scoring software is SeeYou Competition (<https://www.naviter.com/>).

Official Home Page

All Bulletins and information concerning 3th Baltic Cup gliding competition will be available on the Internet. The address of the home page is <http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>

Entry Fee and Charges

1. entry fee per pilot: **50€**
2. towing charges: **40€** up to 600 meters
3. camping charges: **5€** for tent or caravan per day +**5€** per person per day.

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

Beneficiary's Bank AB bankas "Swedbank",

Bank Address Savanoriu 19 Vilnius,

SWIFT: HABA LT 22

Beneficiary's Account (IBAN) LT437300010002246869

Beneficiary Kauno apskrities aviacijos sklandymo klubas,

Address: Sklandytoju 10, Pociunai, Prienu raj., Lithuania

By August 17 2024 at the latest.

Entries

The on-line registration will start at 2 April - till 17 June 2024. You should to fill the form which you will find on competition web-site <http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>.

Prizes

The winners of Baltic Cup will be awarded by **special cup** and other prizes.

Every day a winner in class will get one free towing!

The competition is valid if the 3 task will be completed in class.



The END of Procedures.

Baltic CUP 2024 Competition director

Mindaugas Žaliukas