



Invitation to the German-British Hot Air Balloon Championships 2025 from August 05th – 10th 2025 in Burgebrach



Location:	Steigerwaldhalle in 96138 Burgebrach		
Organizer:	BuKo Ballon, Hermann-Blenk-Str. 28, 38108 Braunschweig		
Local Organizer:	Frankenballon e.V., Reutleser Weg 7, 91058 Erlangen		
Event Director:	Manfred Eckstein	Deputy:	Stephanie von Guilleaume
Competition Director:	Sylvia Meinel	Deputy:	Florian Fuchs
Safety:	Bernhard Mohr		
Jury President:	Thomas Fink		
Chief Scoring:	Mike Meinel	Scoring:	Jan Meinel, Micha Echle
Chief Measuring:	Uschi Zappe	Measuring:	german, british and international Officials
Weather information:	Jens Öhmichen		



We are pleased to invite you to the Combined German-British Hotair Balloon Championships in Frankonia.

Rules:

The German-British Hot Air Balloon Championships 2025 in Burgebrach will be held as a ranking competition. The Bavarian Championships will also be held. The German Champion will be regulated in the "German Rules for Competitions, Rankings and NM HLB 2025". The British Champion will be regulated in the British rules. The Bavarian Champion is only open to pilots, who have a valid membership in a Bavarian Balloon club or are members of the Bavarian Air Sports Association. As well as the above, there will also be an overall champion for the whole competition. The "AX Model Event Rules" will apply with the version valid on August 5th, 2025. All above competitions will be held, using the Balloon Live app and the Balloon Live sensor. The official language at the competition is English!

Entry fee:

The entry fee is **300 €**.

The entry fee must be transferred, **after** receiving the official confirmation of the pilot's participation, but no later than June 15th 2025.

The entry fee includes:

- Competition management and scoring/evaluation for 8 planned competition flights via Watchmefly and the BalloonLiveApp (Note: The individual token in the app must be activated and paid for by each pilot himself!)
 - 1 paper map (Note: Although the paper map is printed as accurately as possible, there is no guarantee that it will actually be 100% true-to-scale!)
 - A small breakfast, before the morning flights from Wednesday till Saturday (4 people per team)
 - Invitations to both, the opening ceremony (Tuesday, 05th) and the award ceremony (Sunday, 10th) each for 4 people per team
- Additional crew members on request.

Gas billing:

The gas will be billed according to consumption. When refuelling for the first time, ALL cylinders are weighed BEFORE and AFTER refuelling and provided with a sticker. During further refuelling processes, the cylinders will only be weighed prior to refuelling. Billing will be done for the quantity consumed by each individual pilot. In the interest of all, please arrive with FULL gas cylinders. The first gas refuelling will be on Wednesday morning after the first flight.

For your orientation: the current gas price (as of 08/12/2024) is 1.20 EUR/kg (net plus 19% VAT)

To simplify the processing of the gas bill, an advance payment of **€200** must be made with the entry fee. Any credit will be transferred back after the event. In the event of high gas consumption/costs, there may also be an additional claim.

Check-In / Check-Out:

At the check-in, you will receive the basket numbers for a deposit of 50 euros in cash and your paper competition map. We ask you, to upload all relevant documents in advance via Watchmefly. This speeds up the check-in process enormously.

At check-out, the deposit (50 €) will be returned if the basket numbers are given back intact.

Schedule:

Duration of the event:	Tuesday, August 05 th 2025 to Sunday, August 10 th , 2025
Check-in:	Tuesday, August 05 th 2025, 16:00 to 18:00
General Briefing:	Tuesday, August 05 th 2025, 18:00
Opening Ceremony:	Tuesday, August 05 th , following the general briefing
First competition Flight:	Wednesday, August 06 th 2025 morning (SR 05:52 loc, SS 20:52 loc.)
Last competition Flight:	Saturday, August 09 th 2025, evening
Balloon glow with VIP balloon party:	Saturday, August 09 th 2025 from 20:30
Task briefings:	in the morning 05:15 and in the evening 17:30
Check Out:	Sunday, August 10 th from 08:30 till 09:00
Award Ceremony:	Sunday, August 10 th from 09:00

Gas refuelling:

A gas filling station (truck) with a total of 6 connections. Adapters for Tema and Rego are available. The exact procedure for refuelling with gas will be published in good time.

Catering:

We would like to offer a dinner in the Steigerwaldhalle at cost price after the evening flights from Wednesday till Friday. A selection of menus will be provided in time, so that you can pay for dinner when you check in. On Saturday evening, a VIP balloon party is planned as part of the balloon glow.

Accommodation:

Unfortunately, accommodation in Burgebrach is limited. However, there are plenty of opportunities within a radius of about 15 minutes by car via the relevant online portals (Google, Booking.com, FeWo-direkt, AirBNB, etc.).

Fiesta:

There will be no fiesta event. However, some club balloons will fly sponsors, press and VIPs.

Balloon Glow:

On Saturday evening, there will be a balloon glow at the fairground (only balloons from Frankenballon e.V.) together with a VIP balloon party.

Registration deadline for German and British pilots: February 28th 2025

25 slots for German pilots and 15 slots for British pilots are guaranteed until March 30th.

Final registration deadline: May 30th 2025

A maximum of 45 slots are available, including 5 slots for other pilots.

If the slots allocated to the German and British pilots have not been taken up by February 28th, the possible slots for other pilots will be increased accordingly.

Registration:

Please only register via www.watchmefly.net

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your crew in the beautiful town of Burgebrach, the gateway to the Steigerwald!

Glück ab, Gut land! Happy landings!

Your Board of Directors

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