

General safety instructions

(in principle, the provisions in the regulations apply)

Balloon operation

- Each pilot is solely responsible for the airworthiness of his system.
- Maintenance Manuals (MM) and Flight Manuals (FM) are available at least as a copy, these are known and will be adhered to.

Damage to the balloon

- Damage that impairs airworthiness must be reported to the competition director or safety officer. They will decide on participation for the next flights.
- Damage may be repaired, but must be checked and approved by the competition director or safety officer before the next flight.

Behavior at the starting area

- Only one vehicle per participant is permitted on the starting area.
- The use of the quick release is mandatory on official starting areas.
- Gloves must be worn when manipulating the gas system (incl. burner operation).
- Discharging liquid gas without controlled combustion is prohibited (exception: snifting valve).
- A fire extinguisher must be within easy reach.

Behavior in the air

- Every pilot must have his balloon under control during the entire flight.
- Airspace violations and collisions will be checked and penalized in accordance with the regulations. The blue PZ altitude is the limit of airspace C. The same applies to the CTR St. Gallen-Altenrhein. Penalty type points and a criminal complaint will be issued if you enter these airspaces by more than 2 FL (approx. 60m)! In the event of airspace violations, it is advisable to file a self-report!

Dealing with landowners

- Every pilot tries to avoid causing any damage to the land.
- We maintain an open and friendly relationship with our farmers and landowners. It is customary to thank the landowner personally.
- Driving on private land is only permitted with the owner's permission.
- High grass and fruit stands may not be used under any circumstances and are therefore not to be used as a launch site. Any land damage must be settled directly with the landowner on site.
- In the event of irreconcilable differences with landowners, Pascal Witprächtiger: (+4179 753 86 72) should be consulted.

Behavior on the road

- The road traffic regulations apply.
- Pursuit vehicles must be parked in such a way that they do not obstruct public traffic. Traffic regulations and parking regulations at the Competition Center must be strictly adhered to!
- Parking on private property and in front of entrances and exits is prohibited.
- Markers must not be placed on busy roads or directly in front of road users.

Gas refueling

- The instructions of the refueling personnel must always be followed
- The gas refueling times (**09:30 to 11:00 and 21:0 to 22:30**) must be adhered to; in exceptional cases, please contact Michael Brunschwiler (+4179 600 50 71) or Andreas Sutter (+4179 370 03 69).
- A maximum of two members per team are permitted in the "inner zone".
- **Gas cylinders may only be refueled in the trailer if they are equipped with special sniffer valves (dip tube valves) that allow gas to be discharged to the outside. All other gas containers must be removed for refueling.**
- The filling crew must wear gloves and long sleeves (nylon outerwear should be avoided).
- All electronic devices (radio, mobile phones, cameras, etc.) are prohibited in the "inner zone".
- The non-return valves of all bottles must be relieved at the filling station.
- The area must be left immediately after refueling.

Parking for balloon vehicles

- These are organized by separate plan.

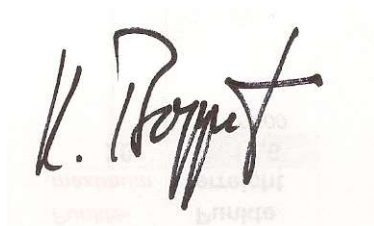
Behavior in the event of an accident

- The first thing to do is to call the emergency services (112), further telephone numbers can be found on the back of your badge.
- Then the competition management must contact: Kurt Boppart: +4179 445 57 24 or
Léon André: +4179 280 84 16 or
Werner Beyeler: +4179 371 63 50

be informed in detail.

- **Do not make any statements to the press.** The press office of the competition management will provide them directly with reliable information.
- The competition will continue; any suspension of the competition can only be ordered by the competition management.

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Kurt Boppart
Safety Officer