

**FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE**  
**INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION**



**OFFICIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN #1**

**12<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Cup Canopy Piloting Freestyle**

**6<sup>th</sup> FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships**

**2<sup>nd</sup> FAI European Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships**

*September 9 – 13, 2025*



## 1. Event Organisers

### 1.1 NAC

National Aeronautic Association  
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### 1.2 National Parachute Federation

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### 1.3 ISC Delegate

Jim Rees  
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### 1.4 Organising Committee

Head of OC: Larry Hill  
Members: Shawn Hill, Jessica Mitchell  
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Eloy, AZ 85131

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## 2. Aims of the FCE

- To determine the World Champions of Canopy Piloting: Standard and Freestyle.
- To determine the European Champions of Canopy Piloting: Standard and Freestyle.
- To establish records in Canopy Piloting.
- To promote and develop Canopy Piloting.
- To present a visually attractive image of the competition jumps and standings (scores) for competitors, spectators and media.
- To exchange ideas and strengthen friendly relations between the sport parachutists, judges, and support personnel of all nations.
- To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- To improve judging methods and practices.

## 3. Date and Place of the FCE

| Dates for CP Events         | Description  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Friday, September 5, 2025   | Chief Judge Arrival, FAI Controller, CP Technical Course Director, Electronic Scoring Operator |
| Saturday, September 6, 2025 | Event Judge Arrival, Arrival of Judges   |
| Sunday, September 7, 2025   | Official Arrival Day of Delegations<br>Judges Conference: (To be set by the Chief Judge)       |

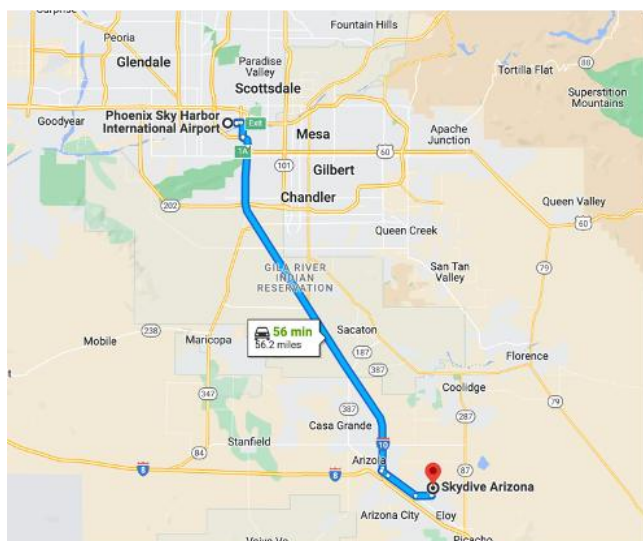
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| Monday, September 8, 2025     | Official Practice Day 1: 0700   |
| Tuesday, September 9, 2025    | Official Practice Day 2: 0700 – 1630<br>Opening Ceremony: 1700<br>Competitor Briefing to follow |
| Wednesday, September 10, 2025 | Competition Day 1: 0700   |
| Thursday, September 11, 2025  | Competition Day 2: 0700   |
| Friday, September 12, 2025    | Competition Day 3: 0700   |
| Saturday, September 13, 2025  | All competition ends with the last load taking off at 1530<br>Award Ceremony and Banquet: 1830  |
| Sunday, September 14, 2025    | Departure Day   |

### 3.2 Location of Event

Event Host: Skydive Arizona  
4900 N. Taylor St.  
Eloy, AZ 85131

Phone: 520-466-3753  
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Email: [jump@skydiveaz.com](mailto:jump@skydiveaz.com)

Eloy, Arizona is in the US State of Arizona, in the sunny southwestern part of the country. The field elevation is 370 meters above sea level. The Latitude is N32° 48' 17" and the Longitude is W111°34.47. Entering the search term “Skydive Arizona” into Google Earth or Google Maps will produce images and map information.



### 4 Access to Location & Transportation

All competitors are responsible for their own transportation. The nearest international airport is Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (PHX), located just under 100 km from the competition site by modern, toll-free highways: <https://www.skyharbor.com/>.

The drive time from Sky Harbor to Skydive Arizona is approximately one hour.

Foreigners do not need an International Driver's Licence as long as they have a valid driver's licence from their home

country. Rental car companies may have additional requirements. There are no public transportation systems from Phoenix to Eloy, so a rental car is the best option. Rental cars from all major rental companies are available at the airport.

Judges and staff members flying in will be picked up from Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix, Arizona. During the duration of the competition rental vehicles will be provided.

## 5. Entry: Fees & Registration

| Event                                       | Event Fee | Sanction Fee |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Canopy Piloting - Speed, Distance, Accuracy | \$1135    | 105 CHF      |
| Canopy Piloting - Freestyle Only            | \$725     | 105 CHF      |
| Canopy Piloting - All Events                | \$1460    | 105 CHF      |
| Other Members of the Delegation             | \$300     | 105 CHF      |
| Alternate Members                           | 300       | 105 CHF      |
| Accompanying Persons                        | 300       |              |

**Event Fees** cover competition jumps, practice jump(s)\*, sanction fees, jerseys, ceremonies, and medals. All other expenses are the responsibility of the delegation.

The **Sanction Fee** is to be paid at a value in USD that is no less than the current conversion which is 105 CHF - \$119.00 USD.

\*\*Additional practice jumps, re-jumps and jump-offs will be standard ticket prices, determined by market value on the day of competition.

\*\*CP Pricing includes:

- CP Standard: 1 practice jump
- CP Freestyle: 1 practice jump
- CP All Events: 2 practice jumps

Each Delegation may comprise:

- One (1) Head of Delegation
- One (1) Team Manager
- Maximum of 12 competitors
- Team Coaches

Entry Dates

- Provisional Entries Due: June 26, 2025
- Entry Fees Due: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Registration

All registration will be managed online through SKYCRU by the NAC (or designated contact person) ONLY. The link and directions will be found on Skydive Arizona's Canopy Piloting World Cup web page. <https://www.skydiveaz.com/canopy-piloting-world-cup/> Any questions related to registration can be sent to [comps2025@skydiveaz.com](mailto:comps2025@skydiveaz.com)

Once registration forms are reviewed, an invoice will be sent to the email given on the registration. All payment instructions will be stated on the invoice. Payments will be made through SKYCRU via wires or ACH only.

NOTE: All team managers **must** have a valid Sporting License, per GS 4.2.3

## FAI License

All competitors are required to hold a valid sporting license issued by their respective NAC and must be registered in the FAI Sporting License Database prior to submitting their registration.

**Note:** The names of all the competitors on the entry form must match EXACTLY as they appear in the FAI Sporting License Database.

## 6. Drop Zone

Skydive Arizona is a full service drop zone with an on-site wind tunnel that has been in operation at its Eloy location since April of 1991. Since then, Skydive Arizona has hosted at least twelve US National Skydiving Championships and six ISC First Category Events. Details about the facilities can be found at: <https://www.skydiveaz.com/facilities>.

## CP Pond

Dimensions:

Water: 87m long, 47.5m wide

Grass: 163m from SW water edge, 100m from NE water edge

Carved Speed Course: Right Hand Carve Course



## 7. Aircraft Details

Skydive Arizona has 6 identically configured De Havilland Twin otters which will be used for the competition. The airplanes carry up to 23 jumpers. All have identical floater bars inside the door and a videographer step and handles outside, behind the door.



Door measurements are 127cm. high and 140cm. wide. A floater bar the length of the door is inside the plane. 84 cm. behind the door on the same level as the floor, is a videographer's step. Above and behind the door are videographer handles.

Exit speed will be 85 - 90 knots.

## 8. Pre-event

Skydive Arizona operates seven days a week from October 1 – April 30, starting at 7:45 am. The dropzone is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 through September 30, start time is 7am on open days. Jump price is approximately \$35 per jump.

## 9. Accommodation Details

All delegations are responsible for their own food, lodging and transportation. Rental cars are available at the arrival airport in Phoenix: <https://www.skyharbor.com/>.

Links to lodging on the premises can be found online: <https://www.skydiveaz.com/lodging>.

There are also options for local Airbnb options in Eloy and Casa Grande. As well as multiple hotels located in Casa Grande.

The Holiday Inn Express at 805 Cacheris Ct, Casa Grande, AZ, 85122 is giving a 20% discount with the mention of Skydive Arizona. MainStay Suites Extended Stay Hotel, 851 N Verbena Henness Rd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122 is offering 10% discount to Skydive Arizona for a King Bedroom Suite or King Room Suite.

A restaurant and bar, The Bent Prop, is located on the drop zone. There are various other options located within eight to twenty-five km. Casa Grande, a city of about 55,000 people, is 20 km. away.

Airbnb will be provided for judging staff in Casa Grande, Arizona. The FAI Controller will be in a hotel.

## 10. Equipment

Please note that the US Federal Aviation Administration does not have a reciprocity agreement to allow foreign skydivers to use their equipment as accepted by their own NAC. Unless the equipment has *no* components with a Technical Standard Order, the parachutes must be packed according to US Federal Aviation Regulations. This means packed by an FAA certified rigger, within 180 days, and with a seal on the reserve. See Appendix A .

AAD are not required, however, they are highly recommended. Argus AADs cannot be in your container.

All gear and logbook checks will be performed upon arrival.

## 11. Organisation Officials

Meet Director: Randy Connell

FAI Controller: Mike Teague

Chief Judge: Andrew du Toit

Assistant to Chief Judge: TBD

Event Judge(s):

Electronic Scoring Operator: Gary Taylor

CP Technical Course Director: Emily Wallace

Jury Members:

- Jury President: Doris Merz
- Jury: Sandy Nieuwenhoven
- Jury member: Rina Gallo, remote

## 12. Judging & Scoring

Omniskore! will be used to score all events.

For the CP speed event, ALGE-Timing system will be used: <https://alge-timing.com/en/product/1265/pr1a>

Results will be published according to Sporting Code Section 5.

## 13. Medical / emergency details

Skydive Arizona has a longstanding professional relationship with regional Emergency Medical Services. Ambulance response time is usually within less than 10 minutes. Skydive Arizona is also home to an Air Evac Helicopter service. Manifest and Ground Safety Officers have direct radio contact. The nearest hospital is in Casa Grande which is 15km away.

## 14 Insurance details

It is highly recommended that all participants check with their health insurance provider about the validity of their insurance in the US. If there is any doubt, consider travel insurance. Note that some travel insurance policies specifically exclude any coverage of skydiving related injuries. A minimum of \$250,000 medical and repatriation coverage is recommended

All participants must have third party liability insurance. If membership in your NAC normally provides this, check to see if it is valid in the United States and has a minimum coverage of \$50,000. If not, you will be required to join the United States Parachute Association for the required liability insurance.

## 15 Visa information

Visas are the responsibility of the participant and vary depending on your country. Detailed information can be found here: <https://www.usa.gov/visas>

If needed, we can provide an invitation to your delegation to participate in this sporting event.

## 16. Rules and Regulations

The competition will be managed in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code General Section, Sporting Code 5, and Rules Specific to the Events. These can be found here: <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>.

Click on 'Sporting Code- Competition Rules' then chose Canopy Piloting and scroll down to Section 5.

Skydive Arizona adheres to the USPA Basic Safety Regulations. Minimum opening altitude is 2,500 feet/750 meters. Helmets and AADs are not required at Skydive Arizona, but are highly recommended. **However**, helmets are required during the competition, per the competition rules. To learn about drop zone policies, please visit our website here: <https://www.skydiveaz.com/requirements>.

### Anti Doping Program

The Anti-Doping Program may take place at the event. If so - the doping tests are carried out by the official Anti-Doping organization or sample collection provider recognized and approved by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The selection of athletes would be according to the 2021 FAI Anti-Doping Rules, which are based on 2021 WADA Code and are available at <https://www.fai.org/anti-doping-rules-procedures>. After receipt of notification until arrival at the point of doping control the selected competitors will be always accompanied by chaperone assigned by the sample collection authority. The selected competitor may be accompanied by a person of their choice (team doctor, coach or head of delegation). If the Organizing Committee does not provide participants with accreditation with the photo on it, the selected athlete will be required to provide a valid passport or identity card at the point of doping control.

**Note: Please carefully plan a departure date and time after the competition taking into the account that you may be chosen for the Doping Control.**

## 17. Weather

The weather in September tends to be warm and dry during the day, cool and clear at night. Temperatures typically range from daytime highs of 35C and nighttime lows around 15C. Average sunrise is 06:09, sunset 18:32.

## 18. Other Matters

### National Flag and Anthem

Each delegation must bring its own National Flag (approximately 100 cm x 150 cm) and its National Anthem in a downloadable format (CD, MP4) to be used in ceremonies.

### Electrical Power Standard

The USA uses a different power system than most countries. Our electrical standard is 120 volts, 60 Hz, and plug type A/B. It is the responsibility of attendees to acquire a plug converter for any devices you wish to charge. These are widely available in travel stores but are not available locally.

**Pond Card**

All competitors who want to make practice jumps outside of the formal competition dates listed will need to have their pond card completed. Appendix B

[Swoop Pond Requirements](#)**Important Deadlines**

- Provisional Entries Due: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Entry Fees Due: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Official Bulletin #2 Publication Date: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## Appendix A: Reserve Repack Flowchart

# CAN I JUMP MY RIG IN THE U.S.?



## Appendix B: Swoop Pond Card

### Swoop Pond Requirement Card

Complete this side before arrival.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USPA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Before using the swoop pond, you must complete the following:

1. Must have a C-license AND at least 500 skydives

License: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Jumps: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed off by S&TA \_\_\_\_\_ USPA# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Must meet the manufacturer's experience and wing loading recommendations for the canopy you intend to use while landing at the pond.

Canopy Name & Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Wingloading: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed off by S&TA \_\_\_\_\_ USPA # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Must have 500 (or more) high-performance landings with 100 of those landings being completed in the last 12 months.

Jumps in the last 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed off by S&TA \_\_\_\_\_ USPA# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Must have completed a high-performance canopy course hosted by one of the following:

a. Flight-I

b. Alter Ego

c. Superior Flight Solutions

d. Axis Flight School

e. Other courses must be approved by Skydive Arizona. Please call ahead to verify the course credentials.

Circle the course that you took and have the **coach** who taught your course sign below:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Canopy Coach Notes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Pond Briefing

Complete with Skydive Arizona's Ground Safety Officer

◦ Any weight system you intend on using must have a quick-release system in the front that is accessible for use with one hand and shown to the GSO.

◦ Using a weight belt? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

◦ Any canopy you intend on using must be reported here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you choose to use a different canopy than what is listed on this card, it must be reported to manifest and documented by the GSO prior to use.

Initial each policy as discussed with the Skydive Arizona Ground Safety Officer:

I understand that I must notify manifest AND ground before each load when I intend on landing at the swoop pond. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must walk the pond landing area EVERY day PRIOR to my first landing to look at the water level, landing hazards etc. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I can only land at the pond landing area if I am on a hop and pop pass. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must arrange supervision while swooping the pond. This person must either be in the swoop pond landing area or another canopy pilot who is landing at the pond on the **same** pass. This person must have a cell phone with the saved number for manifest. \_\_\_\_\_

***Skydive Arizona has a direct line to Eloy emergency services. For this reason, we ask that you call Manifest and not 911 in case of an emergency. (520) 466-3753***

I have received the briefing for utilizing the swoop pond by the Ground Safety Officer and agree to comply with all of the policies discussed.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

----- BELOW FOR SKYDIVE ARIZONA GROUND CREW MEMBER -----

I have discussed the above policies with the canopy pilot. I have also notified them of our emergency response protocol at Skydive Arizona. The canopy pilot has acknowledged their understanding of the official policies and understands that non-compliance is grounds for losing their privilege to utilize the swoop pond.

Printed name of GSO: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_