

FAI European Gliding Championships 2005, Nitra - Slovakia

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Invitation

This is the first information for all FAI members concerning the FAI European Gliding Championships 2005. All National Aero Clubs are invited to apply for entry to above mentioned event, which will be held at Nitra, Slovakia in July 2005. This invitation is also extended to current European Champions in club, standard and 18m classes.

IMPORTANT: Please take into account especially the first deadline (for preliminary entries). This is January 31st, 2005.

Location

Airport Nitra (ICAO code LZNI)
48° 16'47"N; 018° 08'02"E, WGS84
Elevation MSL 135m/433ft MSL

Time Schedule

Preliminary entries due	January 31 st , 2005
Final entries due	March 31 st , 2005
Reserve pilots may be accepted	May 1 st , 2005
Deadline for approval of new GNSS FR	June 30 th , 2005
Unofficial training	July 4 th - July 6 th , 2005
Registration (from 10 AM to 6 PM daily)	July 7 th - July 8 th , 2005
Official training	July 7 th - July 9 th , 2005
First official Team Captains briefing	July 8 th , 2005, 8 PM
Configuration change closes	July 8 th , 2005, 6 PM
Opening Ceremony	July 9 th , 2005, 6 PM
Contest flying	July 10 th - July 22 nd , 2005
Farewell party	July 22 nd , 2005, 8 PM
Reserve day for flying	July 23 rd , 2005
Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony	July 23 rd , 2005, 11 AM

Training

The organiser offers a possibility to have training along with contest flights in period from March 25th to April 3rd, 2005. During this period a pre competition will be held at the site. The name of the contest is **5th PRIBINA CUP 2005**. All necessarily information can be found on www.pribinacup.sk. The airport will be open for other training purposes at any time before the contest, provided that there is an agreement with the organiser.

Competition Classes

The Championships will be held in the following classes described in the main body of Section 3 of the Sporting Code, Chapter 7:

- Club Class (index span according to the "Index List" is $96 \leq \text{Club Class} \leq 107$. Sailplane with index less than 96 are allowed too, but will be scored with handicap 96)
- Standard class
- 18m class

Competition Officials

Championships Director	Vladimir Foltin
Deputy Championships Director	Dominik Jancik
Task Setter	Dominik Jancik
Chief Scorer	Frantisek Cagala
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Please note, that according to FAI rules, entries can be accepted only from the NAC on the official entry forms. Please send the preliminary entries, using the form enclosed with this bulletin, to reach us by January 31st, 2005. The official entry forms for the final entries will be sent with the next Bulletin in March 2005. These must be returned to reach us by March 31st, 2005. Each entry will be accepted only when the entry fee (see below) has been credited to the account of the Aeroklub Nitra.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is 639 EUR (6.5% inflation increase) per participating glider and covers all operational costs during the Championships except aero tows.

The entry fee must be paid in full by bank transfer to:

Bank: SLOVENSKA SPORITELNA, a. s.
NITRA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Name of account: Slovensky narodny aeroklub, AEROKLUB NITRA
DLHA 108, 949 07 NITRA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC
IBAN: SK70 0900 0000 0002 3205 8148
Bank Code: 0900
Swift Code: GIBASKBX
by March 31st, 2005 at the latest.

Aero-tows

Aero-tow fee is 30 EUR for club and standard class gliders and 35 EUR for 18m class gliders. Landing fee for self-launching gliders is 5 EUR. The organiser will require paying for 10 aero-tows/landings in advance to staff at the contest site. This payment, together with all camping and accommodation fees (if applicable), have to be done by Friday 8th of July 2005, 6 PM at the latest and before the start of first training flight. Aero-tow/landing fees if unused will be refunded in full.

Accommodation

Camping fee is 79 EUR per person and covers all training and contest period from July 4th to July 24th 2005. The organiser is also able to offer some simple accommodation at the airport. The rooms and bungalows have not any water installations and toilets. There will be enough toilets and showers available at the site in the main building and in the camping area. These accommodation possibilities at the airport are:

- Bungalow (up to 4 beds) 20 EUR per day
- Bungalow (up to 5 beds) 25 EUR per day
- Room at the building (up to 4 beds) 25 EUR per day

For more comfort the list of hotels will be attached to the next bulletin, which will be available in March 2005. All accommodation possibilities are already available on the following web sites:

www.nitra.sk , www.travelguide.sk

General and Local Competition Rules

The FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 3 with its Annexes will apply. Final version of the Rules and additional Local Regulations will be attached to Bulletin and published, after their approval by IGC. Below we inform you in advance of some important matters:

1. Each NAC may enter up to 2 pilots and 1 substitute/reserve pilot to each class. Reserve pilot will normally only replace a nominated pilot in the event of a withdrawal.
2. The present European Champions are automatically qualified and will be admitted in addition to the above quota. (They must, however, be entered by the NAC).
3. The number of entries will be limited as follows:
 - maximum number of gliders in class - 50
 - maximum number of gliders in all classes - 120
4. Reserve pilots will be admitted after May 1st, 2005 only in a class where vacancies exist and provided that entry fees for the officially entered pilots have been received correctly.
5. If some class does not have at least ten participants from at least five NAC compete on the first Championship day, the contest will take place but no Champion will be declared.
6. The rules concerning the visibility of contest numbers will be strictly observed. If two contest numbers are identical or easily confused (e.g. "India, India" and "one, one") the competitor who entered later will be required to change.
7. Documentation will be by GNSS only. All flight recorders, which have received IGC approval for championships by June 30th, 2005, will be admitted. This applies to both primary and secondary flight recorders. Please note that before the first competition day, valid GNSS FR calibration certificate for primary and secondary GNSS FRs will be required.
8. The Organisers will provide files with co-ordinates of departure / turn / position 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.
9. Weight limits (maximum take-off mass):
Club class - No ballast is allowed, even if it is non disposable in flight.
Standard class - Water ballast is allowed. Maximum take-off mass is 525 kg.
18m class - Water ballast is allowed. Maximum take-off mass is 600 kg.
10. It is the intention of the Organisers to use GNSS flight path tracking equipment to follow the progress of the pilots on task. If not enough units are available for all competitors, they will be given to the leading pilots in each class.

Competitors

A competitor must be a citizen or resident of the country of the entering NAC and satisfy the conditions of the FAI Sporting Code, General Section 3.7 on citizenship and representation, and must;

- a. Hold a gold badge, or, hold a silver badge and have competed in at least two National Championships;
- b. Have flown at least 250 hours as a pilot in command, of which at least 100 hours must be in sailplanes;
- c. Hold an FAI Sporting Licence with a current FAI stamp;
- d. Hold a Pilot Licence or equivalent document issued or endorsed by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered, or of the country where the Championships take place;
- e. Know, understand, and abide by the FAI Sporting Codes and the Rules and Procedures issued for the event.

Public Relations

For the official programme we need photographs and a brief summary of the careers of the team captains and pilots. Please supply us with these latest with the final entries.

Official Home Page

Bulletins and all information concerning the 13th FAI European Gliding Championships 2005 in Nitra will be available via internet. The address of the official home page is www.nitra2005.sk . If you wish to receive any of this information in paper form, please let us know and we will send you requested information.

Enclosed (to NAC only): - Preliminary Entry Form