

Bid for organising the "Grand Prix de France 2011"

Event and Year:

Grand Prix de France 2011(Qualifying Sailplane Grand Prix)

Applicant:

Name: *Fédération Française de Vol à Voile (FFVV)*

Date of Application:

March 31th, 2010

Organising Gliding Club or other organisation: *Centre National de Vol à Voile (CNVV)
Saint Auban*

Proposed Competition Director: *Roger Eyrier,*

Proposed Organisation of the event: (provide brief details of the timescale proposed for the organisation of the event, including any critical milestones and any financial constraints)

- *Deadline for entries: February 28th*
- *Official training: April, 30th*
- *Competition Flying: May 1st to May 7th*
- *Prize Giving Ceremony: May 7th*

Airfield: *Saint Auban*

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1. Applicant

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1.2 Number of active gliding members: *12000*

2. Site

2.1 Name of the airfield: *Saint Auban*

2.1.1 Co-ordinates: *44 03 36 N 005 59 29 E*

2.1.2 Direction and distance to nearest town, population of this town:

Saint-Auban Château Arnoux 1km 3700 inhabitants

Digne 30 km east 57000 inhabitants

Marseille 100km south 100000 inhabitants

2.1.3 Experience of airfield staff in organising championships/
competitions:

25th WGC 97

Grand Prix de France in 2003

1st World Sailplane Grand Prix 2005

Grand Prix de France in 2008

2.2 Proposed period for the event:

2.2.1 Training: *April, 30h*

2.2.2 Competition: *May 1st to May 7th*

2.2.3 Prize Giving Ceremony: *May 7th*

2.3. Airfield operating data (provide details for the following)

2.3.1 Surface of airfield, number and directions of runways:

Approximately 1200m x 500m

Main runway 205/025

2.3.2 Maximum number of gliders that can be accepted:

limited to 20 for safety reasons (regatta start)

2.3.2 Number of tow planes that will be employed: *6*

2.3.4 Meteorological facilities that will be provided: *Meteorological Centre
from Meteo-France (the French Met Service) on the airfield*

2.3.5 Parking facilities for gliders: *Large parking area near the CFHN
Hangars*

- 2.3.6 Repair facilities for gliders: *The CNVV has a workshop.*
- 2.3.7 Oxygen requirements and supply facilities, if required
Possibility to fill most of existing bottles.

2.4 Airfield layout (provide descriptions for the following facilities at the airfield)

- 2.4.1 Briefing Room: *Cnvv building*
- 2.4.2 Common Room(s) for the competitors: *Yes*
- 2.4.2 Meeting Room for the International Jury:
There will be an office for the referee in the South Building
- 2.4.4 Press Centre: *Cnvv building*
- 2.4.5 Communication and internet equipment : *A fast Telephone connection (ADSL) is available*
- 2.4.6 Post and Banking: *Several Banking facilities in Château Arnoux and Saint Auban*
- 2.4.7 Insurance availability: *The FFVV 3rd Party insurance will be available*
- 2.4.8 Toilets, wash rooms and shower rooms:
Available in the rooms or at the camping site
- 2.4.9 Car parking: *Sufficient parking facilities on the airfield*
- 2.4.9 Emergency (including fire):
Buildings are in accordance with the French rules
- 2.4.11 Medical and First Aid: *A doctor will be available on short notice*

3. Accommodation and food for competitors (provide details of the following)

- 3.1 Accommodation facilities available in the local area:
Many good restaurants in the Saint Auban area
- 3.2 Camping facilities at the airfield:
Large camping site available on the airfield, 27 locations
- 3.3 Catering for competitors at the airfield:
The local restaurant will be open to everybody at noon provided they buy tickets in advance

4. Competition area (provide descriptions of the following)

- 4.1 Topography in the contest area:

The contest area is located in the Southern French Alps along the Durance River valley. The environment is mainly flat land and low altitude plateau towards South, medium altitude mountains (2000m) towards all other directions and high altitude mountains (up to 4000m) from 100- 200km to the North

- 4.2 A comprehensive survey of meteorological conditions:
Saint Auban is well known for good soaring conditions. The Southern French Alps provide all kinds of lift (thermal, slope soaring, waves. The conditions are generally still very good in early September. In typical conditions the cloud base is 1700m close to the airfield, 2500m over the medium altitude mountain and 3500m over the highest mountains.
- 4.3 Airspace restrictions in the contest area:
There are some altitude limitations in the Southern part of the contest.
- 4.4 Typical tasks to be expected
Grand Prix tasks will be relatively short (duration around 2H30)
- 4.5 Road and traffic conditions:
Good road network

5. Rules

- 5.1 Proposed modifications of the rules
The IGC Rules for qualifying Grand Prix will be applied without modification
- 5.2 Particular conditions or possible restrictions for the participation
 - 5.3.1 For pilots and crews:
*Pilots must have an ICAO compliant glider license. If not transcription of their license must be requested to the French CAA before the competition.
Pilots should also have an experience in mountain flying
Crews: no restrictions*
 - 5.3.2 For sailplane and equipment:
Gliders must have a valid certificate of airworthiness or a permit to fly
 - 5.3.3 Otherwise:
*Gyroscopic instruments are prohibited
Cloud flying is prohibited
Pilots will have to carry tracking units on board*
- 5.3 Number of competitors:
 - 5.3.3 State the maximum number of competitors that may be entered in each class and the total for the competition:
There will be only one Class (15 m) with maximum 20 competitors
 - 5.3.4 Provide justification for this number:
The number of pilots per class must be limited to 20 for safety reasons due to the regatta start

5.3.3 Indicate how the classes will be separated for:

5.3.3.1 Starts:

Not relevant

5.3.3.2 On task:

Not relevant

5.3.3.3 Finishing and landing:

Not relevant

6. Costs (provide details of the following costs in Euros or USD)

6.1 Entry fee: *350 Euros*

6.1.1 Services included in the entry fee:

The entry fees will cover all operational costs except aerotows.

6.1.2 Cost of aero tows:

*5.8 Euros per minute that is average 64 Euros per aerotow
(subject to changes depending on evolution of the fuel price)*

6.2 Price of car fuel per litre:

Currently March 2010 about 1.59 Euros / liter for unleaded fuel and 1.15 Euro / liter for diesel

6.3 Rental cars

150-320 Euros/week for a small car

6.4 Accommodation (as appropriate for local facilities)

6.4.1 Hotels

Many hotels in the areas

6.4.2 Apartments

16 double + 30 single rooms available at the CNVV

6.4.3 Bed and Breakfast

6.4.4 Self Catering

Several guest houses within 20km

6.4.3 Camping

Camping facility available on the airfield for approx. 17 tents or caravans. Price 10.6 Euros/day for the first person 6 Euros for accompanying persons

There are also 5 Bungalows (4 persons) available on the camping at 463 Euros /week

6.5 Catering (as appropriate for local facilities)

6.5.1 Hotels

Many hotels

6.5.2 Restaurants

Many excellent restaurants in the area

6.5.3 Self Catering
Super market in Saint Auban

6.5.4 On the airfield
The restaurant on the airfield will be open to everybody provided they buy meal tickets in advance

6.7 Provide an indicative example for the expected total costs for a team

Since there are no teams the calculation has been made for one pilot and his crew:

Price list:

Camping at the airfield: 10.6 Euros per day

*Accommodation in CNVV facilities: 35 (54) Euros /day single (double)
(including breakfast)*

Accommodation in Hotels: approx. 100 Euros /day

Lunch at the ACNFA restaurant: 10 Euros

Dinner at the ACNFA restaurant: 10 Euros

Dinner (self catering): 11 Euros

Dinner outside: 30 Euros

Cost per day for one person with accommodation in CNVV facilities, lunch and dinner at ACNFA :

35+10+10= 55 Euros per day

Estimated cost for one pilot with his crew for 8 days

Entry fees: 350 Euros

Tow fees = 65 Euros x 8 days 520 Euros

Accommodation + catering = 55 x 2 x 8: 880 Euros

Total 1750 Euros

7. Glider Hiring (provide information on the following)

7.1 The availability of local gliders for hire:
Possibility to hire gliders from the CNVV

7.2 The costs of hire:
1000 Euros for the competition plus insurance cost

7.3 Any restrictions on hire (eg license requirements):
*The pilot must have a license recognised in France (ICAO Compliant)
Transcription is possible but must be requested well before the competition*

8. Training

8.1 Provide details of any proposed training opportunities prior to the Championships : *Training is possible at any time at the CNVV*

9 Public Display and Media Facilities :

9.1 *Press Centre : One room in CNVV building*

- 9.2 *Communication and internet equipment : ADSL*
- 9.3 *Glider tracking an live display capabilities: 10 gliders will be tracked and the tracking will be transmitted on live by internet.*

- 9.4 *Other complementary aviation activities : Glider Aerobatics.*