



42ND INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTIVAL – CHÂTEAU-D'OEX

25TH OF JANUARY TO 2ND OF FEBRUARY 2020

RULES AND CONDITIONS

RULES VALID FOR THE 2ND WEEKEND

From Saturday 1st of February to Sunday 2nd of February 2020

The regulations are an integral part of the registration form and has to be approved before proceeding to the registration.

Preview of the conditions and rates

- Logistic and security
- Weather forecast
- Aerial Support and coordination
- Gas offered, only the gas tanks with authorization are allowed to be filled up
- Insurance for helicopter recovery is included (CHF 300.- per intervention will be charged)
- Picture of your balloon in the official program

Registration fee

Envelop maximum of 3400m³

Registration fare: CHF 200.-

1. Registration

- 1.1. The registration is nominative and non-transferable and is valid for one main pilot and one additional pilot
- 1.2. All the balloons used during the Festival must be registered
- 1.3. Flying with a balloon which is not registered is a violation of the rules
- 1.4. Registrations received after the **1st November 2019** will be hold on stand-by
- 1.5. Thanks for sending us a picture of your balloon before the **1st November 2019** to be able to insert it in the program
- 1.6. 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
- 1.7. 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
- 1.8. 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. 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 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
- 3.4. **Each pilot must come at the pilot's briefing the Saturday 1st February 2020 at 7.30 am**
- 3.5. No pilot may transport his/her own paying passengers without the written approval of the organizers
- 3.6. 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

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 200.-
- 5.4. Maximum volume 3400m³
- 5.5. Propane free of charge, only the authorised gas cylinders can be refuelled
- 5.6. Insurance for helicopter recovery is included (CHF 300.- per intervention will be charged)

6. Required on-board equipment

- 6.1. Appropriate maps
- 6.2. Functioning VHF radio, 760 canals
- 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 1st November 2019**. The registration fee will be fully refunded.
- 7.3. If a pilot cancels his participation after the **1st November 2019**, 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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