



FAI Sailplane Grand Prix®



Guidance for prospective bidders for FAI Sailplane GRAND PRIX National qualifying competitions and the 12th series SGP final.

These notes are valid for bids for the 11th FAI/SGP series bids should be received by the SGP management team before October 31st 2023.

If you have any questions prior to submitting a bid please do not hesitate to contact Director@sgp.aero

The 12th FAI/SGP series National events will take place between the 1st of December 2023 and 31st January 2025.

Bids are welcome for the 12th 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 retains 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 Euros.

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 site 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 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.

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.

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/m² in order to reduce the difference in performance. Requests for bids in any other class 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

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

Media

For all media output the organizer is obliged to use:

- The FAISGP website.
- The FAISGP facebook page.
- The FAISGP twitter account.
- The FAISGP youtube channel
- Official FAISGP branded clothing provided to all pilots.

Moreover:

- The organisers must use 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.

Bids should be received by **August 31st 2023**