



## **Guidance for prospective bidders for FAI Sailplane GRAND PRIX National qualifying competitions and the 12<sup>th</sup> series SGP final.**

**These notes are valid for bids for 12<sup>th</sup> FAI/SGP series bids which should be received by the SGP management team before October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.**

**If you have any questions prior to submitting a bid please do not hesitate to contact [Director@sgp.aero](mailto:Director@sgp.aero)**

The 12<sup>th</sup> FAI/SGP series National events will take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Bids are welcome for the 12<sup>th</sup> FAI/SGP World final to be held in 2025

The IGC/FAI objectives for a National Grand Prix are:-

- To select pilots for the World Sailplane Grand Prix Final
- Promote competitive soaring to a wider audience
- Promote soaring as a sport in the event country
- Involve local public in a gliding event
- Create publicly recognizable gliding “heroes”

In order to achieve these aims, organisers should plan to maximise public viewing opportunities and ensure that the pilots participate in media interviews and promotional activities.

The Sailplane Grand Prix series is managed on behalf of the FAI/IGC by the Sailplane Grand Prix Group (FAI/SGPG).

The FAI/SGPG provide support to organisers in all aspects of the operation and organization of all FAI/SGP series events.

The FAI/SGP organisation will provide support in seeking and negotiating with commercial sponsors or any other sources of funding.

Local event organizers are encouraged to seek funding locally but are required to liaise with the SGP management group prior to entering into any contracts or agreements.

The SGPG retain the right to add series sponsors to National SGP event sites and event naming sponsors must be agreed by the SGPG

The sanction fee for an FAI/SGP qualifying event is 400 CHF

The sanction fee must be paid prior to the start of the competition.

The sanction fee includes.

- Results included in the IGC International pilots Ranking list.
- An FAI/SGP web pages dedicated to each individual event.
- Participation in the SGP social media channels.
- Participation in SGP branded clothing promotions.

Where potential sponsors require a multi-year partnership, bids may be made for more than one year. Please mail the [director@sgp.aero](mailto:director@sgp.aero) if you need to discuss this.

### **SGP officials**

The FAI/SGPG will nominate an official for each qualifying event who will act both as an adviser and as an adjudicator in the event of any complaints or protests. The appointment of an FAI/SGPG official is to ensure a consistent high standard at all national events

The travel expenses of the official may be covered by the SGPG only if previously agreed.

The accommodation and living cost of the SGPG official shall be covered by the organisers.

### **Bidding for the SGP Final.**

Bidders for the World final must be aware of their obligation to provide a significantly greater level of organization and media support than that required for a qualifying event. The FAI/SGP management will provide the core organising team for the SGP final. The

### **Competition Class**

Bids will be accepted in the 15m, Standard and 18m classes. If Standard and 15m class gliders are accepted in the same event the wing loading will be limited to 50 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> in order to reduce the difference in performance. Wing loading will be limited in the 18m class according to the FAI/SGP rules for series 12. Requests for bids in any other class or handicapped group will be considered by the FAI/SGPG

### **Rules**

The organisers should ensure they have the latest SGP Rules which are available at [www.sgp.aero](http://www.sgp.aero)

### **Local Procedures**

The local procedures must be approved by the SGPG, they shall be published no later than one month before the event. The LP's should not contradict or duplicate the GP official rules.

Maximum number of entries are 20 with 5 entries reserved for overseas pilots.

### **Tracking**

A tracking system is required at all Qualifying GP events the FAI/SGPG can provide advice and technical assistance in finding a suitable tracking system.

The FAI/SGPG has an arrangement to provide the Silent Wings studio with enhanced presentation features. Details of the cost and conditions for this can be obtained on request from [Director@sgp.aero](mailto:Director@sgp.aero)

### **Media.**

For all media output the organizer is obliged to use:-

The FAISGP web site.

The FAISGP facebook page.

The FAISGP, twitter account.

The FAISGP youtube channel

The organisers must take every opportunity to showcase our sport.

Members of the organiser staff should also be easily identifiable (i.e. by wearing a dedicated shirt for all organizer staff)

During public days a commentator should comment on the race for the benefit of local spectators and Internet viewers.

The organisation should provide a dedicated media liaison person.

During public days it is important to organise some activities during the time the sailplanes are on task. The activities should have an aviation theme (glider aerobatics, glider old-timers, motorgliders, glider rides, RC glider models, glider simulators etc) Aeromodels, Parachuting etc.

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