



Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Alternative dates: 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

These Local Regulations are to be used in conjunction with the most recent versions of the FAI Sporting Code:

- General Section
- Section 7 Common
- Section 7I Guidelines and Templates
- Section 7C

Country: UK

Location: North Wales (Hill) or South Cerney (Tow)

Web page: [bhpa-accuracy.org.uk](http://bhpa-accuracy.org.uk)

Sanctioned by

NAC or Delegated organization: British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association (BHPA)

#### OFFICIALS

Position /Name Surname

Organiser:	BHPA Accuracy Panel
Event Director:	Andrew Webster
Meet Director:	Chris Haynes
Safety Director:	Matthew Bignell
Tow Director:	Arthur Bentley
Scorer/Recorder:	Judith Freeman, Mark Bignell
Chief Judge:	Liz Lawrence
Event Judge:	Nikki Bodill / Jonathan Parkinson
Launch Marshal:	Chris Haynes
Number of Target judges:	5

#### CONTACTS

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## PROGRAMME\*

Online registration opens: No online registration. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website.

Registration deadline (normal entry fee):	28th June 23:59
Registration deadline (supplementary entry fee):	13th July 08:00
On-site registration:	12th July 19:00 - 22:00
On-site registration:	13th July 07:00 - 08:00
Mandatory safety briefing:	13th July 09:00 - 09:30
Competition day 1:	13th July 09:00 - 19:00
Competition day 2:	14th July 09:00 - 14:00
Closing/Award ceremony:	14th July 16:00 - 17:00

\*The programme is subject to change. Any changes before the start of the competition will be posted on a notice board.

After the start of the competition, any programme changes will be announced by the Meet Director to the Team Leaders and posted on the official notice board.

## Daily Schedule

Competition days:

09:00 Pilot / Team briefing.

10:00 Wind dummy launch and start of the round.

19:00 End of flying competition day 1.

14:00 End of flying competition day 2.

The daily schedule is subject to change. After the start of the competition, changes will be announced by the Meet Director at the Team Leaders' briefings and posted on the official notice board.

## SCORING CATEGORIES

Add or remove if necessary

1. Overall
2. Team
3. National categories (see later in document)

Team size: 3

## SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS

Maximum number of pilots: 60

Selection:

Eligibility criteria (if any): Club pilot and above (UK pilots)

Selection criteria for national pilots:

In online registration order – No

In WPRS order – No

Selection criteria for non-national pilots:

In online registration order – No

In WPRS order – No

## Documents

List of documents to provide at registration

- FAI Sporting Licence
- IPPI Card lv. 4 (or equivalent demonstration of competency) Club pilot standard acceptable for the National Championships
- National Pilot's licence
- Signed application form
- Signed Competition Affidavit
- Signed Release of liability, Waiver of Legal rights
- Pilot's experience form (especially in towing/winchng if flying at South Cerney)
- Insurance – overseas pilots only. UK pilots have 3<sup>rd</sup> party via BHPA

Important Note: Pilots are responsible for making sure that they have a current FAI Sporting Licence that is valid for the whole competition.

## Insurance

Documentary proof of personal insurance for pilots must be presented to the organisers at registration. It shall comprise:

- A valid insurance certificate, *in English*, covering public liability risk. (N/A for UK pilots as above)
- A Personal accident/hospitalisation/repatriation to home country insurance (N/A for UK pilots as above):

Third party liability limit: 1 million Euros

Medical care limit: 1 million Euros

Repatriation limit: 1 million Euros

Important Note: The organisers will not be able *to provide insurance*. It is therefore *essential* that all pilots must organise their own insurance for the competition before their arrival.

## ENTRY FEE AND SERVICES PROVIDED\*

Entry Fee:

Amount In local currency: £70 (GBP) per pilot

Additional £20 payable if entry is received less than 2 weeks before the event

Payment Details: BHPA accuracy panel account

Sort code 20-41-41 Account 10345385

Please indicate that the payment is the entry fee for the UK Paragliding Accuracy Nationals

Refund policy:

In the event of a pilot withdrawing from the competition before 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 a full refund will be offered. Cancellations received after this date will get a 50% refund.

If the competition is postponed to the alternative date and a pilot cannot attend that weekend then a full refund will be given.

Payment deadline:

The deadline for payment will be 8am on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 unless otherwise arranged by the organiser. The deadline for the normal entry fee will be 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

*Note: Payment less than 2 weeks before the event will incur a supplementary fee of £20.*

Services included in the entry fee:

1. ID card & safety/contact information – No
2. Contest numbers – No
3. Lunch pack – No
4. Water on take-off – No
5. Toilets on take-off – No
6. Toilets on target – No
7. Transport to take-off – Yes
8. Free internet (Wi-Fi) access at the HQ – No
9. Opening ceremony – No
10. Closing ceremony – Yes
11. Briefings in English – Yes
12. Drinks on target – No
13. Access to all championship events and parties - Yes

Medical Services included into Entry fee:

Leave Yes or No for the mentioned items. Add more items provided if necessary.

1. First Aid on take-off (doctor, paramedic) – Yes, First aider
2. Ambulance car on take-off – No
3. Helicopter evacuation – No
4. Rescue team – No
5. Nearest hospitals
  - Wrexham Hospital, Croesnewydd Road, Wrexham, LL13 7TD
  - Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester, GL53 7AN

The Entry Fee does not include:

- Accommodation:
- Breakfast and Evening Dinner
- Airport Transfer (transportation)

## VENUES

Describe all take-offs, goals and HQ

Headquarters: Royal Hill campsite, Edgerley or South Cerney airfield

Take off Quality Area is clean enough not to damage gliders – Yes

Target field 1 – Llangollen

Target field 2 – Gyrn Moelfre

Target field 3 – South Cerney airfield

See Section 7C 4.5. Windsocks are mandatory and should have a specific look.

## AIRSPACE AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

No

## SCORING

Method – as per Section 7C

The target radius is 10.00metre

- Falls will be scored to 10.00 metre
- The pilots constituting a team are chosen at the latest before the first competition round. Once chosen, pilots cannot be replaced for any reason.
- A team score for each round shall be the aggregate score of all the pilots in the team.

Flying order - as per Section 7C

Video evidence - Yes. (Mandatory as per Section 7C 3.6) Amateur video evidence will be accepted.

AMDs used: Weckbecker

Launch interval: as per Section 7C

Number of rounds and number of minimum rounds: Maximum 12 rounds, minimum two rounds.

#### WIND LIMITATIONS

The maximum permitted wind speed at take-off will be 7m/s.

The maximum permitted wind speed as measured at the target during the final 30 seconds of a competitor's flight will be 7m/s. These wind limits can be reduced for safety reasons by agreement with pilots.

#### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All equipment must comply with FAI Sporting Code Section 7C-8.

Towing equipment – all pilots will be required to provide a tow yoke if flying at South Cerney.

#### Safety Committee

The Safety Committee will be elected at the first Pilots briefing and will include 3 competition pilots from different teams.

#### COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

Refer to General Section, Common Section 7 and Section 7C.

Initial complaints will be dealt with by the Chief Judge.

The Protest fee is £50 and will be returned if the protest is upheld.

Note: Team Leaders are encouraged to read Section 7C and Section 7 Guidelines chapter 7 before making a complaint or a protest.

## Additional Information

### Rules for the National Championships

#### Objectives

The objective of the National Championships is to determine the National Team Champions and National Champion of the UK Paragliding Accuracy Competition by means of a competition open to both teams and individuals of the BHPA.

This is in addition to the objective of determining the International Team Champions and International Champion of the Open Paragliding Accuracy Competition by means of a competition open to both teams and individuals that hold a current FAI paragliding licence.

#### 24.2 Eligibility

The National competition is open to all current members of the BHPA holding a minimum Paragliding Club Pilot rating. The International categories are open to holders of a current FAI paragliding licence.

#### 1.3 Categories

The national championships will comprise the following categories (in addition to the international team and individual prizes open to holders of a current FAI license):-

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| a) Club Team     | e) Best Veteran             |
| b) Individual    | f) Most Improved Individual |
| c) Best Female   | g) Best Newcomer            |
| d) Best Under 26 | h) Best Novice              |

#### 1.4 Eligibility for Categories

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|-----------------------------|---|
| a) Club Team                | Entrants for the team trophy must be BHPA members and have been members of that BHPA registered club for at least the last 6 months.                        |
| b) Individual               | BHPA members.   |
| c) Best Female              | BHPA female members.  |
| d) Best Under 26            | BHPA members.   |
| e) Best Veteran             | BHPA member aged 60 or over, on the start date of the competition.  |
| f) Most Improved Individual | BHPA member who has improved the most places compared to their best placing in any of their preceding three valid championships. In the event of a draw the |

pilot with the highest finish in the current year's championships will be the winner.

- g) Best Newcomer BHPA member who has not previously competed in this event.
- h) Best Novice BHPA member not eligible to compete in the National or Open competition categories. EP Minimum.

There must be a minimum of three entries in categories a) to g) for trophies to be awarded in that category.

Pilots who have given two weeks' notice may be allowed to fly out of sequence to bank or catch-up flights at the Meet Director's discretion subject to a credible reason. The pilot must present a credible reason due to unavoidable or prior commitments and must state the day that will be missed. Should the pilot not get a favourable decision off the Meet Director then they can appeal to the BHPA Accuracy Panel. This rule is only applicable to the National Championships. Should the pilot also be eligible for the FAI Cat 2 competition they will receive 10m scores in that element of the competition for any flights missed.

#### Launching

If the competition is stood down for winds being over competition limits there shall be no fun flying even if it is considered safe for some pilots to do so. Any pilot who does fun fly will get a maximum score in the next round. Fun flying will be allowed at the end of a day's flying.

## Rules for the Novice competition

The Event will also include a separate competition for pilots not eligible to compete in the National or Open competition categories.

All the above rules apply to the Novice competition unless modified below:

### Objective

The objective of the novice competition is to determine the Novice Champion of the UK Paragliding Accuracy Competition by means of a competition open to individuals of the UK.

### Eligibility

The Novice Competition is open to UK pilots either without a rating, or with no higher than a CP rating who are entering the novice competition for the first time since achieving CP status and have held their CP rating for no more than 24 months. Pilots with a CP rating who have previously won the Novice Competition are not eligible to enter again. All pilots entering the novice category must provide evidence at registration of rating/license, and flight numbers and hours flown as required. Competitors are encouraged to enter the category appropriate to their ability in the spirit of competition. The Eligibility is guidance only and the category for individuals will be decided by the Chief Judge and Meet Director.

### Launching

Competitors must be accompanied at the launch point by their nominated instructor.

### Method of scoring

Scores will be measured and recorded up to a distance of 10.00m from the edge of the disc. Scores greater than this will be recorded as 10m. At the discretion of the Chief Judge, distances beyond 10m may be measured by pacing, for the pilot's personal record of their performance. Should there be no recorded scores under 10m the competition result may be determined using paced or estimated scores, with the agreement of competitors.

### Validity

The Novice Competition may be validated on a different number of completed rounds from the main competition.

### External Aid

During a competition flight a pilot may only receive external communication in case of immediate safety concerns. This will be provided by a nominated instructor. The judges should be made aware of who the instructor is prior to the flight.

### Wind Speed

At the discretion of the Meet Director and Chief Judge a different wind limit may be agreed for the Novice Competition. This decision will apply to all pilots in the category.