

LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR THE 8th BALTIC GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP (Named Baltic Cup)

Kaunas County Gliding Club Airfield Pociunai
17 to 24 August, 2024

Location of the Event

Airfield POCIUNAI (EYPR)
54° 39,40' N and 024° 02,00' E, WGS 84 Elevation
MSL 65m.

Time Schedule:

Entries due **17 August 2024**
Unofficial training **12 to 16 August 2024**
Opening Ceremony **10:30 , 17 August 2024**
Contest flying **17 to 24 August 2024**
Closing Ceremony and Prize giving **24 August 2023 at 18:30**

Competition Officials

Organizers: **Kauno Apskritis aviacijos sklandymo klubas** and **Lietuvos aeroklubas**
Director of the competition: **Titas Jovaiša** ;
Administration: **Kristina Gramšienė** ;
Meteo: **Darius Liaugaudas**
Sporting director and task setter: **Algimantas Jonušas** ;
Scrutineering and local procedures:
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Each entry will be accepted only when the entry fee has been credited to the indicated account.

General Competition Procedures

Generally the latest version of FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 3 with its Annexes will apply. Exceptions are described in these Procedures.

The Organizer will publish in the official website (<http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>) and SoaringSpot (www.soaringspot.com) of the championship the co-ordinates of the departure, turn and control points and restricted areas in the required formats, but it is the responsibility of the competitors to load these into their flight recorders or other navigational equipment. For violating forbidden airspace (or Contest area absolute altitude limit) vertically and horizontally contestants will be penalized by an outlanding at the location of the violation. Flights can be recorded by GNSS or other IGC file logging devices. PEV start shall be used by the task setter's decision.

Competition Classes

The competition will be held in **Mix** (Standard, 15 meter, 18 meter, 20 m. double seater class, old open class and others), and **Retro** (mainly old wooden gliders and L-13 Blanik or others) classes.

The Competition in MIX class will be held with the handicaps from 94.9 to 121. [Lithuanian national handicaps](#) will be applied. The gliders will fly without water ballast. The competition tasks for MIX class will be selected based on handicap of 105 (H=105).

Retro class will be held with handicaps. The tasks will be selected based on a handicap of 75 (H=75), with Minimum Handicapped Distance to validate the Day equal to 50 km. Team rankings will be used for MIX class to determine the winner club.

Competitors

A competitor must satisfy the following conditions:

- Be approved to fly tasks solo
- Hold a Pilot license or equivalent document issued or validated by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered.

Insurance

The glider shall be covered by third party insurance in conformance with **EU Regulation 785/2005**.

Personal medical insurance is required for all pilots, covering accidents and sickness, including any local hospital costs of transport back to the team member's home country. Documentary proof of the insurance shall be made in English or Lithuanian.

General Flying Procedures

Radio communication required for contact with Air Traffic Services

Each sailplane must be equipped with a radio able to communicate at aviation frequencies with 25 kHz spacing (8.33 kHz spacing are not mandatory required). ***Radio frequencies to be used during the competition*** For the competition the following frequencies will be used:
Call sign POCIUNAI (FREQ 119.000 MHz) – for all airport operations at the contest site;

Competition Procedures

Contest site boundaries

The contest site boundaries are the airfield boundaries.

Launch procedures for gliders and motor gliders

The requirements of Annex A para. 5.4d will be implemented for motorgliders, regardless of the type of power plant. In particular, competitors with jet or electric engines must provide evidence of MoP detection to the satisfaction of the organizers.

Maximum altitude of climb after self launch

Motorgliders, after self-launching, must stop their MoP not higher than 600 mAGL, in the release area of the appropriate class.

Inflight procedures for motorgliders

Motor gliders (SLG –SSG) that require a second (or even third) launch must land prior to taking the new launch. A new launch has to be approved by the organizers on the frequency 119.000 MHz.

Release areas and release heights

The release areas of each class will be announced at the daily briefing. The release height is 600 m AGL.

Areas where continuous circling is prohibited or permitted in one direction only

Circling direction limitations may be imposed.

Types and definitions of starts that will be used The Start Options for the competition are:

▣ **Start Line.** A straight line, perpendicular to the track to the first Turn Point or to the center of the first area. Length of the line will be 10 km.

Radio procedures for announcing the start

For announcing the start on the competition frequency following phrases (repeated once) will be used:

- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 20 Minutes AT (time hh:mm)**, - As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 5 MINUTES**, - 5 minutes before the opening the start for the class
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS OPEN NOW**, - Just after the opening the start for the class - **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS DELAYED FOR (number) MINUTES** – As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time, if the start time will be delayed
- **THE TASK FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS CANCELLED** - As soon as possible after the cancellation of the Day.

Instructions for outlandings

A competitor who has landed out shall contact organizers by telephone without delay, giving them information about outlanding place and pilot/glider status. Outlanding can also be reported via SMS messages in format specified before first contest day. The contact number must be provided on the task sheet.

Provision of, and requirements for, aero tow retrieves

Aero tows from the fields are permitted if the sailplane has landed on a suitable field. All aero tows of the competing gliders shall be provided only by the organizer.

Finishing procedures

Minimum altitude for the finish ring

No minimum height for crossing the finish ring will be used. Radius of the ring is 3.0 km and it covers the airfield and it's surroundings.

Arrivals should be announced on the airport frequency 119.000 MHz 10 km before the airfield. The procedures for joining the circuit of the runway in use for speed finishers will be specified at the briefing.

Landing procedures

The landing frequency is the same as the finish frequency – 119.000 MHz (call sign POCIUNAI). Sailplanes landing straight in shall, during landing, proceed according to the instruction received from finish officials on the airport frequency. The aim is that the first finishing sailplanes shall normally continue as long as possible landing to allow other sailplanes to land safely behind and to use as much runway as possible. Any sudden change in direction of flight or rolling during the landing procedure is strictly prohibited. Violations will be penalized. Landing instructions for sailplanes landing following a circuit will be specified at the briefing.

The IGC files after flight should be sent to igc@inbox.lt in 60 min after the flight. Wireless internet connection is available at the airfield.

Scoring

The scoring system for the competition will be: - 1000-Points Scoring System.

- The competition scoring software is SeeYou Competition (<https://www.naviter.com/>).

Official Home Page

All Bulletins and information concerning 8th Baltic Cup gliding competition will be available on the Internet. The address of the home page and registration is:

<http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>

Entry Fee and Charges

1. entry fee per pilot: **60€**
2. towing charges: **30€** up to 400 meters or **40€** up to 600 meters
3. camping charges: **5€** for tent or caravan per day +**5€** per person per day.

**The entry fee should be paid in full by June 17 2023 at the latest
by bank transfer to:**

Beneficiary's Bank AB bankas "Swedbank",

Bank Address Savanoriu 19 Vilnius,

SWIFT: HABA LT 22

Beneficiary's Account (IBAN) LT437300010002246869

Beneficiary Kauno apskrities aviacijos sklandymo klubas,

Address: Sklandytoju 10, Pociunai, Prienų raj., Lithuania

Prizes

The winners of the competition will be awarded by cups. The club with the highest team ranking will get the team cup.

The day winner in class will get a 50% discount for the next towing!

The competition is valid if 3 tasks will be completed in class.

The END of Procedures

Baltic CUP 2024 Competition director

Titas Jovaiša