

***BID FOR 13TH EUROPEAN PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP
KOPAONIK-RAŠKA, SERBIA***

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1st – 16th August 2014
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Aeronautical Union of Serbia
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1. Name of Championship

13th European Paragliding Championship, Kopaonik-Raška, Serbia

2. Proposed dates of Championship

1st – 16th August 2014

3. Location of Championship

Kopaonik mountain, Serbia

4. Sites

Take-off site, Kopaonik mountain is located in the south part of Serbia, 250 km south from Belgrade. The Kopaonik ski-resort has good road links with the capital, but also from the other directions (FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria).

This site is very popular among the pilots in Serbia and here was 1st Serbian National Champs on 1992.

We have organized many competitions of FAI2 category, two prePWC, and we are expecting to have PWC at this site on 2013.

5. Site details

Main take off – Jadovnik altitude 1560m ASL,

GPS N 43'19.260, E 020'44.483, height above valley is 700-900m.

Covered with grass, slope 20° - 35°, S, SSE, SW, WSW exposure. Big enough for simultaneous taking-off 150 pilots. Suitable winds from 135° - 225° (The most frequent winds come from the south quadrant with average strength 4m/sec with frequency of 60%; No power lines, no cables or other hazards. There is helicopter landing place 200m from take-off and a lot of space for parking official and visitors' cars. There is water and shadow under the sun shelters and wood, mobile toilets.

Take off – Kokorovac altitude 1330m ASL,

GPS N 43'21.437, E 020'45.596, height above valley is 700m.

Covered with grass, slope 20° - 30°, W, NW, N, NE exposure. Big enough for simultaneous taking-off 20 pilots. Suitable winds from 270° - 45° (winds comes from the mentioned exposure with average strength 3m/sec with frequency of 30%); Helicopter landing place is in Josanicka banja (in valley 3,5km away from take-off). There is water and shadow under the sunshelters and wood.

Take off – Orlove stene altitude 1740m ASL,

GPS N 43'18.741, E 020'50.433, height above valley is 750m.

Covered with grass, slope 20° - 30°, E, ENE exposure. Big enough for simultaneous taking-off 10 pilots. Suitable winds from 330° - 90° (winds comes from the mentioned exposure with average strength 3-

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4m/sec with frequency of 10%); No power lines, no cables or other hazards. There is helicopter landing place 200m from take-off and a lot of space for parking official and visitors' cars. There is water and shadow under the sun shelters.

The toilets, protection from sun and rain, and stands for refreshment will be available at the takeoff site.

6. Distance/access to site(s)

From HQ

to main take off – *Jadovnik* straight distance is 6.8km, by road 10km

to take off – *Kokorovac* straight distance is 9.2km, by road 13km

to take off – *Orlove stene* straight distance is 4km, by road 4.5km

Organizer arranges transport for competitors, officials and guests. It is possible to reach the take-off by van used for transport of competitors.

7. Task flying area

Almost all landing sites are with no any obstacles, and close to main asphalt roads.

Task flying area extends 45km to the North, 40km to the South 60km to the East and 70km to the West from take-off. North direction extends along river Ibar's valley to the City of Kraljevo or Vrnjacka banja. The highest hills here are at 1100m ASL and the valley slopes down to 230m, at which height is landing place in Kraljevo. The attention is to be paid to highway power-line at the both sides of the valley. This area is middle populated, and all the places are connected to the motorway Kraljevo – Raska – K.Mitrovica or Novi Pazar with asphalt roads. Terrain is consisted of cultivated soil, fields and pastures, and in half part middle and high woods. The biggest river in this area, Ibar flows through the valley, along with the motorway Beograd-Kraljevo-Novı Pazar (K.Mitrovica). Towards West, 70km away, there is Sjenica and Pester (huge flatland on the height of 1000m ASL).

Good thermals can be expected with normal lift 3 – 6m/s, often up to 10m/s.

8. Airspace

During The Championship, airspace will be completely available from take-off to landing all the time. All the paragliding activities inside the flying area will be announced by NOTAM and controlled by appropriate government service (flight control).

9. Airspace and other restrictions

There is not prohibited areas and no restricted access areas.

10. Maps of task area

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Map in scale 1:100,000 will be placed on the website of the competition one year before competition. Competitors will get map in scale 1:300,000.

11. Transport & Retrieves

The competitors will be transported from the HQ to take-off, and from landing place to the HQ by vans and buses. The vans are air-conditioned and will not be overcrowded by competitors.

12. Site Safety record

This take-off site and the area for flying itself are safe. There have never been any hard injuries, up to 2011 where one of the beginners died after hard impact to the ground after unrecoverable spiral diving.

13. Other safety initiatives under consideration

Training skills of pilots needed at this take-off site and the competition are PARAPRO 5.

14. Rescue/Medical Services

During the competition a doctor and ambulance will be available all the time at the take-off and landing area. For serious injuries, evacuation to hospital (Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology) will last 10 minutes max. All hospitals in Vršac area will be available for competitors and participants of this Championship.

On the every goal line one emergency vehicle will be engaged from that particular city. All of the vehicles are properly equipped. Also at the take-off, we will have one emergency vehicle. Medical departments in cities in our task area have special services for taking care of severe injuries. At the Kopaonik mountain we will have a helicopter prepared with urgent specialists with appropriate instruments to take care of any serious injury. The helicopter crew needs 5 minutes to prepare from the moment of receiving the emergency call. The further point can be reached very fast depends of distance to it. The helicopter will be equipped with GPS device, and track logger.

15. Liaison with police, military, public services

There will be cooperation concerning securing of the competition with the police.

16. Insurance

Documentary proof of insurance (in English or Serbian) covering public liability risk to a value of Euros 800.000,00 must be presented to the organizers before the start of the championship, as well as a personal accident insurance covering medical assistance and repatriation (section 7).

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Aeronautical Union of Serbia will provide specific insurance for the pilots who need it and it will be available to be purchased on site (third party liability, extra individual coverage).

The organizer will have liability insurance to cover the event.

17. Communications

Official frequency during the competition will be 146.675 MHz. Each team is allowed to use its own VHF frequency within range 144-146 MHz.

18. Weather

Time of competition is selected in such manner to provide most often wind directions from south-west and nice and warm sunny days with low precipitation. Recommended maximum wind speed on launch and for task flying is 6m/s.

Thermals usually appear from 11:00 to 18:00, but not stronger than max 10m/s in some places.

19. Meteorology

According to meteorological statistics and our 20 years long paragliding experience, the best period for flying is August. The best time of the day for early launch is 11.00 AM.

For forecasting we use data received from Republic Weather Bureau, meteo service at the Airport Kraljevo (40km from take-off) and from Anti-hail defence service which has meteo-radar.

Automatic wind station monitoring will be put at the take-off.

We measure speed and wind direction at the take-off continually.

There is not strong valley wind.

20. Event Headquarters

The Championships HQ will be at the Hotel "GRAND" in Kopaonik (www.grand-kopaonik.rs), where there will be information desk, briefing room for team leaders and facilities. There will be a room for Championship officials (for meetings, rest, etc.) equipped with computers, fax machine, photocopier and internet access, as well as a press room. There will be a separate FAI official's room.

21. Local facilities

The Koponik mountain offers different solutions for accommodation for the participants:

- Hotels;
- Houses to rent;
- Restaurants and Pubs;

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- Supermarkets;
- night-bars
- many other facilities.

22. Media coverage, publicity, sponsorship

The competition will begin promoting itself since the moment we get the organisation. The announcement will be made in local newspapers and on all TV sports channels. Special pages for this event will be provided in our Aeronautical Magazine. During competition will be a lot of media who will cover all events, tasks, results, etc.

City of Raska, Ministry of Youth and Sport, some firms will be sponsors of this event. We already got promises from these institutions.

23. Competition website

Before, during and after the competition, all necessary information about 13th European Paragliding Championship – KOPAONIK 2014 will be available at official Website

<http://www.eupg2014.rs>

Website will be active from the end of 2012 and it will be useful for Test event 2013, too. During the competitions, all results will be uploaded on website, after every task.

24. Organizers, Directors and key officials

ORGANIZER of 13th FAI European Paragliding Championship will be Aeronautical Union of Serbia.

Organizers on the site will be mostly people from local paragliding club "Golija", Municipality of Raska, and Paragliding club "Ares".

Support and Supervision

FAI - International Aeronautic Federation

CIVL - Commission internationale de Vol Libre

Serbia Sports Institute

Serbia Air Force

National institute of Medical Emergency

Organisation Director: Ovuka Zeljko

Meet Director: Petrović Zoran

Safety Director: Dudić Predrag

Chief Launch Marshal: Lazarević Slavko

Chief Goal Marshal: Uroš Despotović

Meteorologist: Petrović Zoran

Scorer: Srđan Stanojević

Retrieve/Check in: Glišović Živorad

HQ/Admin manager: Milenković Slobodan

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25. Finance and sponsorship

The Championship will be sponsored and supported by:

- Ministry of Youth and Sports of Serbia,
- Raška City Assembly
- Aeronautical Union of Serbia
- Local Sponsors

Expected percentage of budget from pilot entry fees is 46%.

26. Entry Fee for Category 1 championship

The Entry fee:

395 EUR per pilot;

250 EUR per Team leader.

Late entry fee payments will be increased by 10% surcharge.

The Entry fee includes:

- transport to the take-off and retrieve for all the registered pilots and TL during all competition days, and official training day
- glider identification
- ID card
- Live trackers
- Maps
- GPS coordinates
- lunch package, water or juice
- snacks at the goal line (biscuits, juices, fruits)
- competition shirt,
- free tickets to all championship events and parties,
- free entry in the cities sporting clubs
- free internet access at the HQ and landing area

27. Pilot Entry & team size

Only depends of FAI rules.

28. Guest pilots

Max 20 guest pilots. The minimum requirements for guest pilots are the same as for the competitors.

29. Entry to Serbia

Pilots from the most European countries entry Serbia without visa. For pilots who need it, we'll provide easy getting visa in our Embassies all over the world on invitation letter basis. It is not possible that anyone will be refused to entry to Serbia.

There is no recommendation for any kind of vaccinations.

30. Early arrivals.

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For all competitors who arrive earlier local club will take a care of them, and help to find accommodation, to organize transportation, etc. It is not important when pilots will arrive.

31. Customs arrangements

Customs arrangements for temporary importation of gliders will be published on our web site.

32. Test Event

Proposed date of Test Event is 3rd to 10th August 2013. Pilot qualifications will be same as for ECh, and it will be open event, with expected entry fee of 100 EUR.

Name: Željko Ovuka

Position in Organisation: Secretary General

Signed:



Date: 04th December 2011

