



World Paramotor Championships 2009

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Team sizes

The local regulations 1.4 describes maximum team size.

In PF1 it is maximum 6 pilots for an all-male team, or seven pilots if there are between one and seven female pilots in the team.

The same applies for PL1, except there is a further additional place for one wheelchair bound pilot. With at least one female pilot and at least one wheelchair bound pilot, a PL1 team could be maximum 8 pilots.

So long as there are female pilots in PF1 from at least 4 different nations, then there are FAI medals for the top 3 best performing female pilots in the PF1 general scoring.

So long as there are at least 8 pilots from 4 different nations in a class, then the team scoring for that class is calculated from the sum of the scores of the top 3 pilots in each team in each task.

All classes: Less than four pilots from four different nations **ready to fly the first task**: Invalid class, No FAI individual or team medals will be awarded.

All classes: Less than 8 pilots from 4 different nations in a class: No FAI team medals will be awarded in that class.

CHANGE TO LOCAL REGULATIONS TEAM SIZES IN CLASSES PL2 and PF2

In classes PF2 and PL2 there is a maximum of THREE AIRCRAFT from each nation.

Teams cannot be expanded with all-female crews in classes PF2 and PL2.

So long as there are at least 8 pilots [aircraft] from 4 different nations in a class, then the team scoring for that class is calculated from the sum of the scores of the top **TWO** pilots [aircraft] in each team in each task.

GPS Loggers

All pilots competing at WPC 2009 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 now available from

<http://www.flymicro.com/buyAMOD.cfm> or elsewhere. Pilots without loggers are advised to obtain one AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so they can practice with it.

FAI sporting licences

Please **check the validity** of all FAI Sporting Licenses for pilots *and* navigators. As from 1 Jan 2009 each FAI sporting license MUST be registered with FAI as valid for Microlights & Paramotors. A sporting license only valid for paragliders IS NOT ENOUGH and these pilots will NOT be permitted to compete at WPC 2009.

3rd party insurance

This type of insurance is (and always has been) a mandatory requirement for all competitors at FAI international championships. The value must at least meet the minimum requirement in the Local regulations and all pilots' insurance will be checked at registration.

It is strongly recommended all pilots obtain suitable cover in their home countries before arrival, but the organization can provide insurance for all classes of competing aircraft, but it must be applied for in advance with: Name, Country, Aircraft Type, Aircraft Manufacturer/Model, Aircraft Registration (if any) to WPC2009@laacr.cz

Insurance will not be available on-site, so all pilots must obtain suitable cover in their home countries before arrival.

WPC2009 Intranet

In an effort to streamline the system and be more environmentally friendly, nearly all information at WPC 2009, and this includes task briefs and scoring, will be published electronically via an on-site intranet.

An intranet is a sort of private website operated at the championship airfield so it will not be subject to the unreliability and delays of the internet, thus making the very latest information always instantly available.

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

On site, there will be an 'internet cafe' and a good wireless connection provided by a sponsor for both the WPC 2009 intranet and the internet. For best results, every team MUST should come to the championship with at least one wireless enabled laptop AND a colour printer.

There will be two URLs for the WPC 2009 intranet.

1. One internal at the championship site, known as the **live on-site Intranet**. This will work at the championship site on the wireless connection whether the internet is working or not. The URL for this will be announced later.
2. An **external mirror** at www.flymicro.com/wpc2009 . This will reflect most of the contents of the live on-site intranet, but there may be a delay before content exactly matches it.

Championship tasks

It is intended that no task briefing at the championship will take longer than ten minutes. To achieve this, all tasks will be published weeks in advance on the Intranet mirror and all interested parties are invited to join the wpc2009 mailing list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/subscribe/wpc2009> to discuss

them. The intention is that if there's anything which is difficult to understand, confusing, missing, or just wrong, it can be resolved in this forum with everyone listening and the task can be amended to fix the problem long before anyone arrives at Nové Město nad Metují.

Entry fees

Teams are reminded that entries must be made on the official Entry Form (in the local regulations) and that if applications, with fees paid, are not received by **1 June** then the entry may be refused.

Even if accepted, entry fees received after 1 June 2009 increase by 60 € for Pilots, Co-Pilots & Team leaders.

It is your problem if you miss the deadline! We need the money as we are already incurring the costs. Please pay your entry fees NOW even if you don't yet have the names of your complete team. Any overpayment will be refunded. Full fee and payment details are in the local regulations.

In addition to the entry form, team leaders shall send personnel data of the team (name, surname, date of birth and photo in advance of each pilot / navigator / team leader / assistant to WPC2009@laacr.cz

Hotels

The championship organization has reserved two hotels in the town of Nové Město nad Metují which will be filled on a first-come, first served basis. Accommodation for everyone is guaranteed, but those teams who pay earlier are more likely to have rooms close by each other in the same hotel.

Full fee and payment details are in the local regulations.

Each individual is responsible for paying his hotel bill directly to the hotel in the practice period before the championship, but bookings should be made in good time to WPC2009@laacr.cz

Transport between hotel and airfield

A shuttle bus will not be provided. All teams are expected to provide their own transport between town and airfield.

Team tents

Each national team will be provided with a tent at the airfield with electricity and chairs. There will be secure storage in a locked hangar.

Camping

There is no camping at the championship site. For those who insist on camping rather than staying in one of the championship hotels, there is a camp site nearby: <http://www.atcrozkos.com/>

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 LEVEL IS ZERO IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

Letters of invitation

For those who need them, letters of invitation for Visas will be provided upon application to WPC2009@laacr.cz . 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.

Transport between Prague and Nové Město nad Metují

Teams arriving by air at Prague are advised that the best thing to do is arrange their own transport with a rented car or van. You are advised to book this early or there may be delays.

In case of need, we can advise telephone numbers or websites of the companies providing these services, send an e-mail to WPC2009@laacr.cz.

Customs

Customs, in case of need, we can advise you telephone numbers or websites of the companies providing these services, send the e-mail to WPC2009@laacr.cz.

Flags and Anthems

All teams planning to enter WPC 2009 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.