



## 43<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTIVAL – CHÂTEAU-D'OEX

23<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY 2021

### RULES AND CONDITIONS

This regulation is an integral part of the registration form and has to be approved before proceeding to the registration.

#### Services included

- Logistic and security
- Weather forecast
- Aerial Support and coordination
- Insurance for helicopter recovery is included (CHF 300.- per intervention will be charged)
- Gas offered (2 flights each day during 9 days), only the gas tanks with authorization are allowed to be filled up
- 4 meal vouchers (value CHF 120.-)
- 40 coffee vouchers (value CHF 140.-)
- Picture of your balloon in the official program
- Fondue Evening at 2'zoom in a mountain restaurant (drinks not included)
- Awards ceremony in a local hotel (drinks not included)

#### Registration fee

Shape maximum of 3400m<sup>3</sup>

Registration fare: CHF 650.-

Additional balloon: CHF 100.- (! Not allowed to fly simultaneously with the principal balloon)

Cloudhoppers – Sky Chariot: CHF 200.- (no registration fee for an additional cloudhoppers for all that it takes part to the Night Glow)

Shape larger than 3400m<sup>3</sup>

Variable fare according to the volume of the shape. Balloon's number are limited.

## 1. Registration

- 1.1. The registration is nominative and non-transferable and is valid for one main pilot and one additional pilot
- 1.2. The registration is valid for one balloon and possibly a cloudhoppers/sky chariot
- 1.3. Each additional balloon (other than cloudhoppers/sky chariot) must be registered, an additional fee will be charged. The additional balloon cannot fly at the same time as the main balloon
- 1.4. All the balloons used during the Festival must be registered
- 1.5. Flying with a balloon which is not registered is a violation of the rules
- 1.6. Registrations received after the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2020** will be hold on stand-by
- 1.7. Thanks for sending us a picture of your balloon before the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2020** to be able to insert it in the program
- 1.8. The organizers are allowed to refuse a pilot's registration: in the situation where the requests for participation exceed the number of spaces available, the organizers are allowed to push forward the participation of certain pilots
- 1.9. Each registered team will get passes for the pilots and 4 extra passes for the team. Each additional pass will be charged CHF 10.- per pass
- 1.10. A deposit of CHF 100.- is asked for the lending of the equipment (number, tarp, markers). This amount will be refund after the return of the equipment at the organization office.

## 2. Your commitment

- 2.1. The organizers expect every pilot participating in the event to fly every day when the weather allows it
- 2.2. Each passenger transported in a balloon must be in possession of a flight ticket
- 2.3. Decisions on whether to fly or not are up to the flight committee established for this purpose
- 2.4. The pilots are duty-bound to attend all briefings
- 2.5. The flight closing procedure requested by the organisation is compulsory
- 2.6. No long-distance flight is allowed during the Festival except the flights for the pilots registered to the long-distance race David Niven Cup, if this race is organized
- 2.7. In case of any dispute, all registrations are subject to Swiss law. The seat of the jurisdiction in Château-d'Oex

## 3. Conditions for participation

- 3.1. The registration of the pilot is considered definitive after receiving the registration fee and all the required documents
- 3.2. The pilot must fulfil the following flight requirements:
  - 3.2.1. Minimum 200 flying hours and a good experience in the mountains
  - 3.2.2. Minimum 10 flying hours within the 12 months preceding the event. Proof must be supplied to the organizers at the reception of the pilots on Friday preceding the event
- 3.3. Each pilot must carry at least one free passenger for the organisation every day
- 3.4. Each pilot is required to attach commercial panels and the team number (supplied by the organization) on his basket and to return them at the end of the event
- 3.5. Each pilot must come at the pilot's reception on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021 settled between 3 and 8 pm. Please inform the organizers as quick as possible if you cannot make it
- 3.6. No pilot may transport his/her own paying passengers without the written approval of the organizers
- 3.7. If the additional pilot has not the required experience, he must not fly alone and the main pilot must be present in the basket during all the flights

- 3.8. Paragraph 3.7 does not apply to sky chariots and cloud hoppers (only duly licensed pilots are authorized to fly, including tether flights).

#### **4. Insurance**

- 4.1. Please fill in the insurance's form online.

#### **5. Balloon categories and fees for advertising**

- 5.1. Each balloon must have a valid airworthiness certificate. Should this not be the case, the balloon will be prohibited from flying
- 5.2. Excepted special shape balloons and teams with a special agreement, all the balloons must pay the inscription fee.

##### ***Registration fare for balloons with and without advertising***

- 5.3. CHF 650.-
- 5.4. Maximum volume 3400m<sup>3</sup>
- 5.5. Propane free of charge, only the authorised gas cylinders can be refueled
- 5.6. 8 meal vouchers (value CHF 240.-) are included, to be used in different restaurants (according to the list)
- 5.7. 20 coffee vouchers (value CHF 70.-) are included
- 5.8. Insurance for helicopter recovery is included (CHF 300.- per intervention will be charged)
- 5.9. Additional Balloon: CHF 100.- per balloon (the additional balloon cannot be flown at the same time as the main balloon.

##### ***Commercial balloons for the organization***

- 5.10. Individual contracts.

##### ***Sky-Chariot, Cloudhoppers***

- 5.11. CHF 200.-
- 5.12. Propane free of charge.
- 5.13. No inscriptions fees will be charged if the cloudhoppers/sky chariot is registered as a second balloon. The cloudhoppers or sky chariot are required to participate on week-end shows and during the Night Glow if this event takes place.

#### **6. Required on-board equipment**

- 6.1. Appropriate maps
- 6.2. Functioning VHF radio, 8.33 kHz
- 6.3. Drop line 30 to 40 meters long
- 6.4. Propane refuels
- 6.4.1. At least 4 propane tanks must be full for the first flight on Saturday morning (maximum 1 hour)
- 6.4.2. Teams who have to travel with empty tanks (tunnel, ferries etc...) will be able to refuel for free after the Friday's check-in providing that they must empty their tanks the last day of the festival by the refuelling station
- 6.4.3. All refuelling before the first flight will be billed at current price (except cf 6.4.2)
- 6.4.4. All tanks must be topped off with nitrogen before arriving on the take-off field
- 6.5. Altimeter and variometer
- 6.6. Fire extinguisher, 2 kg.
- 6.7. First aid kit

- 6.8. Flight manual and official balloon papers
- 6.9. High-altitude flights: (cf: rule 2.7)
  - 6.9.1. Transponder: compulsory for all the flights / Mode S or Mode A + C from 7.000 ft up
  - 6.9.2. Oxygen equipment recommended and compulsory from 11.500 ft up
- 6.10. Recovery vehicles to be equipped for winter driving, winter tires and, chains,
- 6.11. Warm clothing and winter boots. For the pilot, the passengers and the crew, mountain boots are strongly recommended.
- 6.12. Diesel vehicles: use alpine diesel –30°C.

## 7. Cancellation

- 7.1. The organizers have the right to cancel a registration at any time and without giving the reasons therefore.
- 7.2. If a pilot wishes to cancel his participation, he must do so in writing before **the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**. The registration fee will be fully refunded.
- 7.3. If a pilot cancels his participation after the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**, a fee of CHF 200.- is kept for administrative expenses.

## 8. Various

- 8.1. Pilots are responsible for the recovery of their balloons
- 8.2. A helicopter is on stand-by for extremely difficult recoveries (in Switzerland only). The helicopter insurance is included in the registration fee, except for commercial balloons. A franchise of CHF 300.- will be charged for each deployment.
- 8.3. During the first briefing, full instructions will be given to the pilots
- 8.4. A control tower will be installed on the area. With professional air traffic controllers.
- 8.5. The President of the organizing committee and the flight Director have the right to confiscate access badges without any reason from any person located in the area of the event.

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