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BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D'AÉROSTATION

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Observers: Stanislaw Fuodoroff, Sabu Ichiyoshi, Troy Bradley, Alexandra Semenishina

Review of 2011 Gordon Bennett, Gap, France

Pilots reported several ATC violations in the Milan TMA during hours that were strictly forbidden in this area. Not only is this a major safety issue it is unfair to pilots who follow procedures and abide by ATC requirements. In future Gordon Bennett events, the Event Director shall emphasize that pilots adhere to ATC regulations and procedures.

MOTION to accept AAWG modifications to 2011 GBMER and adopt a new version GBMER 2012

MOTION to accept AAWG and Event Director modification to the 2012 Toggenburg Switzerland Gordon Bennett rules

All changes underlined and in red will be adopted into the new version GBMER 2012

Changes in red and not underlined will be adopted in the event rules to used in the 2012 Gordon Bennett in Toggenburg Switzerland

Note that the recommended changes sent in by the Gordon Bennett Event Director were made on the 2010 GBMER and need to be inserted into the new 2012 GBMER

Information submitted below in rules 1.1 through 1.7, and rules 2.3, 2.7, 9.2 are accepted into the 2012 Toggenburg Switzerland GB rules.

1.1 TITLE

This event shall be known as **56. Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett** <* name of event *>

1.4 ORGANISERS

The Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett is organized by <**Ballooning Competition Association Switzerland – BCAS** * name of organizer *>.

1.5 CORRESPONDENCE

All entries and official correspondence should be addressed to:

<* **Verein Gordon Bennett 2012**name *>

<* **Postfach, CH-9650 Nesslau**address *>

<* **Tel. +41 44 308 5857**telephone and Fax **+41 44 308 5830**fax *>

1.6 PERSONNEL

Event Director <* **Markus Haggene**yname *>

Stewards <* ./names *>

Jury <*to be confirmed names *>

Safety Officer <* **Peter Brad**ername *>

1.7 DATE AND PLACE OF COUPE

The Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett will be held in <***Toggenburg / Switzerland** name of location *>

The Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett will be held on <***August 31 – September 8, 2012** dates *>

2.3 ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for all participants is <**1500 CHF** * amount *>. The fee and the completed entry form must reach the organizer by the closing entry date (2.4).

The entry fee includes <***2 double rooms for max. 5 nights, meals for 4 between check-in and take-off, hydrogen and ballast sand, invitations for 4 for opening and closing ceremonies, CHF 500.- logger deposit (paid back upon return of logger)** list items included

2.7 INSURANCE

Pilots must provide proof that their balloons are insured for at least <* **3.000.000 Special Drawing rights third party liability plus 250.000 SDR for the passenger (pilot 2) or alternatively 5.000.000 SDR Combined Single Limit coverage amount** * during the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. Insurance **can** be purchased from the organizer. Organizers will arrange the process for any additional liability insurance they may require.

9.2 PROTEST

If dissatisfied with the Competition Director's reply to a complaint, a competitor has the right to make a protest to the International Jury. Protests should be handed in at the Competition Center to an official who will record the time of receipt. Protests shall be accompanied by a deposit of <* **100 CHF amount** *>.

A competitor presenting a protest may make a verbal presentation of his case in addition to his written statement. The verbal presentation may not exceed fifteen minutes, except by leave of the Jury. A competitor not fluent in English may be assisted by an interpreter.

The deposit will be returned only when the protest is upheld

Rule 1.10 DOCUMENTS

e. Certificate of Insurance **for the declared competition area**

f. Valid FAI Sporting License pilot and Co-pilot

h. **Proof of International Radiotelephone qualification for pilot in Command**

i. **Valid electronic or paper aeronautical charts (ICAO or Jeppesen) for all countries inside the competition area**

2.2 **The pilot in command** must be able to communicate with Air Traffic Control in English and have sufficient experience in operating the navigation aids.

4.1 FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS

Barometric Altimeter

remove Electronic Navigational Aid or GPS -- and change to **GPS**

Transponder **Mode S**

Life raft or survival suites shall be carried for any anticipated flight over large bodies of water

remove Emergency Locator Transmitter: EPERB -- change to **Each balloon will be equipped**

Digital 406 MHz S-ELT or EPIRB which should contain a integrated analog (121.5 MHz) homing beacon and be registered with Cospas-Sarsat.

Additionally, each balloon will carry a GPS logger/tracking device provided by the organizer. Organizers will publish information regarding balloon altitudes during the flight – if GPS logger/tracking devices are not able to securely transmit altitude information. There is no restriction in the use of navigation aids and flight control instruments. Every balloon should be equipped with sufficient oxygen and appropriate distribution system to be used at altitudes greater than 12,500 feet MSL. Faulty barographs or altitude recording device may be penalized under rule 6.4. In case of suspected altitude violations, barographs or backup altitude recording device (GPS) may be checked. Each balloon should carry a backup GPS that would constitute a back-up tracking log in case of tracker failure. **Transponders shall be turned on before launch and kept on in all air space where required. If transponder is turned off it should be noted on pilots ATC log.**

6.5 AIRSPACE PENALTIES

Failure to comply with airspace regulations or requirements given to pilots may result in penalty even though pilots may receive individual ATC clearance.

ARTICLE 6: BALLOON CATEGORIES

Only **AA** gas balloons with a maximum capacity of 1,000 cubic meters may participate in the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. A tolerance of 5% is allowed. All balloons – whatever their capacity – shall be filled with gas having the same specific weight and the same chemical composition. Pressurization of the balloon to maintain a constant density altitude shall not be permitted. In 2005 the CIA accepted the use of both, Helium and Hydrogen as lifting gases during the same Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett competition.

COH Competition Operation Handbook for AA is still being worked on

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