



Competition Rules and Guidelines

General Guidelines:

1. Only Garmin or Flytec GPS units are accepted for providing flight data for any of the competitions.
2. The GPS should be set to a Datum of WGS84 (essential) and use the positional format of 'h ddd° mm.mmm' (degrees, decimal minutes)
3. Although not essential it would be helpful if the track log was empty of saved tracks and the active log was cleared prior to submitting your GPS for track download.
4. Although not essential it would be helpful if your GPS was provided for track download either during the evening of the flight or at the morning briefing the following day.
5. The decision of the organising committee in awarding the prizes is final and correspondence will not be entered into. Acceptance of this is a prerequisite of participation in any of the competitions below.
6. **IMPORTANT: At all times, the pilot MUST comply with the following rules:**
 - Attend the morning briefing and any subsequent briefings as announced by the flight director
 - All flights MUST adhere to a MINIMUM altitude when flying over SAN CANDIDO of 400 feet / 122 metres whether in a competition or not.
 - Call in their status to the flight director as soon as practical following landing AND arrival of the retrieve vehicle.

Long Distance Flight:

To be eligible for this competition the pilot of the balloon must adhere to the following:

1. The flight director will advise at each morning's briefing whether the 'Long Distance' competition is open for that day.
2. Pilots must launch from the agreed 'Launch Field Area' within a specified time following the conclusion of the briefing. The launch deadline time will be provided by the flight director at the end of the briefing.
3. Landing must occur **AT LEAST 1.5 hours BEFORE THE OFFICIAL SUNSET TIME** which will be provided during the briefing.
4. The total flight duration, **MUST NOT EXCEED 4.5 hours** in total measured from launch to landing.

Note that RULE 3 above takes precedence over the 4.5 hr permitted flight time

5. The balloon and passengers must be retrieved by the team's own means and by your own vehicle. External assistance such as a snowmobile, tractor or helicopter rescue will invalidate the flight for this competition.

6. Measurement will start from a designated central position on the launch field and end with your final touch down.
7. The winner will be the pilot that flies their balloon the furthest in a straight line.

Virtual Markers:

There will be three (3) virtual markers in the valley in the form of Lat/Long coordinates that will be provided at the first morning briefing.

1. The competition is open all week unless stated otherwise at the morning briefing.
2. To qualify, the flight must start at least 3 km distance from the marker position in a straight line.
3. There are 3 prizes, one for each marker, the winner being the pilot with the track that runs closest to the marker position.

Fly In – to Launch Field in Dobbiaco:

This valley competition will be announced at morning briefing as it will run for a single day only.

1. Each participating team will be provided with a weighted marker that identifies their team for them to drop
2. The target will be a RED CROSS placed on the launch field in Dobbiaco.
3. The coordinates of the cross will be provided at the morning briefing.
4. To be eligible, the flight must originate at least 3km distant from the target on the launch field measured in a straight line.
5. Markers that land within a 50 metre radius of the target will be measured by tape measure.
6. Markers that land outside the 50 metre may be plotted by Lat/Long coordinates at the ground team's discretion.
7. The winner will be the pilot that drops their marker closest to the centre of the target.

Fox and Hounds:

This valley competition will be announced at morning briefing as it will run for a single day only.

1. Each participating team will be provided with a weighted marker that identifies their team for them to drop
2. The 'Fox' balloon will launch with a 5 minute head start over the chasing 'Hounds'
3. When the 'Fox' lands, a target in the form of a RED CROSS will be laid out as quickly as possible no more than 2 metres upwind of its basket.
4. Markers dropped by the chasing 'Hounds' that land within a 50 metre radius of the target will be measured by tape measure.
5. Markers that land outside the 50 metre radius may be plotted by Lat/Long coordinates at the ground team's discretion.
6. For the drop to qualify, the chasing balloon must not land closer than 150 metres to the target after dropping their flag.
7. The winner will be the pilot that drops their marker closest to the centre of the target.