

General Briefing Notes – Aeronautica Militare Cup, 3rd edition 2026

-I.2 SANCTION

This event is a CIA CAT 2 event.

The championship will be valid if we can fly minimum 2 flights with a minimum of 3 tasks in total.

A total of 5 flights are scheduled.

-I.5 PERSONNEL

Jury President: Marc André

Jury Member: Marcus Green, when not-involved.

Jury Member: Pavel Kostrhun, when not-involved.

When a Jury Member is involved, we will choose a substitute from the non-involved pilots/officials.

First substitute Jury Member: Lindsay Muir (Safety Officer)

-II.1 CONTEST AREA

The digital competition-map published on the ENB is the official competition map.

The contest area is bounded by a circle with centerpoint on coordinates 5710/7355 and a radius of 10 nautical miles (18,52km), and in the South of the map by the Northing 6100 (Whichever is closer to the centerpoint).

Maximum altitude is 5500ft AMSL.

When flying outside the contest area, normal airspace regulations apply.

We recommend you to fly below 2500ft MSL.

-II.2 OUT OF BOUNDS

-All red and blue PZ's are considered 'out of bound – airspaces'.

Ground contact and other penalties will still be applied.

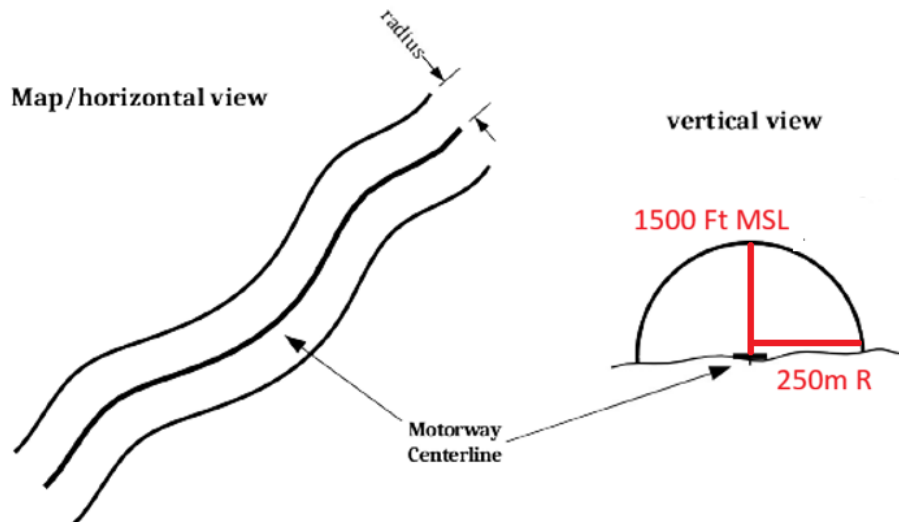
-II.3 PZ-LIST

PZ Nr.	Colour	Description	Coordinate / Area	Radius in m	Altitude in ft AMSL
PZ0	Blue	Altitude Limit outside contest area	See Section II.1		Recommended 2500 ft
PZ1	Blue	Altitude Limit inside contest area	See Section II.1	18520 (10 NM)	5500 ft
PZ2	Red	City Center of Piacenza	Trackfiles	See track	1500 ft
PZ3	Red	Prison	5721/8595	925	1500 ft
PZ4	Red	Prison	8347/9812	925	1500 ft
PZ5	Red	Nuclear power plant	6866/9134	1850	2000 ft
PZ6	Red	Heliport	4076/7335	925	2000 ft
PZ7	Red	Heliport	8558/6787	925	1500 ft
PZ8	Red	River Po	Trackfiles	250	1500 ft
PZ9	Red	Road A1	Trackfiles	250	1500 ft
PZ10	Red	Road A21	Trackfiles	250	1500 ft
PZ11	Red	Road A1-21	Trackfiles	250	1500 ft
PZ12	Red	Railroads	Trackfiles	250	1500 ft

The electronic files of the PZ-List are published on 05/10/2026 on the ENB.

If there are any conflicts or discrepancies, the electronic version will prevail.

Example and clarification to PZ' s 8, 9, 10 and 11.



-II.3 and II.4 COMMON LAUNCH POINTS AND AREAS

CLP's and CLA' s will be announced during the Task Briefing of that specific flight.

One vehicle / team is allowed on the CLA.

If instructions are given during the Task Briefing or TDS, please always follow them strictly.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR TAKE-OFF'S, EITHER ILP (Individual) OR CLP (Common):

Smoking, vaping (electronic cigarette), or anything similar is prohibited inside the boundaries of the Launchfield, or the field with an MMA.

By extension, it is advised not to smoke in any field to avoid any wildfires.

-II.6 LANDOWNERS PERMISSION

Please be aware that you are guests using a farmer or landowner's property and their livelihood. Be respectful and ask permission according the rules.

-II.9 AIRLAW

Airlaw applies throughout the contest area is included in the PZ-list.

-II.10 RECALL PROCEDURE

WhatsApp will be used to cancel briefings, tasks and flights.

Minor changes to tasks may be given by WhatsApp when necessary.

-II.11 VERTICAL SPEED & II.13.5 RESPECTFUL FLYING SCORE

Respectful Flying Score (RFS) applies during this competition (CAT2.).

All logger tracks will be checked using the Balloon Safety Analyzer. Competitors exceeding the limits of vertical speed below will be penalized:

Limit	3D Proximity	Relative Vertical Speed
Limit 1	25 m	3 m/s
Limit 2	50 m	5 m/s
Limit 3	75 m	8 m/s

Limit 4: Exceeding the absolute vertical ascent speed of 8 m/s will be penalized.

Penalty Policy:

lower balloon				upper balloon			
Vertical speed [m/s]	Limit 1 Penalty	Limit 2 Penalty	Limit 3 Penalty	Vertical speed [m/s]	Limit 1 Penalty	Limit 2 Penalty	Limit 3 Penalty
$0 \leq v < 2$				$0 \leq v < -2$			
$2 \leq v < 3$	50/WRN			$-2 \leq v < -3$	100/WRN		
$3 \leq v < 4$	100/WRN	50/WRN		$-3 \leq v < -4$	200	50/WRN	
$4 \leq v < 5$	300	100/WRN	50/WRN	$-4 \leq v < -5$	400	100/WRN	
$5 \leq v < 6$	500	300	100/WRN	$-5 \leq v < -6$	600	200	100/WRN
$6 \leq v < 7$	700	500	300	$-6 \leq v < -7$	800	400	200
$7 \leq v < 8$	900	700	500	$-7 \leq v < -8$	1000	600	400
8 and more	1000	900	700	-8 and more	1000	800	600

- II.13 & 5.10 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is the ENB on Watchmefly.

<https://watchmefly.net/events/event.php?e=ambc2026&v=enb>

-II.22 2D/3D SORING METHODS

The separation altitude between 2D and 3D in this event is **700ft AMSL**, unless otherwise stated on the TDS. TDS always prevail.

-R5. COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

Complaints and protests must be in handwritten English and Capitals.

A typed version will not be accepted.

-R9.3.1, 9.3.2 LAUNCH PROCEDURES

We will not use any launchmasters during take-off. Officials (in Hi-Viz Jackets) will be present and will give you some guidelines when necessary to avoid any collision or dangerous situation.

Quick-release tie-off on the car (not trailer) is mandatory for all launches. (CLP and ILP).

-R12.1.2 GOALS

The target will normally be displayed within 100m of the given goal coordinates, as close as possible to the coordinates.

If - for some reason - there is no physical target present at the coordinates stated on the TDS, you will be scored by loggermark in 3D with separation altitude of 700ft AMSL or other when mentioned on the TDS.

-R12.6 MARKER

Pilots will receive all their markers during General Briefing. It is the responsibility of each pilot to bring their markers for the next flight.

-R12.15 LOST MARKER

Competitors have to find their markers when dropped out of the marker measuring area (MMA).

In case of lost marker, a replacement marker will be given for the next flight only when the pilot pays 10 euros for the lost marker.

-RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors must listen on VHF frequency

122.250 for safety matters during the whole flight. Competitors may ask their crew or other competitors for a clearance before climbing on 122.250.

-FLIGHT REPORT FORMS

Make sure you fill in the FRF completely!

Time and estimation of each markerdrop are necessary to give you a result.

There is an update to the FRF. An extra field has been added to enter the details of your take-off and landing sites.

Flight Report Forms must be completed on Watchmefly.net as quick as possible and maximum NINETY (90) minutes after the landing of that specific flight !!

When there are problems during your retrieve, please contact the Event Director or Chief Scorer and ask for an 'extension of time'.

If the FRF is received too late without an extension of time you may be penalized up to 100 points!

-BLA OR BLS

The newest version of BalloonLive (V.3030) is mandatory for all pilots. Please update your app and partake in the practice flight so your app version can be seen by the scorers and if there is a problem the scorers can assist you after General Briefing.

Latest version of BLS is 4.19.

If there is a failure during the competition, please contact Chief Scorer Zuz Bryant on 0044 7876 343 994 by WhatsApp.

-POWERLINES

Watch out for powerlines in this area. There are a lot of smaller and/or lower powerlines with high voltage. They are not always shown on map, or clearly visible.

When an incident of any kind happens;

- Call emergency.
- Inform organizer and event director.
- Do not share any pictures or videos on any social media.
- Do not talk to the press.

-BRIEFING TIMES

Morning-flights: 6.45hr LT.

Evening-flights: 15.45hr LT.

Briefing room will be available approximately 15 minutes before start of the briefing.

-LOST MARKER

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-WINDSOND

We try to provide you with wind information by windsond.

Times are variable (subject to change):

- During morning briefing.
- By sunrise.
- Before launch period of the evening flight.

Extra information:

Event Organizer: 0039 388 818 0950 (Sara Passoni)

Emergency & retrieve number: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Extension of time: 0032 477 16 02 73 (Jonas Maes, Event Director)

Landowners relations: 0039 388 818 0950 (Sara Passoni)

Logger or scoring: 0044 787 63 43 994 (Zuz Bryant, Chief Scorer)

Sunrise: 07.40hrs LT – Sunset 18.30hrs LT -- Obligated Frequency: 122.250 MHz

General Emergency Number: 112

Police: 113

Fire Department: 115

Ambulance: 118