



BULLETIN 1

FOR THE 11th EUROPEAN MICROLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Mailing list

A group mailing list for pilots, team leaders and other interested parties has been established at yahoo groups to discuss all issues relating to this championship.

Everybody intending to participate in the championships is encouraged to join this group as soon as possible to receive the latest news and to get their questions answered in the most efficient manner.

Subscribe:	emc2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
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Microlight Autogyros

A Microlight Autogyro is a gyro otherwise conforming to the standard microlight definition. The 2009 CIMA plenary approved inclusion of these in Section 10 in two classes, GL1 flown solo and GL2 flown with two people. CIMA will be unable to award medals in championships or World records until these two new classes are formally approved by the FAI General Conference in October 2010, but in the meantime these aircraft are invited to compete at EMC 2010 for organizer-awarded trophies flying the same tasks as everyone else.

Entry fees for Microlight Autogyros will be 50% standard rate.

Three-Axis aircraft flown solo (Class AL1)

The first entry from each team in this class will pay no entry fee.

UK CAA 153 Airworthiness

In principle, no foreign registered microlight is permitted to fly in UK because they do not have the paperwork meeting UK Law.

UK CAA will issue exemptions from this requirement so you can fly your microlight in UK, but in 2009 the UK CAA introduced a fee for this.

The good news is that this fee is included in the championship entry fee.

But it means we **MUST** have copies of the following documents for each aircraft by 15th July 2010 **AT THE LATEST**.

- Aircraft registration document
- Pilot licence
- Insurance document (meeting the minimum required amount, see local regulations).

Also see local regulations 1.9.3

Email scanned copies to: info@emc2010.org.uk

If you do not provide valid copies of these documents by the deadline we cannot guarantee that you will be permitted to compete in the championships.

Please put this important deadline in your calendar: **15th July 2010**.

Deadlines for your calendar

18th June 2010 : Entry fees paid before this date will have a 10% discount.

30th June 2010 : Entry fees must have been received by the organization. Entry may be refused after this date.

15th July 2010 : Must submit information to the organization for compliance with UK CAA 153 Airworthiness. No guarantee you will be able to compete if you are late with this.

Entry fee payment details

Bank: HSBC

Branch: Banbury

Sort code: 40 09 02

Account: BMAA Ltd

Account No: 61658077

IBAN: GB02MIDL40090261658077

BIC: MIDLGB2102D

Payee to pay all charges.

Please include a reference indicating who the payment is from and what it is for, and notify info@emc2010.org.uk with all the details of the transaction.

EMC 2010 Intranet

The intranet system deployed at WPC 2009 successfully demonstrated that it is far more efficient and environmentally friendly to publish all information pertaining to EMC 2010 online - **including task briefs, urgent notices, scoring, complaints Etc.**

There will be very little physical printed output from the organization.

An intranet is a sort of private website operated at the championship airfield so it will not be subject to the unreliabilities and delays of the internet, thus making the very latest information always instantly available on site. It will be mirrored to the official website at www.emc2010.org.uk but there could be a delay, for best results everyone should access the local intranet. The URL will be provided on-site.

On site there will be a good wireless connection for both intranet and internet. Every team is therefore advised that a wireless enabled laptop AND a printer are essential pieces of team equipment, you will find yourself at a serious disadvantage without these.

Notice of changes or additions to the intranet will be distributed via an RSS feed and you are encouraged to discover for yourself a good way of receiving these messages on your mobile phone.

GPS Loggers

All pilots competing at EMC 2010 must have a CIMA approved logger.

There will NOT be loggers for loan or rent at the championships. There may be a limited number for sale on-site, but this is not guaranteed. A new generation of small, lightweight cheap loggers are available from <http://www.flymicro.com/AMOD/> or elsewhere. Pilots without loggers are advised to obtain one AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so they can practice with it.

Other electrical devices

Some aircraft come fitted with GPS and other electronic devices banned in championship tasks. If they cannot be removed from the aircraft then they must be demonstrably disabled and sealed to the satisfaction of the chief marshal.

Transport to Sywell Aerodrome

Road distances to Sywell are:

- Luton Airport: 55 miles / 88 Km
- Birmingham airport: 56 miles / 90 Km
- East midlands airport: 61 miles / 98 Km
- Stansted airport 75 miles / 120 Km
- Heathrow airport: 76 miles / 122 Km
- Gatwick airport: 112 miles / 180 Km

- Channel tunnel, Folkestone: 151 miles / 243 Km
- Dover harbour : 159 miles / 255 Km

Teams arriving by air are advised to arrange their own transport with a rented car or van. You are advised to book this early or there may be delays.

Teams arriving via the channel crossing are advised to book early as this is peak holiday season.

Arrivals by air / flying across the channel

You must make a flight plan to cross the channel.

You must have radio and lifejackets. A PLB is strongly advised.

Suggested departure points in France are:

- Abbeville LFOI <http://tinyurl.com/yytu2qm>
- Calais-Dunquerque, LFAC <http://tinyurl.com/y4nh8us>
- Le Touquet Paris Plage LFAT <http://tinyurl.com/y6d4p2s>

Suggested arrival points in UK are:

- Headcorn Aerodrome EGKH <http://www.headcornaerodrome.co.uk/>
- Or you could fly direct to Sywell EGBK <http://www.sywellaerodrome.co.uk>

Wherever you land after crossing the channel, make sure ATC have closed your flight plan or you could be billed for search & rescue.

There is a lot of complex airspace between the Channel and Sywell (Heathrow / Stansted / Luton) so you must be equipped with the correct map.

- Either the 1:500,000 aeronautical chart 'Southern England & Wales' – Edition 36 11th March 2010
- Or the 1: 250,000 aeronautical chart 'England East' for visual navigation below 5000 feet, Edition 14 8th March 2010 (This is also the official map for the championships.)

Suggested retailers are <http://www.pooleys.com> or <http://www.transair.co.uk/>

Sywell is a busy local airport. Radio is required (special arrangements for no radio are in place for championship tasks and practice.) and there are sensitive areas nearby.

A further bulletin with more information and guidance for those travelling by Microlight will be issued shortly.

Accommodation

The entry fee includes Camping place for each team with water and electricity.

As an alternative some local hotels are:

- The Aviator Hotel. On-site, <http://www.aviatorhotel.co.uk> Book early!
- Some other options at <http://tinyurl.com/y3keala>

Bed & Breakfast accommodation is an attractive alternative. Some local options are at <http://tinyurl.com/y6389um>

Letters of invitation

For those who need them, letters of invitation for Visas will be provided upon application to info@emc2010.org.uk

You will need to provide Name, Address, Date of birth, Nationality and Passport number for each one.

It is advised that these are applied for in good time before the championships.

Customs

If you are sending your equipment by freight your best option is to use the import agent recommended by your local shipping agent but we can advise you of telephone numbers or websites of some companies providing these services.

Flags and Anthems

All teams planning to enter EMC 2010 must bring 3 national flags, 1 for the main display, 1 to mark your team tent and 1 to run up the flagpole when you win a trophy.

They should be approximately 150 x 225 cm (so they all look good in a row rather than some large and some small). They will be returned after the competition.

Please bring a CD of the your national anthem.

Rules on Advertising

For FAI Air Sport Events, see the link: <http://www.fai.org/documents/advertisingrules>

FAI Anti-Doping Programme

See the link: http://www.fai.org/documents/otherdocs/antidoping_rules

Alcohol and FAI Air Sport Contests

See the link: <http://www.fai.org/antidoping/alcohol>

Alcohol limit for aviation in UK is 20mg / 100ml