



## LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR THE 9<sup>th</sup> BALTIC GLIDING CUP

**Kaunas County Gliding Club Airfield, Pociūnai**  
**07 - 15 June 2025**

### Location of the Event

Airfield POČIUNAI (EYPR)

54° 39,40' N and 024° 02,00' E, WGS84 Elevation MSL 65m.

### Time Schedule:

Entries due **07 June 2025**

Entry fee due **06 June 2025**

Unofficial training **01 to 06 June 2025**

Opening Ceremony **10:30, 07 June 2025**

Contest flying **07 to 15 June 2025**

Closing Ceremony and Prize giving **15 June 2025 at 18:30**

### Competition Officials

Organizers: **Kauno Apskritis aviacijos sklandymo klubas** and co-operation with **Lietuvos aeroklubas** and **Lietuvos Sklandymo Sporto Federacija**.

Director of the competition: **Algimantas Jonušas**

Administration: **Darius Liaugaudas**

Meteo: **Darius Liaugaudas**

Sporting director and task setter: **Algimantas Jonušas**

Scrutineering and local procedures: **Arnas Čeponis**

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Each entry will be accepted only when the entry fee has been credited to the indicated account.

## General Competition Procedures

Generally, the latest version of FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 3 with its Annexes will apply. Exceptions are described in these Procedures.

The Organizer will publish on the official website (<http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>) and Soaring Spot ([www.soaringspot.com](http://www.soaringspot.com)) of the competition the co-ordinates of the departure, turn and control points and restricted areas in the required formats, but it is the responsibility of the competitors to load these into their flight recorders or other navigational equipment.

For violating forbidden airspace (or Contest area absolute altitude limit) vertically and horizontally contestants will be penalized by an out landing at the location of the violation.

Flights can be recorded by GNSS or other IGC file logging devices.

PEV start shall be used by the task setter decision.

## Competition Classes

The competition will be held in **Club**, **Mix** (Standard, 15 meter, 18 meter, 20 m. double seater class, old open class and others), and **Retro** (mainly old wooden gliders and L-13 Blanik or others) classes.

If less than 4 pilots register to **Club** or **Mix** class, these two classes will be merged to **Mix-club** class (without ballast; according to Lithuanian national Mix class handicaps without water ballast).

The Competition in MIX class will be held with the handicaps from 94.9 to 121. [Lithuanian national handicaps](#) will be applied. The gliders will fly with water ballast. The competition tasks for MIX class will be selected based on a handicap of 110 (H=110).

Club class will be held according to FAI Club class rules.

Retro class will be held with handicaps. The tasks will be selected based on a handicap of 75 (H=75), with Minimum Handicapped Distance to validate the Day equal to 50 km.

## Competitors

A competitor must satisfy the following conditions:

- Be approved to fly tasks solo.
- Hold a Pilot license or equivalent document issued or validated by the authorities of the country in which the sailplane is registered, in case of no compliance with the requirements listed above, NAA – Lithuanian National Aviation authority approval required.

## Insurance

The glider shall be covered by third party insurance in conformance with **EU Regulation 785/2005**.

Personal medical insurance is required for all pilots, covering accidents and sickness, including any local hospital costs of transport back to the team member's home country. Documentary proof of the insurance shall be made in English or Lithuanian.

## General Flying Procedures

### *Radio communication required for contact with Air Traffic Services*

Each sailplane must be equipped with a radio able to communicate at aviation frequencies with 8.33 MHz spacing.

### ***Radio frequencies to be used during the competition***

For the competition the following frequency will be used:

Call sign “POCIUNAI RADIO” (FREQ **119.005** MHz) – for all airport operations at the contest site.

## **Competition Procedures**

### ***Contest site boundaries***

The contest site boundaries are the airfield boundaries.

### ***Launch procedures for gliders and motor gliders***

The requirements of Annex A para. 5.4d will be implemented for motorgliders, regardless of the type of power plant. In particular, competitors with jet or electric engines must provide evidence of MoP detection to the satisfaction of the organizers.

### ***Maximum altitude climb after self-launch***

Motorgliders, after self-launching, must stop their MoP not higher than 600 mAGL, in the release area of the appropriate class.

### ***Inflight procedures for motorgliders***

Motor gliders (SLG –SSG) that require a second (or even third) launch must land prior to taking the new launch. A new launch must be approved by the organizers on the frequency 119.005 MHz.

### ***Release areas and release heights***

The release areas of each class will be announced at the daily briefing. The release height is 600 m AGL.

### ***Areas where continuous circling is prohibited or permitted in one direction only***

Circling direction limitations may be imposed.

### ***Start Options for the competition***

Start line, which is a straight line, perpendicular to the track to the first Turn Point or to the center of the first area, will be used. The length of the line will be 10 km. PEV start procedure may be used.

### ***Radio procedures for announcing the start***

For announcing the start on the competition frequency following phrases (repeated once) will be used:

- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 20 Minutes AT (time hh:mm)**, - As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time.
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS WILL BE OPENED IN 5 MINUTES**, - 5 minutes before the opening the start for the class.
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS OPEN NOW**, - Just after the opening the start for the class.
- **THE START FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS DELAYED FOR (number) MINUTES** – As soon as possible after the take-off of the last sailplane in the class, which was in its specified grid position on time, if the start time will be delayed.
- **THE TASK FOR THE (XX) CLASS IS CANCELLED** - As soon as possible after the cancellation of the Day.

### ***Instructions for outlandings***

A competitor, who has landed out shall contact organizers by telephone without delay, giving them information about outlanding place and pilot/glider status. Outlanding can also be reported via SMS messages in the format specified before first contest day. The contact number must be provided on the task sheet.

## ***Provision of, and requirements for, aero tow retrieves***

Aero tows from the fields are permitted if the sailplane has landed on a suitable field. All aero tows of the competing gliders shall be provided only by the organizer.

## ***Finishing procedures***

### ***Minimum altitude for the finish ring***

No minimum height for crossing the finish ring will be used. The radius of the ring is 3 km and it covers the airfield and its surroundings.

Arrivals should be announced at the airport frequency 119.005 MHz 10 km before the airfield. The procedures for joining the circuit of the runway in use for speed finishers will be specified at the briefing.

## ***Landing procedures***

The landing frequency is the same as the finish frequency – 119.005 MHz (call sign POCIUNAI RADIO). Sailplanes landing straight in during landing shall proceed according to the instruction received from finish officials on the airport frequency. Use only long landings. Any sudden change in direction of flight or rolling during the landing procedure is strictly prohibited. Violations will be penalized. Landing instructions for sailplanes landing following a circuit will be specified at the daily briefing. The IGC files after flight should be sent to [igc@pociunai.lt](mailto:igc@pociunai.lt) in 60 min after the flight. WiFi internet connection is available at the airfield.

## **Scoring**

The scoring system for the competition will be 1000-Points Scoring System.

The competition scoring software is SeeYou Competition (<https://www.naviter.com/>).

## **Official Home Page**

All Bulletins and information concerning 9<sup>th</sup> Baltic Cup gliding competition will be available on the Internet. The address of the home page and registration is: <http://www.pociunai.lt/baltic-cup/>

## **Entry Fee and Charges**

1. Entry fee per pilot **80€**.
2. Towing charges: **43€** up to 600 meters.
3. Camping in the airfield charges: **5€** for a tent or caravan per day **+5€** per person per day.

The entry fee should be paid in full **by 06 June 2025 at the latest** by bank transfer to:

Beneficiary Account (IBAN): **LT437300010002246869**

SWIFT: HABALT22

Beneficiary: **Kauno apskrities aviacijos sklandymo klubas**

Beneficiary's address: Sklandytojų g. 10, Pociūnai, Prienų raj., Lithuania

## **Prizes**

The winners of the competition will be awarded by trophies.

The day winners will be awarded by symbolic prizes.

The competition is valid if 3 tasks are completed in class.

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